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A T the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 21st day of July, 1876.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the fourth section of the Act of the sixth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter eighty-seven, intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of "salaries and allowances to British Consuls at "Foreign Ports, and the disbursements at such ports for certain public purposes," it is amongst other things enacted:—"That it shall and may be lawful for all Consuls-General and Consuls appointed by His Majesty, and resident within the dominions of any sovereign or any foreign State or Power in amity with His Majesty, to accept take and receive the several fees particularly mentioned in the tables to the said Act annexed for and in respect or on account of the several matters and things, and official acts and deeds, particularly mentioned in the said schedules: and that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by him made, by and with the advice of His Privy Council from time to time as occasion may require, to increase or diminish, or wholly to abolish, all or any of the fees aforesaid, and to establish and authorize the payment of any greater or smaller or new or additional fees or fee for or in respect of the several matters and things mentioned in the said schedules, or in any of them, or for or in respect of any other matters or things or matter or thing to be by any such Consul General done or per-formed in the execution of such his office."

And whereas, by an Order in Council made on the first day of May, 1855, it was ordered that certain fees mentioned in the table thereunto annexed should be taken.

And whereas by an Order in Council made on the 19th of June, 1868, it was ordered that the several fees mentioned in the table annexed to the said Order in Council of the 1st of May, 1855, should be abolished as regards fees to be levied by Her Majesty's Consular Officers in China and Japan, and that the several fees mentioned therein should be substituted for the fees so abolished and should and might be taken by Her Majesty's Consular Officers in China and Japan:

And whereas by an Order in Council made on the 6th August, 1874, the short title of which is "The China and Japan Maritime Order in Coun-"cil, 1874," it was, amongst other things, ordered

that fees not exceeding the amounts named in Schedule B thereunto annexed might be taken in respect of the matters mentioned in that schedule.

And whereas some of the fees mentioned in that schedule relate to matters and things mentioned in the first part of the table of fees annexed to the said Order in Council of the 19th June, 1868.

And whereas it is expedient to abolish such of the fees mentioned in the said first part of the table of fees annexed to the said Order in Council of the 19th of June 1868 as are contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and to establish and authorize in lieu thereof the payment of the fees set forth in the said Schedule B to the said China and Japan Maritime Order in Council 1874.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty by virtue of the powers vested in Her in this behalf by virtue of the hereinbefore recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council is pleased to order that the several fees mentioned in the schedule hereunto annexed for the several matters mentioned therein shall be abolished and that the fees mentioned in the said Schedule B of the said China and Japan Maritime Order in Council 1874 shall and may be taken in lieu thereof by Her Majesty's Consular Officers in China and Japan.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. Peel.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Order refers.

Matters in respect of which the Fee is to be taken.

FEES. Dol. Cts.

For every declaration made before the Consul in Forms B, C, F, G, H, and L, in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, with a view to the registry, transfers, and transmission of ships, interests in ships, or mortgages on ships 1 0

For indorsing a memorandum of change of master upon the certificate of registry 00 50

For granting a provisional certificate of registry (this fee to be exclusive of fees on declarations) 2 50