

CIRCULAR INSTRUCTIONS TO COLLECTORS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

JUNE 12th, 1851.

In pursuance of authority vested in this Department, with the approbation of the President of the United States, by the act of Congress approved the 26th September, 1850, a copy of which is hereto annexed, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to permit vessels from the British North American provinces to lade and unlade at such places in any collection district of the United States as he may designate;" the following regulations and instructions are issued for the information and government of the proper officers of the Customs, and others interested.

In consideration of satisfactory assurances communicated by the British Minister in this city, that privileges of the kind contemplated by the before mentioned act of Congress are extended to vessels of the United States in ports or places within the British North American provinces of "Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia," it becomes proper to state, that British vessels laden in the ports, and with the products of Canada, New Brunswick, or Nova Scotia, [with the qualification in regard to the latter hereinafter stated,] or either of them, will hereafter, or so long as similar privileges may be extended to vessels of the U. States in said British provinces, be permitted to lade or unlade their cargoes at any port or place at which vessels of the United States can lawfully lade or unlade, upon the same terms and conditions as to duties and customs charges.

The following regulations predicated upon the provisions of existing laws, and equally applicable to vessels of the United States, are prescribed, and a strict compliance therewith enjoined:

1st. Any British vessel laden with the products of the provinces aforesaid, or either of them, being provided with a duly authenticated manifest of the articles composing her cargo, arriving in the United States from *sea*, on due entry and payment of the impost duties at a port of entry, will be permitted to unlade the whole or any part of the cargo at such port of entry, or may proceed, on proper permit granted by the Collector, to one or more ports of delivery within any collection district on the seaboard, and unlade thereat. Any such vessel will also be permitted to lade or take in cargo at any port of entry or port of delivery on the seaboard, to be carried out of the United States. Before clearance can be granted to any such vessel, the owners, shippers, or consignees of the cargo, must deliver to the Collector of the district properly authenticated manifests of the cargo or the parts thereof shipped by them respectively, in conformity with the terms of the 11th section of the act of 10th February, 1820.

2nd. Any such vessel, being provided with proper manifests, entering either of the collection districts of the United States situated on the lake frontiers, will be permitted to enter their cargoes at any port or place where a Collector or Deputy Collector of the Customs may reside; and, on due payment of the duties, may unlade cargo at any port or place where United States vessels can lawfully unlade. Such vessels can likewise lade or take in cargo at similar ports or places, to be conveyed to the provinces aforesaid. In making up cargo, the vessels may proceed from one or more ports or places to another, but a proper manifest of the cargo must be prepared and delivered to the officer of the Customs at the last port or place in the U. States from whence clearance may be taken for a port in the adjoining British provinces.