Repeal of the Embargo of France (and Not Great Britain)

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Whereas, by…the act of Congress, passed on the 1st day of May, 1810, entitled “An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France…” provided “that, in case either Great Britain or France shall, before the 3rd day of March next, …revoke…her edicts as (proclamations so)…they shall cease to violate the neutral commerce of the United States….

And whereas it has been officially made known to this Government, that the edicts of France violating the neutral commerce of the United States have been so revoked as to cease to have effect on the 1st of the present month…I, James Madison, President of the United States do hereby proclaim…that…all restrictions imposed by the…act shall cease and be discontinued in relation to France….