

"The Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury have signified to Us their concurrence in these proposals."

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of *August*, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Order in Council, dated the nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, relating to Writers in the Civil Service:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows; viz. :—

That, where the words "fourth June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy," occur in the third clause of the said Order, the words "nineteenth August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one," be substituted instead thereof.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of *August*, 1872.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that "Her Majesty may, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time reduce all or any of the dues for the time being, payable in respect of existing or future lighthouses, buoys, or beacons, for the time being under the management of the General Lighthouse Authorities," therein mentioned (that is to say), the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strand, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Port of Dublin Corporation, now called the Commissioners of Irish Lights; and may also, by and with the like advice, from time to time increase or vary any of such dues, so that no dues payable in respect of any lighthouse, buoy, or beacon existing at the time when the said Act came into operation, should be made to exceed the amount which had, at any period previous to such time, been received in respect thereof, or to which the said dues might during any part of such period as last aforesaid, lawfully have been raised:

And whereas by Order in Council, dated the twenty-fourth of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy (which came into operation on the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy), Her Majesty was pleased to approve certain revised and amended New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties (Oversea Section), levied by the said General Lighthouse Authorities respec-

tively in the form thereunto annexed, together with the several reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions therein contained:

And whereas, by Order in Council, dated the sixteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, Her Majesty was pleased to approve certain New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties (Coast Section), levied as aforesaid, in the form thereunto annexed, together with the several reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions therein contained:

And whereas, by Order in Council, dated the twenty-fifth of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, made in pursuance of the said recited Act, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that certain new tolls should, as soon as a light is exhibited from a lighthouse now being erected on Dhu Heartach Rock, be paid for every oversea vessel and every coasting vessel respectively deriving benefit from the said lighthouse, subject to an abatement or discount of fifty per cent, and the several variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions, mentioned in the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties:

And whereas, among the regulations and exemptions in the Coasting Section of the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties, it is provided that the duties for certain general passing lights in the east coast of England, viz., those between Fern and Kentish Knock, both inclusive, should be payable by coasting vessels once only for the whole voyage out and home, and it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that it is expedient to extend this regulation and exemption, as regards coasting vessels, to all general passing lights under the management of the said three General Lighthouse Authorities:

And whereas it is provided, in both the Oversea and Coasting Sections of the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties, that until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, may see fit otherwise to determine, there shall be allowed to every person paying such tolls (being those specified in the foregoing tables) an abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him, which abatement or discount shall, in the case of every oversea vessel and every coasting vessel, be fifty per cent.; and it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that it is expedient that the said abatement or discount on the amount of tolls hereinbefore referred to should be varied in manner hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct as follows, viz. :—

1. That on and after the first October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, the duties for all General Passing Lights, under the management of the said three General Lighthouse Authorities, shall be payable by coasting vessels once only for the whole voyage out and home, subject, however, to the abatement or discount hereinafter mentioned.

2. That on and after the said first October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, the abatement or discount to be allowed upon the amount of tolls payable by virtue of the three hereinbefore-recited Orders in Council, and of this Order in Council, shall be fifty-five per centum, and no more.

Arthur Helps.