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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1881.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of *January*, 1881.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by the provisions contained in the third clause of your Majesty's Order in Council of the 5th of August 1875, and by Article 261 of the Regulations of 1879 for the Government of your Majesty's Naval Service we are empowered under certain conditions to promote annually twenty and, should vacancies occur, as many as twenty-five Lieutenants to the rank of Commander, and whereas the number of vacancies has not in any year enabled us to make the full number of advancements, We would humbly represent to your Majesty that it is in our opinion desirable, for the present, to make as many as twenty-five promotions in the course of the year without regard to the number of vacancies and we would therefore submit that we be empowered to advance annually as many as twenty-five Lieutenants to the rank of Commander under conditions similar to those contained in the aforesaid Order in Council and Article of the Regulations, namely, effecting such promotions by filling every vacancy and by supplementing any vacancies short of twenty-five at the end of each year, so long as a maximum number of two hundred and twenty-five Commanders be not exceeded; should there be more than twenty-five vacancies in any year the excess not to be filled up in that year provided that the List is kept up to two hundred. We would submit that the condition of the Order in Council of the 5th of August 1875 to the effect that the increase in the number of Commanders over two hundred is to be regarded as of a temporary nature be maintained, and that the provisions of the present Order be applicable to the promotions bearing date the 31st ultimo.

“We would represent to your Majesty that the Lords Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury have expressed 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.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of *January*, 1881.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, made in pursuance of “The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862,” and dated the 27th day of June 1866, Her Majesty, on the application of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, being the Harbour Trust owning and exercising jurisdiction upon the waters of the River Mersey, and in the sea channels and approaches thereto, was pleased to make certain rules set forth in the Schedule thereto concerning the Lights and Signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by vessels navigating such waters :

And whereas by an Order in Council made as aforesaid, and dated the 14th day of August 1879, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the new “Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea,” contained in the First Schedule to the said Order, should come into operation on the 1st day of September, 1880, and should be substituted for and in lieu of the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea appended to the then existing Order in Council, dated the 9th day of January 1863.

And whereas by an Order in Council made as aforesaid, and dated the 24th day of March 1880, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the operation of Article 10 of the said new Regulations should be suspended until the 1st day of September 1881, and that there should be substituted therefor and in lieu thereof Article 9 of the said recited Order in Council of the 9th day of January 1863.

And whereas the said Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have applied to Her Majesty in Council to make, and have submitted for approval, certain new rules (in which are embodied, subject to certain exceptions and additions therein mentioned, the said recited new “Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea”), concerning the Lights and Signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken, by vessels navigating the said waters, to be substituted for and in lieu of the rules set forth in the Schedule to the said recited Order in Council of the 27th day of June 1866 :