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No. 21. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 3rd February 1862, No. 1.

1. With reference to my Despatches of the 3rd of December, in the Revenue Department, and of the 10th idem, in the Political Department, desiring you to prohibit the exportation of Saltpetre, except under certain conditions, from Her Majesty's Indian possessions, and in regard to the sale of arms, I have now to request that you will take immediate steps to cancel such prohibitory orders as you may have issued on these subjects.

2. I transmit to you at the same time, copy of a letter from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign affairs respecting the Rules to be observed during the existing hostilities between the United States, and the States calling themselves the Confederate States, of America; and I have to desire that you will issue orders in conformity thereto as regards the Ports of India.

To the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, G.C.B., &c., &c., &c., dated 31st January 1862.

Her Majesty being fully determined to observe the duties of neutrality during the existing hostilities between the United States and the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America, and being moreover resolved to prevent, as far as possible, the use of Her Majesty's Harbours, Ports, and Coasts and the Waters within Her Majesty's jurisdiction in aid of the warlike purposes of either belligerent, has commanded me to communicate to you for your guidance the following Rules, which are to be treated and enforced as Her Majesty's orders and directions. Her Majesty is pleased further to command that these Rules shall be put in force in the United Kingdom and in the Channel Islands on and after Thursday the sixth day of February next, and Her Majesty's territories and possessions beyond the Seas, six days after the day when the Governor or other Chief authority of each of such territories or possessions respectively shall have notified and published the same, stating in such Notification that the said Rules are to be obeyed by all persons within the same territories and possessions.

1. During the continuance of the present hostilities between the Government of the United States of North America and the States calling themselves the "Confederate States of America," or until Her Majesty shall otherwise order, no Ship of War or Privateer belonging to either of the belligerents shall be permitted to enter or remain in the Port of Nassau or in other Port, Roadstead, or Waters of the Bahama Islands, except by special leave of the Lieutenant Governor of the Bahama Islands, or in case of stress of weather. If any such vessel should enter any such Port, Roadstead, or Waters, by special leave, or under stress of weather, the authorities of the place shall require her to put to sea as soon as possible, without permitting her to take in any supplies beyond what may be necessary for her immediate use.

If, at the time when this order is first notified in the Bahama Islands there shall be any such vessel already within any Port, Roadstead, or Waters of those Islands, the Lieutenant Governor shall give notice to such vessel to depart, and shall require her to put to sea within such time as he shall under the circumstances, consider proper and reasonable. If there shall then be Ships of War or Privateers belonging to both the said belligerents within the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty, in or near the same Port, Roadstead, or Waters, the Lieutenant Governor shall fix the order of time in which such vessels shall depart. No such vessel of either belligerent shall be permitted to put to sea until after the expiration of at least twenty-four hours from the time when the last preceding vessel of the other belligerent (whether the same shall be a Ship of War, or Privateer, or Merchant-ship,) which shall have left the same Port, Roadstead, or Waters adjacent thereto shall have passed beyond the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty.

2. During the continuance of the present hostilities between the Government of the United States of North America and the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America, all Ships of War and Privateers of either belligerent are prohibited from making use of any Port or Roadstead in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in the Channel Islands, or in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or foreign possessions or dependencies, or of any waters subject to the territorial jurisdiction of the British Crown, as a station or place of resort for any warlike purpose, or for the purpose of obtaining any facilities of warlike equipment, and no Ship of War or

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Privateer of either belligerent shall hereafter be permitted to sail out of or leave any Port, Roadstead, or Waters subject to British jurisdiction from which any vessel of the other belligerent (whether the same ship be a Ship of War, a Privateer, or a Merchant ship) shall have previously departed until after the expiration of at least twenty-four hours from the departure of such last mentioned vessel beyond the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty.

3. If any Ship of War or Privateer of either belligerent shall after the time when this order shall be first notified and put in force in the United Kingdom in the Channel Islands, and in the several Colonies and Foreign possessions and dependencies of Her Majesty respectively, enter any Port, Roadstead, or Waters belonging to Her Majesty either in the United Kingdom, or in the Channel Islands, or in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Foreign possessions or dependencies, such vessel shall be required to depart and to put to sea within twenty-four hours after her entrance into such Port, Roadstead or Waters, except in case of stress of weather or of her requiring provisions or things necessary for the subsistence of her crew, or repairs; in either of which cases the authorities of the Port, or of the nearest Port, (as the case may be) shall require her to put to sea as soon as possible after the expiration of such period of twenty-four hours without permitting her to take in supplies beyond what may be necessary for her immediate use; and no such vessel which may have been allowed to remain within British waters for the purpose of repair, shall continue in any such Port, Roadstead, or Waters, for a longer period than twenty-four hours after her necessary repairs shall have been completed: provided nevertheless that in all cases in which there shall be any vessels (whether Ships of War, Privateers or Merchant ships) of both the said belligerent parties in the same Port, Roadstead, or Waters within the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty, there shall be an interval of not less than twenty-four hours between the departure therefrom of any such vessel (whether a Ship of War, a Privateer or a Merchant ship) of the one belligerent and the subsequent departure therefrom, of any Ship of War, or Privateer of the other belligerent; and the times hereby limited for the departure of such ships of War and Privateers respectively, shall always, in case of necessity, be extended so far as may be requisite for giving effect to this proviso, but not further or otherwise.

4. No Ship of War or Privateer of either belligerent shall hereafter be permitted while in any Port, Roadstead, or Waters subject to the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty, to take in any supplies, except provisions and such other things as may be requisite for the subsistence of her crew; and except so much Coal only as may be sufficient to carry such vessel to the nearest Port of her own country or to some nearer destination; and no Coal shall be again supplied to any such Ship of War or Privateer in the same or in any other Port, Roadstead or Waters, subject to the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty, without special permission, that is after the expiration of three months from the time when such Coal may have been last supplied to her within British waters as aforesaid.

(Signed) RUSSELL.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1862, No. 100.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing Despatch and its enclosure be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette for general information, and that it be notified that the said Rules are to be obeyed by all persons within the Territories subject to the Presidency of Fort St. George.

2. Ordered also that a copy be furnished to the Superintendent of Marine and the Collectors of Maritime Districts for information and guidance, and also to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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