

## CAP. XXXIX.

An Act for carrying into effect a Convention of Accession of the *Hans Towns* to Two Conventions with the King of the *French*, for suppressing the Slave Trade.

[27th July 1838.]

‘ WHEREAS a Convention was concluded between His late Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Majesty the King of the French, for rendering more effectual the Means of suppressing the Criminal Traffic called the Slave Trade, and signed at *Paris* on the Thirtieth Day of *November* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one: And whereas by the Ninth Article of the said Convention the High Contracting Parties to the said Treaty agreed to invite the other Maritime Powers to accede to it within as short a Period as possible: And whereas a Supplementary Convention was concluded between Their said Majesties, for the more effectual Suppression of the Traffic in Slaves, and signed at *Paris* on the Twenty-second Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three: And whereas an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for carrying into effect Two Conventions with the King of the French for suppressing the Slave Trade*: And whereas a Convention was concluded between His Majesty the King of the French and the *Hans Towns* containing the Accession of the *Hans Towns* to the said before Two Conventions between Great Britain and France for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade, and signed at *Hamburgh* on the Ninth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, containing as follows:

‘ Article 1.—The Senates of the Free *Hanseatic* Cities of *Lubeck*, *Bremen*, and *Hamburgh* accede to the Conventions concluded and signed on the Thirtieth of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and on the Twenty-second of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, between His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Majesty the King of the French, relating to the Suppression of the Slave Trade, as well as to the Annex of the latter Convention containing Instructions to Cruizers, excepting the Reservations and Modifications expressed in the Second, Third, and Fourth Articles herein-after given, which Articles shall be considered additional to the said Conventions and to the Annex above mentioned, and excepting the Differences which necessarily result from the Situation of the *Hanseatic* Cities as Parties acceding to the Conventions in the Question; after their Conclusion His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the King

Convention  
between Great  
Britain and  
France.

Supplementary  
Convention.

3 & 4 W. 4. c. 72.

Convention  
between France  
and the Hans  
Towns.

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' of the *French*, having accepted the said Accession, all the  
 ' Articles of these Two Conventions, and all the Condi-  
 ' tions of the said Annex, shall in consequence be held to  
 ' have been concluded and signed in the same Manner as  
 ' the present Convention, directly between His Majesty  
 ' the King of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and  
 ' *Ireland*, His Majesty the King of the *French*, and the  
 ' Senates of the Free *Hanseatic* Cities of *Lubeck*, *Bremen*,  
 ' and *Hamburgh*; Their said Majesties and the Senates of  
 ' the Free *Hanseatic* Cities engage and promise recipro-  
 ' cally to fulfil faithfully, excepting the Reservations and  
 ' Modifications hereby stipulated, all the Clauses, Condi-  
 ' tions, and Obligations which result therefrom; and in  
 ' order to prevent any Uncertainty, it has been agreed  
 ' that the above-mentioned Conventions, and the Annex  
 ' of the latter, containing Instructions to Cruizers, should  
 ' be inserted here Word for Word in the said Convention  
 ' of Accession, which were accordingly inserted Word for  
 ' Word therein.

' Article 2.—It is agreed, with reference to the Fifth  
 ' Article of the Instructions annexed to the supplementary  
 ' Convention of *March* the Twenty-second One thousand  
 ' eight hundred and thirty-three, that all Vessels bearing  
 ' the Flag of *Lubeck*, and which appear by their Papers to  
 ' belong to *Lubeck*, which may be detained, in execution  
 ' of the Conventions herein above transcribed, by the  
 ' Cruizers of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom  
 ' of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of His Majesty the King  
 ' of the *French*, employed on the Stations of *America* or  
 ' *Africa*, or of *Madagascar*, shall be conducted or sent to  
 ' the Port of *Travemunde*; all Vessels bearing the Flag of  
 ' *Bremen*, and which appear by their Papers to belong to  
 ' *Bremen*, which may in like Manner be detained, shall be  
 ' conducted or sent to the Port of *Bremerhaven*; and all  
 ' Vessels bearing the Flag of *Hamburgh*, and which appear  
 ' by their Papers to belong to *Hamburgh*, which may in  
 ' like Manner be detained, shall be conducted or sent to  
 ' the Port of *Cuxhaven*; in case the Navigation of the  
 ' *Baltic* should be interrupted or impracticable, the Three  
 ' Senates agree to fix *Bremerhaven* and *Cuxhaven* as the  
 ' Ports to which *Lubeck* Vessels detained as above men-  
 ' tioned may be conducted or sent.

' Article 3.—Whereas the landing, at the above-men-  
 ' tioned Ports, of Slaves who are found on board Vessels  
 ' bearing the *Hanseatic* Flag, and which appear by their  
 ' Papers to belong to the said *Hanseatic* Cities, or to any  
 ' one of them, might be attended with great Inconve-  
 ' nience; it is agreed, That the Slaves on board of any  
 ' such Vessel detained by a *British* or *French* Cruizer shall  
 ' be previously landed at the Place or Port the nearest (be  
 ' it *British* or *French*) to which a Slave Vessel under the  
 ' Flag of One of those Two Nations, found and detained  
 ' under

‘ under similar Circumstances, would, according to the  
 ‘ above-mentioned Conventions, be conducted or sent to ;  
 ‘ the *British* Ports of *Bathurst* on the *Gambia*, *Port Royal*  
 ‘ in *Jamaica*, the *Cape of Good Hope*, and *Demerara*, as well  
 ‘ as the *French* Ports of *La Goree*, *Martinique*, *Bourbon*,  
 ‘ *Cayenne*, shall be considered as respectively fixed on for  
 ‘ this Purpose for the *British* and *French* Cruizers in *Africa*,  
 ‘ the *West Indies*, *Madagascar*, and the *Brazils*.

