

And whereas it has been made to appear Her Majesty that the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships now in force under "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," have been adopted by the Government of His Majesty the King of Italy, and such rules are now in force in that country, having come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Her Majesty is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to direct as follows:—

1. As regards sailing ships—That merchant sailing ships of the said Kingdom of Italy, the measurement whereof, after the said first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, has been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such sailing ships, testified by the date thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers and other national papers, in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British sailing ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships.

2. As regards steam ships—That merchant ships belonging to the said Kingdom of Italy which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine-room, the measurement whereof shall, after the said first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such steam ships, testified by the dates thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers or other national papers, in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purposes, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships; provided, nevertheless, that if the owner or master of any such Italian steam ship desires the deduction for engine-room in his ships to be estimated under the rules for engine-room measurement and deduction applicable to British ships, instead of under the Italian rule, the engine-room shall be measured, and the deduction calculated according to the British rules.

*Edmund Harrison.*

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 30th day of *September*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855," it was enacted, that in any case in which any lighthouse, buoy, or beacon had been, or should be thereafter erected or placed on or near the coasts of any British possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative Authority of such possession, Her Majesty might, by Order in Council, fix such dues in respect thereof to be paid by the owner or master of every ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom as Her Majesty might deem reasonable, and might, in like manner, from time to time, increase, diminish, or repeal such dues, and that from the time specified in such Order for the commencement of the dues thereby fixed, increased, or diminished, the same should be leviable throughout Her Majesty's dominions in manner thereinafter mentioned:

And whereas a lighthouse was, by and with the consent of the Legislative Authority of the Colony of Newfoundland, erected on Cape Race, in the said Colony, and a light exhibited therein:

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the sixteenth July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the dues to be paid in respect of ships passing and deriving benefit from the said light, as in the said Order in Council appearing, should be one-sixteenth of a penny per ton of the burden of every such ship:

And whereas a steam fog whistle has been erected at Cape Race, Newfoundland:

And whereas it is expedient, that from the time of the erection of the said steam fog whistle the due now leviable in respect of the Cape Race Lighthouse under the Order in Council of the sixteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, should cease, and that one due at the rate of one-twelfth of a penny a ton should be levied in respect of both the said lighthouse upon Cape Race and the said steam fog whistle:

And whereas the several classes of ships following, that is to say:

- (1.) All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, navigating from any port or ports in the British Colonies in North America to any port or ports in the United Kingdom;
- (2.) All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, navigating from any port or ports in the United Kingdom to any port or ports in the British Colonies in North America;
- (3.) All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, bound from any port or ports in the British Colonies in North America upon any transatlantic voyage;
- (4.) All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, arriving in any port or ports in the British Colonies in North America, after any transatlantic voyage;
- (5.) All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, arriving at any port or ports in the United Kingdom from New York or any port in the United States, north of New York;
- (6.) All steam ships leaving any port or ports in the United Kingdom for New York, or any port in the United States north of New York;

will pass the said lighthouse and steam fog whistle, and will derive benefit therefrom:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Acts, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that from and after the erection of the said steam fog whistle, the dues leviable in respect of the said lighthouse upon Cape Race, under the said Order in Council of the sixteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, shall cease: and that from and after such erection the dues in respect of the lighthouse upon Cape Race and of the steam fog whistle to be paid for by every such ship as aforesaid, shall be one twelfth of a penny per ton of the burden of every such ship, for every such voyage as aforesaid.

But no such dues as aforesaid shall be levied in any Colony unless and until the Legislative Authority in such Colony has, either by address to the Crown, or by an Act or Ordinance duly passed, signified its opinion that the same ought to be levied in such Colony.

*Edmund Harrison.*