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At the Court at Windsor, the 30th day of November 1864.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the rules and practice observed for the purpose of preventing collisions at sea, which were formerly adopted by Maritime Nations, have proved insufficient to satisfy the requirements of modern navigation; and whereas various alterations in such rules and practice have from time to time been made by different Nations, but the rules so altered have been found to be in some cases inconsistent with each other, and in other cases to have the force of municipal law only; and whereas certain regulations for the purpose aforesaid have been sanctioned by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and are contained in the Table C, in the schedule to that Act; and whereas, for the purpose of correcting certain clerical errors the said regulations have, in pursuance of the provisions in the said Act contained, been modified by an Order in Council bearing date the ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and the said regulations, so modified, are appended to the said Order under the title of regulations for preventing collisions at sea; and whereas it is provided by the same Act, that, whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that the Government of any Foreign country is willing that the regulations for preventing collisions contained in Table C, in the schedule to the said Act, or such other regulations for preventing collisions as are for the time being in force under the said Act, should apply to the ships of such country when beyond the limits of British jurisdiction, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that such regulations shall apply to the ships of the said Foreign country whether within British jurisdiction or not: And it is further provided by the said Act, that whenever an Order in Council has been issued, applying any regulation made by or in pursuance of the said Act to the ships of any Foreign country, such ships shall, in all cases arising in any British Court, be deemed to be subject to such regulation, and shall for the purpose of such regulation be treated as if they were British ships: And whereas it was made to appear to Her Majesty that the Government of the United States of America was willing that the said regulations for preventing collisions at sea,

appended to the said Order, should apply to ships belonging to the United States of America, when beyond the limits of British jurisdiction: And Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, did, by Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, direct that the said regulations for preventing collisions at sea, appended to the said Order in Council bearing date the ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and to this Order, should, from the first day of September then next, apply to ships belonging to the United States of America, whether within British jurisdiction or not:

And whereas the said Government of the United States of America have expressed a desire that the said regulations should be made to apply to ships navigating the Inland Waters of North America, and that they should apply to ships of the United States navigating such waters when beyond the limits of British jurisdiction:

And whereas by an Act passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, assented to on the thirtieth of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and intituled "An Act to amend the law respecting the Navigation of Canadian Waters," after reciting that it would tend to the greater security of life and property in vessels navigating in Canadian waters, that the same rules of navigation and the same precautions for avoiding collisions and other accidents as were then adopted in the United Kingdom, and in other countries, should also be adopted in Canada, it was enacted that on and after the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the rules contained therein with respect to lights, fog signals, steaming and sailing, should apply to all the rivers, lakes, and other navigable waters whatsoever within the province of Canada, or within the jurisdiction of the Legislature thereof:

And whereas the said rules so referred to are the same as the regulations appended to the said Order in Council bearing date the ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, except that they are not intituled regulations for preventing collisions at sea; and whereas the same are also appended to this Order in Council,

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862, and by and with

