

*At the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of October 1859;*

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'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 6th of October 1859, in the words following, viz. :—

Whereas by an Act passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled “ An Act to regulate the Practice and Fees in the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad, and to obviate Doubts as to their Jurisdiction,” it is, amongst other things, enacted, “ that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, with the advice of His 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 His Majesty's Possessions abroad, and also from time to time, as shall be found expedient, to alter any such Rules and Regulations, and to make any new Regulations :”

And whereas by an Act passed in the seventeenth year of Your Majesty's Reign, intituled the “ Navy Pay and Prize Act, 1854,” it is further enacted, that “ the Lords of the Admiralty may from time to time make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as may to them appear expedient for distributing the proceeds of any Prize, or any Bounty, Salvage, or other monies, and for keeping the accounts and expenses in relation thereto ; provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall not have any force or effect until they have been previously approved by Her Majesty in Council :”

And whereas it is expedient to make Rules and Regulations touching the Practice to be observed in the several Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad in Proceedings instituted on behalf of Your Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, and as to the Costs incurred in such Proceedings, and for securing the transfer to the account of Your Majesty's Paymaster-General at the Bank of England on account of Naval Prize of the proceeds of any Prizes which may be condemned in the said Vice-Admiralty Courts to any of Your Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War :

Now, therefore, we, Your Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do submit