‘ Article 4.—If the Senates of the Free *Hanseatic* Cities  
 ‘ should not deem it expedient to fit out Cruizers of their  
 ‘ own for the Repression of the Trade, they nevertheless  
 ‘ engage to furnish the special Authority or Warrants re-  
 ‘ quired by the Fifth Article of the Convention of the  
 ‘ Thirtieth of *November* One thousand eight hundred and  
 ‘ thirty-one, to the Commanders of *British* and *French*  
 ‘ Cruizers, as soon as the Names and the Number thereof  
 ‘ are notified to them.

‘ And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of the said  
 ‘ recited Act of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His  
 ‘ late Majesty King *William* the Fourth should be applied to  
 ‘ the said Convention of Accession of the *Hans Towns*, signed  
 ‘ at *Hamburgh* on the Ninth Day of *June* One thousand eight  
 ‘ hundred and thirty-seven, for the carrying into execution the  
 ‘ said Convention and Articles for the more effectual Suppres-  
 ‘ sion of the Slave Trade;’ Be it therefore enacted by the  
 Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and  
 Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons,  
 in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of  
 the same, That all Clauses, Provisions, Powers, and Authorities  
 contained in, and all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by, the  
 said recited Act of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign  
 of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, shall be applied  
 and put in force for the Purpose of carrying into execution  
 the said Convention, and the several Articles, Stipulations, and  
 Regulations therein respectively contained, except so far as any  
 of such Powers and Authorities are altered by this Act, as fully  
 and effectually as if the same were re-enacted in this Act, as to  
 such Convention and all Matters therein respectively contained.

Provisions of  
the recited Act  
to extend to  
the Conven-  
tion of Acces-  
sion of the  
*Hans Towns*.

II. And be it enacted, That, in pursuance of the said Second  
 Article of the Convention of the *Hans Towns*, all Vessels bearing  
 the Flag of *Lubeck*, and which appear by their Papers to belong  
 to *Lubeck*, which may be detained, in execution of the said Con-  
 vention of the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-  
 one and One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three respec-  
 tively, by the Cruizers of Her Majesty the Queen of the United  
 Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, employed on the Sta-  
 tions of *America*, of *Africa*, or of *Madagascar*, shall be con-  
 ducted or sent to the Port of *Travemunde*; and all Vessels  
 bearing the Flag of *Bremen*, and which appear by their Papers  
 to belong to *Bremen*, which may in like Manner be detained,  
 shall be conducted or sent to the Port of *Bremerhaven*; and all  
 Vessels bearing the Flag of *Hamburgh*, and which appear by  
 their

Ports to which  
the captured  
Vessels bearing  
the several  
Flags shall be  
taken.

their Papers to belong to *Hamburgh*, which may in like Manner be detained, shall be conducted or sent to the Port of *Cuxhaven*; and in case the Navigation of the *Baltic* should be interrupted or impracticable, to the Ports of *Bremerhaven* or *Cuxhaven*.

Slaves on board  
Vessels bearing  
the Flag of  
Hanseatic  
Cities to be  
taken to certain  
Ports.

III. And be it enacted, That, in pursuance of the said Third Article of the Convention of the said *Hans Towns*, Slaves who are found on board Vessels bearing the *Hanseatic* Flag, and which appear by their Papers to belong to the *Hanseatic* Cities or to any one of them, detained by a *British* Cruizer, shall be previously landed at the Place or Port the nearest (be it *British*) to which a Slave Vessel under the Flag of One of those Two Nations, found and detained under similar Circumstances, would, according to the above-mentioned Conventions, be conducted or sent; *videlicet*, the *British* Ports of *Bathurst* on the *Gambia*, *Port Royal* in *Jamaica*, the *Cape of Good Hope*, and *Demerara*.

## CAP. XL.

An Act to carry into effect an additional Article to a Treaty with *Sweden* relative to the Slave Trade.

[27th July 1838.]

Treaty between  
Great Britain  
and Sweden.

7 & 8 G. 4. c. 54.

Additional  
Article to  
Treaty.

Provisions of  
recited Act to  
extend to the  
additional  
Article.

‘ WHEREAS a Treaty was made between His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and the King of *Sweden* and *Norway*, for preventing Their Subjects from engaging in any Traffic in Slaves, and signed at *Stockholm* on the Sixth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four: And whereas an Act was passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to carry into effect the Treaty with Sweden relative to the Slave Trade*: And whereas Their said Majesties have agreed to an additional Article to the said Treaty, as follows: “It is hereby agreed between the High Contracting Parties that in all Cases in which a Vessel shall, under the above-mentioned Treaty, be detained by their respective Cruizers as having been engaged in the Slave Trade, or as having been fitted out for the Purposes thereof, and shall consequently be adjudged and condemned by the Mixed Courts of Commission to be established under that Treaty, the said Vessel shall, immediately after its Condemnation, be broken up entirely, and shall be sold in separate Parts after having been so broken up:” And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of the said recited Act should be applied to the said additional Article for the carrying the same into effect: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Clauses, Provisions, Powers, and Authorities contained in, and all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by, the said recited Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, shall be applied and