

*At the Court of St. James's, the 27th day of June, 1832,*

PRESENT

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 19th Instant, in the words following, viz :

“Whereas by an Act passed in the second year of Your Majesty's Reign for the regulation of the practice to be observed in the Suits and Proceedings in the Courts of Vice-Admiralty in Your Majesty's Possessions abroad, and for the establishment of Fees to be allowed and taken in the said Courts by the respective Judges, Officers, and Practitioners therein, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for Your Majesty, with the advice of Your Privy Council, from time to time to make and ordain such Rules and Regulations as shall be deemed expedient, touching the practice to be observed in Suits and Proceedings in the several Courts of Vice-Admiralty, at present or hereafter to be established in any of Your Majesty's Possessions abroad ; and likewise, from time to time, to make, ordain, and establish Tables of Fees to be taken or received by the Judges, Officers, and Practitioners in the said Courts, for all acts to be done therein ; and also, from time to time as shall be found expedient, to alter any such Rules, Regulations, and Fees, and to make any new Regulations, and Table or Tables of Fees ; and that all such Rules, Regulations, and Fees, after the same shall have been so made and established or altered, shall, from time to time, be entered or enrolled in the public Books or Records of the said Courts, so far as such Practice and Fees shall relate or apply to each of such Courts respectively.

“And whereas among other provisions of the said Act it is ordained, with respect to doubts that may arise as to the jurisdiction of Vice-Admiralty Courts in His Majesty's Possessions abroad, or to Suits for Seamen's Wages, Pilotage, Bottomry, Damage to a Ship by collision, Contempt in breach of the Regulations and Instructions relating to His Majesty's Service at sea, Salvage and Droits of Admiralty, that in all cases where a Ship or Vessel, or the Master thereof, shall come within the local limits of any Vice-Admiralty Court, it shall be lawful for any person to commence proceedings in any of the suits before-mentioned in such Vice-Admiralty Court, and to carry on the same in the same manner as if the cause of action had arisen within the said limits.

“And whereas we deem it of great importance that one uniform system of practice should prevail in all the Vice-Admiralty Courts in Your Majesty's Colonies, we would most humbly submit to Your Majesty that Your Majesty will be pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to carry into effect the said Rules and Regulations touching the practice in Suits and Proceedings in the said Courts, as laid down in a Report of certain Referees appointed by the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, and approved by the Judge and other competent Law Authorities of the High Court of Admiralty of England ; and also that the Tables of Fees proposed and approved by the said Authorities may be established by Your Majesty's Order in Council, as the only Fees to be taken and received by the Judges, Registrars, Marshals, Advocates, and Proctors of the Vice-Admiralty Courts of the respective Colonies, as laid down by the Referees, and approved by the Law Authorities above-mentioned.

“And further that we be authorized to carry into execution all other provisions contained and set forth in the Act of Parliament aforesaid.”

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed ; and the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions therein accordingly.

W. L. BATHURST.