

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of December 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 80 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, power is given to His Majesty, by Order in Council, to make Regulations as to the manner in which Government Ships may be registered as British Ships under the Merchant Shipping Acts :

And whereas by the said Section it is provided that those Acts shall, subject to any exceptions or modifications which may be made by Order in Council, either generally or as respects any special class of such Ships, apply to such Ships when registered in accordance with such Regulations :

And whereas on account of urgency it is expedient that this Order should come into immediate operation.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act, or otherwise, in Him vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered :—

I. That the following Regulations shall have effect as regards any Government Ships in the service of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Board :—

1. An application for registry of a Government Ship in the service of the Board shall be made in writing under the hand of the Fisheries Secretary to the Board. Such application shall contain the following particulars :—

(1) A statement of the name and description of the Ship.

(2) A statement of the time when, and place where, the Ship was built ; or, if the Ship was foreign built and the time and place of building are unknown, a statement to that effect, and of her foreign name.

(3) A statement of the nature of the title to the said Ship, whether by original construction by or for the Board, or by purchase, capture, condemnation, or otherwise, and a list of the documents of title, if any, in case she was not originally constructed by or for the Board.

(4) A statement of the name of the Master.

2. The Registrar, on receiving such application in respect of a Government Ship in the service of the Board shall :—

(1) enter the Ship in the Register Book as belonging to His Majesty, represented by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and shall also enter therein :—

(2) the name of the port to which she belongs :

(3) the particulars stated in the application for registration :

(4) the details comprised in the Surveyor's Certificate.

3. On the registry of a Government Ship in the service of the Board the Registrar shall retain in his possession the Surveyor's Certificate and the application for registry, and any documents of title mentioned in such application.

4. Upon the transfer of a registered Government Ship in the service of the Board by Bill of Sale the Board shall be the transferors, and

the Bill of Sale shall be in Form A. in the proper form prescribed under the Principal Act, omitting the covenant therein contained. Any such Bill of Sale shall be signed by the Fisheries Secretary to the Board on behalf of the Board.

5. The application for a Certificate of Sale referred to in Sections 39 to 42 and Sections 44 to 46 of the Principal Act, may be made in respect of a Government Ship in the service of the Board by the Fisheries Secretary to the Board on their behalf.

6. The person to whom the management of any Government Ship in the service of the Board is entrusted by the Board shall be registered as provided by Section 59 (2) of the Principal Act.

7. Government Ships in the service of the Board registered in pursuance of the provisions of this Order in Council are hereby excluded from the category of ships belonging to His Majesty within the meaning of Sections 557 to 564 of the Principal Act.

8. Where any Section of the Merchant Shipping Acts which, by virtue of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and this Order in Council, is applicable to Government Ships in the service of the Board imposes any duty or liability or confers any right or power upon or contemplates any act being performed by the owner of a Ship such duty, liability, right or power shall, subject always to the other provisions of this Order in Council, be carried out, borne, or exercised by the Board on behalf of His Majesty.

9. In this Order in Council the term Merchant Shipping Acts shall mean and include any of the Merchant Shipping Acts any provision of which is by virtue of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and this Order, applicable to Government Ships.

10. Section 1 and Sections 8 to 12 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, shall not apply to Government Ships in the service of the Board registered in pursuance of the provisions of this Order in Council. Provided always that no provision of the Merchant Shipping Acts which, according to a reasonable construction, would not apply in the case of Government Ships in the service of the Board shall be deemed to apply to such Ships by reason only that its application is not hereby expressly excluded.

II. That this Order shall come into immediate operation provisionally in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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Whereas by sub-section one of Section nine of the Scottish Board of Health Act, 1919, it is enacted that the Act shall come into operation upon such day or days as may be appointed by Order in Council, and that different days may be appointed for different purposes and provisions of the Act :