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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1919.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of July 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, it is, amongst other things, enacted as follows:—

“5.—(1) On and after the commencement of this Act, the general lighthouse authorities shall levy light dues with respect to the voyages made by ships or by way of periodical payment, and not with respect to the lights which a ship passes or from which it derives benefit, and the dues so levied shall take the place of the dues now levied by those authorities.

“(2) The scale and rules set out in the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of this Act, but Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, alter, either generally or with respect to particular classes of cases, the scale or rules and the exemptions therefrom.”

And whereas by divers Orders in Council the said scale was altered by reducing each of the dues thereby authorized to be levied by the respective amounts referred to in the respective Orders in Council, but by Order in Council dated the 30th March 1916 the respective Orders in

Council referred to were repealed for the purpose of once more giving full effect to the Scale and Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the Act above referred to:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the Scale, Rules, and Exemptions set out in the said Second Schedule should be altered in manner hereinafter appearing.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Him by the hereinbefore recited Section, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that each of the dues authorized to be levied by the said Scale shall, as from the 1st day of January 1919, be subject to an increase of Forty per cent. beyond the amount of the dues specified in the said Scale and the said dues as so increased shall be levied and the Rules construed accordingly.

And His Majesty, in exercise of His said powers, and by and with the advice aforesaid, is further pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the exemptions in the said Second Schedule shall, as from the said 1st day of January 1919, be altered in the following way, namely, by reading therein instead of the words “His Majesty's Ships” and the words “Ships belonging to foreign Governments” the words “Ships belonging to His Majesty or to a foreign Government unless carrying cargo or passengers for freight or fares,” and that the Schedule shall be altered and read accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.