

ORDERS IN COUNCIL AND TREATIES.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT, THE
18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1892.

Present :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Lord Chancellor.
Lord President.
Lord Privy Seal.
Marquess of Salisbury.
Marquess of Lothian.
Lord George Hamilton.

Viscount Cross.
Secretary Lord Knutsford.
Mr. Secretary Stanhope,
Mr. Goschen.
Mr. Balfour.
Sir J. Parker Deane.

WHEREAS by "The Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," it is provided that, whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in the territories of any foreign power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from merchant ships belonging to a subject of such power when within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient :

And whereas it hath been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities for recovering and apprehending seamen (not being citizens of the United States) who desert from British merchant ships in the territories belonging to the said United States will be given under a treaty between Her Majesty and the President of the United States signed at Washington on the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in her by the said "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the *London Gazette*, seamen, not being slaves, and not being British subjects, who, within Her Majesty's dominions, desert from merchant ships belonging to citizens of the United States shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships: Provided always, that if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's dominions he may be detained till he has been tried by a competent court, and until his sentence, if any, has been carried into effect :

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India in Council, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. PEEL.