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By the QUEEN.
A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R. W HEREAS by an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third chapter twenty-five intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to fix a rate and direct the disposal of Freight Money for the Conveyance of Specie and Jewels on board His Majesty's Ships and Vessels," it is enacted that from and after the eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and nineteen all freight money to be paid for the conveyance on board any of the ships and vessels of His Majesty His heirs and successors of gold silver and jewels or of any other article which may be by special order received on board the said ships and vessels and for which freight shall be payable shall be paid at such rate and distributed and applied for such purposes and divided to and amongst such persons in such proportions and after such manner as His Majesty His heirs and successors shall from time to time think fit to order and direct by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued for that purpose; and that no freight money or reward shall thereafter be demanded, paid, received, or detained by, to, or for the use or on account of any person or persons for the conveyance on board of any of the ships and vessels of His Majesty, His heirs or successors, of any gold, silver, or jewels, or any other article which may be by special order received on board the said ship or vessel, and for which freight shall be payable, other than for the purposes, and by the person or persons, in the proportion, at the rates, and in the manner so to be paid and allowed by Proclamation or Proclamations; and that all bargains, contracts, covenants, and agreements made or entered into for the payment of any freight money, for or in the name or on the account of freight for the conveyance of gold, silver, or jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, on board of any of His Majesty's ships or vessels, at any rate, or for any other purpose, or by or to any other person or persons or in any other manner or proportions than as aforesaid shall be and the same are by the said Act declared to be utterly void.

And whereas by a Royal Proclamation made and issued by His Royal Highness the then Prince Regent in the name and on the behalf of His late Majesty King George the Third dated the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen rates were fixed at which freight should

be paid for public and for private treasure respectively and in peace or war and for different voyages as in the said Royal Proclamation were specified.

And whereas by a Royal Proclamation by His late Majesty King William the Fourth dated the twenty-third day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one the rates of freight fixed by the aforesaid Royal Proclamation dated twelfth July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen were altered.

And whereas by a Royal Proclamation by His late Majesty King William the Fourth dated eighth June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one a rate of freight was fixed for the conveyance of gold and silver on board His Majesty's packets.

And whereas by Our Order in Council dated eighth March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight We were graciously pleased to authorize Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom in any special cases which might occur to fix a less sum for the conveyance of specie and jewels than is directed by the Royal Proclamations dated respectively twelfth July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, twenty-third April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and eighth June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

And whereas We have thought fit by and with the advice of Our Privy Council to revoke and annul the aforesaid Royal Proclamations and Order in Council subject as hereinafter stated. Now therefore We do hereby revoke and annul the said Royal Proclamations and Order in Council as from and after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight save and except as to any treasure whether gold, silver, jewels, or other articles which may have been actually shipped before the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and save and except further that the said Proclamations and Order in Council shall continue to apply as to treasure actually shipped before the said lustnamed date. And We do by this Our Royal Proclamation by and with the advice of Our Privy Council order and direct that on and after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight the rate at which freight shall be paid for the conveyance on board any of Our ships or vessels of treasure belonging to parties other than the Crown whether gold, silver, jewels or other articles which may by special order be received on board any of Our ships or vessels shall be one per