

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 (Colonial) Act, 1869," it is (among other things) enacted that where the Legislature of any British possession provides for the examination of, and grant of certificates of competency to, persons intending to act as masters, mates, or engineers on board British ships, and the Board of Trade reports to Her Majesty that they are satisfied that the examinations are so conducted as to be equally efficient as the examinations for the same purpose in the United Kingdom under the Acts relating to merchant shipping, and that the certificates are granted on such principles as to show the like qualifications and competency as those granted under the said Acts, and are liable to be forfeited for the like reasons and in the like manner, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by Order in Council:—

1. To declare that the said certificates shall be of the same force as if they had been granted under the said Acts:
2. To declare that all or any of the provisions of the said Acts which relate to certificates of competency granted under those Acts shall apply to the certificates referred to in the said Order:
3. To impose such conditions and to make such regulations with respect to the said certificates, and to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension thereof, as to Her Majesty may seem fit, and to impose penalties not exceeding fifty pounds for the breach of such conditions and regulations:

And that upon the publication in the London Gazette of any such Order in Council as last aforesaid, the provisions therein contained shall, from a date to be mentioned for the purpose in such Order, take effect as if they had been contained in the Act; and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to revoke any Order made under this section:

And whereas the Legislature of the British Possession of New Zealand has provided for the examination of and grant of certificates of competency for foreign-going ships to persons intending to act as masters, mates, or engineers on board British ships, which certificates are hereinafter denominated Colonial Certificates of Competency, and the Board of Trade have reported to Her Majesty that they are satisfied that the said examinations are so conducted as to be equally efficient as the examinations for the same purpose in the United Kingdom, under the Acts relating to merchant shipping, and that the certificates are granted on such principles as to show the like qualifications and competency as those granted under the said Acts, and are liable to be forfeited for the like reasons and in the like manner:

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:—

- (1.) To declare that the said colonial certificates of competency granted by the Governor for the time being of the said Possession of New Zealand, shall be of the same force as if they had been granted under the said Acts.
- (2.) To declare that all the provisions of the said Acts which relate to certificates of com-

petency for the foreign trade granted under those Acts, except so much of the one hundred and thirty-ninth section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and the tenth section of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," as requires the delivery by the Board of Trade to any master, mate, or engineer, of a copy of any certificate to which he appears to be entitled, as therein mentioned; so much of the third paragraph of the twenty-third section of the said last-mentioned Act as requires, at the conclusion of a case relating to the cancelling or suspending of a certificate, such certificate, if cancelled or suspended, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, and the whole of the provisions of the fourth paragraph of the same section shall apply to such colonial certificates of competency: provided, however, that the foregoing exceptions shall not interfere with or suspend the operation of an Act of the Legislature of New Zealand, intituled "The Merchant Shipping Acts Adoption Act, 1869 (32 and 33 Vict., No. 5).

- (3.) To impose and make the conditions and regulations following, numbered 1 to 10 respectively, with respect to the said Colonial Certificates of Competency, and to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension thereof, and to impose, for the breach of such conditions and regulations, the penalties therein mentioned.

Form of Certificate.

1. Every such colonial certificate of competency shall be on parchment, and as nearly as possible similar in shape and form to the corresponding certificate of competency for the foreign trade, granted by the Board of Trade under the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping.

Name of Possession to be inserted.

2. Every such colonial certificate of competency shall have the name of the said possession of New Zealand inserted prominently on its face and back.

Certificates to be Numbered consecutively.

3. Such colonial certificates of competency shall be numbered in consecutive order.

Lists of Certificates Granted, Cancelled, &c., to be sent to the Registrar-General of Seamen.

4. The Government of the said possession shall furnish the Registrar-General of Seamen in London, from time to time with accurate lists of all such colonial certificates of competency as may be granted by the Governor for the time being of the said possession as aforesaid, or as may, for any cause whatsoever, be cancelled, suspended, renewed, or re-issued.

Three Years' Domicile or Service necessary.

5. Such colonial certificates of competency shall be granted only to persons who have been domiciled in the said possession, or who have served in ships registered therein, for a period of or for periods amounting to at least three years immediately preceding their application for such colonial certificates.

Certificates of competency granted contrary to this regulation shall be regarded as improperly granted.

Certificates not to be Granted when former are Cancelled.

6. Such colonial certificates of competency shall not be granted to any person who may have