

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 4th day of February 1869.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, it is (amongst other things) enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time to do all or any of the following things, namely:—

- (a.) To make regulations for carrying out, enforcing, and giving effect to both the entry and registry of British sea fishing boats, and also Articles four, five, six, seven, and eight of the Convention then recently concluded between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French concerning the Fisheries in the seas adjoining the British Islands and France, and set out in the first schedule to the Act :
- (b.) To adopt in such regulations any existing system of registry or lettering and numbering of boats, and to provide for bringing any such system into conformity with the requirements of the said Convention and the Act, and with the said regulations :
- (c.) To define the boats or classes of boats to which such regulations or any of them are to apply, and to provide for the exemption of any boats or classes of boats from such regulations or any of them, and from the provisions of Part II. of the Act with respect to entry or registry, and the possession of a certificate of registry and official papers :
- (d.) To apply to the entry and registry respectively of sea fishing boats so defined, and to all matters incidental thereto, such (if any) of the enactments contained in any Act relating to the registry of British ships, and with such modifications and alterations as may be found desirable :
- (e.) To impose penalties, not exceeding twenty pounds, for the breach of any regulations made by any Order in Council, for the breach of which a punishment cannot be provided by the application of the enactments contained in any Act relating to the registry of British ships :
- (f.) To alter and revoke an Order so made :

And that every such Order shall be of the same force as if it were enacted in the said recited Act:

Now therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to make the Regulations which are set forth in the schedule hereto annexed, and to direct that the same shall come into force from the date therein mentioned.

EDMUND HARRISON.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Order refers.

REGULATIONS for the Lettering, Numbering, and Registering of British Sea Fishing Boats, under Part II. of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, (31 and 32 Victoria, Chapter 45).

1. The following Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of March 1869, and shall be in future observed by Owners and Masters of all British boats or vessels, of whatever size, and however propelled or navigated, which find any portion of their ordinary employment in sea fishing or oyster dredging in any of the seas, estuaries, or creeks belonging to or surrounding the British

Islands, the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man.

2. Every sea fishing vessel or boat, whether registered under any other Act or not, shall be lettered, numbered, and have a certificate of registry, and shall for that purpose be entered or registered in a Register of Sea Fishing boats to be kept at the principal office of Customs in each collectorship. Application, as hereafter prescribed, for letters, numbers, and certificates of Registry shall, within one month after the time herein-before fixed for these Regulations to come into force, be made by all owners of fishing boats to the Officer of Coast Guard in charge of the Station at or near the place to which the boats belong, except in the cases of boats actually engaged at a distance from their stations, in which case application must be made as soon as they return. In any case where a boat belongs to a place situated at a distance from a Coast Guard Station, such application may be delivered to the principal Officer of Customs at the creek or station at or nearest to the place to which the boat belongs. And such application, upon being received by such Officer of Coast Guard or Customs, shall be forthwith forwarded to the Collector of Customs of the Port in which the place to which the boat belongs is situated, who, upon the receipt of such application, shall cause the boat to be registered and numbered, and grant the certificate of such registry, and forward the same to the Officer of Coast Guard or Customs through whom the application was received, who is to deliver such certificate to the applicant.

3. In Scotland the Officers of the Board of British White Herring Fishery shall assist the Officers of Customs and of Coast Guard in the performance of the duties imposed by these Regulations, and shall, in places where there are no Coast Guard, themselves discharge the duties hereby imposed upon the Coast Guard.

4. If, in the opinion of the Collector of the Port to which any boats belong, or of the Inspecting Commander of the District, it is desirable, from local circumstances or otherwise, that the mode of application prescribed in the second Article of these Regulations should be partially modified or altered, such Collector or Inspecting Commander shall make a special report to the Board of Trade, setting forth the reasons for and particulars of such modification or alteration.

5. There shall be series of numbers and distinguishing letters for the boats belonging to each Collectorship of Customs. The following shall be the distinguishing letters:—

Name of Collectorship.	Distinguishing Letters.
<i>England and the Channel Islands.</i>	
Aberystwith ... ..	A.B.
Barnstaple... ..	B.E.
Beaumaris... ..	B.S.
Berwick-on-Tweed ... ..	B.K.
Bideford ... ..	B.D.
Boston, Lincolnshire ... ..	B.N.
Bridgewater ... ..	B.R.
Bridport ... ..	B.T.
Bristol ... ..	B.L.
Cardiff ... ..	C.F.
Cardigan ... ..	C.A.
Carlisle ... ..	C.L.
Carnarvon ... ..	C.O.
Castletown, Isle of Man... ..	Ce. Tn. or C.T.