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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1913.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of February 1913.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

- Lord President.
- Master of the Horse.
- Earl of Desart.
- Lord Chamberlain.
- Sir Rufus D. Isaacs.
- Sir John A. Simon.

WHEREAS it is among other things enacted by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, that the Legislature of any British Possession may, by any Act or Ordinance, confirmed by His Majesty in Council, repeal wholly or in part any provisions of the said Act (other than those of the third part thereof which relate to emigrant ships) relating to ships registered in that Possession, but that any such Act or Ordinance shall not take effect until the approval of His Majesty has been proclaimed in the Possession, or until such time thereafter as may be fixed by the Act or Ordinance for the purpose.

And whereas it is among other things enacted by the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890, that the Legislature of any British Possession may by any Colonial law—

(a) declare any court of unlimited civil jurisdiction, whether original or appellate, in that possession to be a Colonial Court of Admiralty, and provide for the exercise by such court of its jurisdiction under the said

Act, and limit territorially, or otherwise, the extent of such jurisdiction, and

(b) confer upon any inferior or subordinate court in that possession such partial or limited Admiralty jurisdiction under such regulations and with such appeal (if any) as may seem fit, subject to the proviso that any such Colonial law shall not confer any jurisdiction which is not by the said Act conferred upon a Colonial Court of Admiralty.

And whereas it is further enacted by the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890, that every Colonial law which is made in pursuance of the said Act or affects the jurisdiction of or practice or procedure in any Court of such possession in respect of the jurisdiction conferred by the said Act, or alters any such Colonial law as above mentioned which has been previously passed, shall, unless previously approved by His Majesty through a Secretary of State, either be reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, or contain a suspending clause providing that such law shall not come into operation until His Majesty's pleasure thereon has been publicly signified in the British Possession in which it has been passed.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session held in the 15th and 16th years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, amongst other things, declared that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either