

Interest of Great Britain, until it should finally terminate, and the Navigation System resumed as before the war. This act, however, authorized, under orders in council, the importation of the produce of any part of America or the West Indies, not under the King's dominions, in neutral ships, provided the goods so imported were warehoused, and not removed but on entry for re-exportation.

This grievous extension of the New System having been seriously felt, and great injury resulting from it to the British Shipping Interest, his Majesty's then government, it appears, were induced to extend the same privileges to British Ships, by admitting them, under orders of council, to the same advantages of importation which had been granted, and previously enjoyed by foreigners under the former acts. This extension was accordingly legalized by the 42d Geo. 3. c. 80. sec. 2.; and limited in its duration until the first of September 1802; but even by this act certain articles, namely, rice, snuff, and tobacco, were excepted, though allowed to be imported in neutral shipping. This restriction on British Shipping was alleged to be in conformity with the regulations established under the Revenue acts.

After the renewal of the war, the New System was during Lord SIDMOUTH's administration more generally extended under the 43d Geo. 3. c. 153. which authorizes, under orders in council, the importation in *neutral* ships of *any* goods from *any* place belonging to any state *not in amity* with the king, during the present war, and for six months after it.

The provisions of this statute are very extensive; the last section of the act being considered a virtual dispensation from the navigation system, in regard to countries with which we were at war; and the same discretionary power with respect to foreign America, and the West Indies, was vested in his Majesty, as had been granted by the 42d Geo. 3. c. 80. which was revived and continued by the 44 Geo. 3. c. 30, *until eight months after the ratification of a definitive treaty of peace.*

These two statutes, the 42d Geo. 3. c. 80. and the 43 Geo. 3. c. 153. with the 45th Geo. 3. c. 34. enabled his Majesty to grant all those facilities to neutrals which had been so justly complained of by the Shipping Interest: the im-