



# FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT, 1870.

## NOTICE TO SHIPBUILDERS AND OTHERS.

With reference to the war now in progress between Turkey and Greece, Bulgaria, Servia, and Montenegro, the attention of Shipbuilders and others is called to the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, 1870 (33 and 34 Vict. cap. 90), sections 8, 9, and 23, which indicate their duties and liabilities in the matter of building and equipping ships which are intended to, or may, be used in the military or naval service of the belligerents.

Section 8 provides that any person within His Majesty's Dominions, who without Royal Licence, builds, commissions, equips, or despatches any ship with intent or knowledge or having reasonable cause to believe that the same will be employed in the military or naval service of the belligerents, shall be liable to **Fine** and **Imprisonment** and the **Forfeiture** of the ship and equipment.

Any person building or equipping such a ship in pursuance of a contract made before the commencement of the war, shall not be liable to these penalties if—

- (i) Forthwith upon a proclamation of neutrality being issued by His Majesty he gives notice to the Lieutenant-Governor that he is so building, causing to be built, or equipping such ship, and furnishes such particulars of the contract and of any matters relating to, or done, or to be done under the contract as may be required by the Lieutenant-Governor.
- (ii) He gives such security, and takes and permits to be taken such other measures, if any, as the Lieutenant-Governor may prescribe for ensuring that such ship shall not be despatched, delivered, or removed without the licence of His Majesty until the termination of such war as aforesaid.

In any case in which overtures are made for the purchase or equipment of such ships by persons who do not satisfactorily disclose the ultimate destination of the ships, it would be the duty of all persons having knowledge of the fact to give notice to the Lieutenant-Governor in order that he might take the steps which he is empowered by the 23rd section of the said Act to take so as to ensure that such vessels should not be employed in contravention of the said Act.

By order.

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