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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1914.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of March 1914.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Marquess of Lincolnshire.

Master of the Horse.

Lord Wimborne.

Mr. Charles Hobhouse.

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, by an Act passed in the Session held in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her 'ate Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is amongst other hings declared that no Bill which shall be eserved for the signification of His Majesty's leasure thereon shall have any force or authority ithin the Colony of New Zealand until the

Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas, by a Proclamation dated the 10th day of September 1907, His late Majesty King Edward VII. was graciously pleased to change the style and designation of "the Colony of New Zealand" to "the Dominion of New Zealand":

And whereas a certain Bill of 1913 (No. 77), passed by the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, entitled "An Act to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908," was presented to the Governor of the said Dominion for His Majesty's assent:

And whereas the said Bill was reserved by the said Governor for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon:

And whereas the said Bill, so reserved as aforesaid, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by His Majesty:

Now therefore His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to His Majesty as aforesaid, doth by the present Order by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council confirm and declare His Majesty's assent to the said Bill.

ALMERIC FITZROY.