

DECLARATION.

The Government's Signatory to the Convention concluded at the Hague on the sixth May one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two for regulating the Police of the Fisheries in the North Sea, outside territorial waters, having deemed it expedient to modify the terms of paragraph five of Article VIII have agreed to the following:—

ARTICLE I.

Paragraph five of Article VIII of the Convention of the sixth May one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two is replaced by the following provision:—

"The same letters and numbers shall also be painted in oil colour on each side of the main-sail of the boat, immediately above the close reef, and in such a manner as to be plainly visible; they shall be painted, on white sails *in black*, on black sails *in white*, and on sails of an intermediate shade *in black* or *in white*, as the superior competent authority shall deem the more effective."

ARTICLE II.

The date of the coming into force of the present Declaration shall be fixed on the deposit of the ratifications which shall take place at the Hague as soon as possible, and in the same manner as the deposit was effected of the ratifications of the Convention of the sixth May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Declaration, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at the Hague, in six copies, the first February one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland,

(L.S.) *Horace Rumbold.*

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia, in the name of the German Empire,

(L.S.) *Baron Saurma.*

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Belgians,

(L.S.) *Baron D'Anethan.*

Consul-General for Denmark,

(L.S.) *C. M. Viruly.*

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic,

(L.S.) *Louis Legrand.*

Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands,

(L.S.) *Hartsen.*

And whereas the said lastly recited Convention or Arrangement was duly ratified on the twenty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine and upon the deposit of the ratifications thereof the twenty-first day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety was fixed as the date of the coming into force of the same.

Now therefore Her Majesty in virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is hereby pleased to direct that on and after the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, all the provisions of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1883, shall apply to the said Convention or Arrangement of the first of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and shall have effect in like manner as if the said

Convention or Arrangement were set forth in the first schedule to the Sea Fisheries Act, 1883, and were part of that schedule, and were the Convention referred to in that Act, and the second, eighth, and all other sections of the said Act shall apply and refer to the said Convention or Arrangement of February first one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, as well as to the Convention and the articles thereof in the said sections respectively mentioned.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 8th day of *February*, 1890.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," it is provided that in the case of any Harbour, River, or other Inland Navigation, for which rules concerning the Lights or Signals to be carried by vessels navigating the waters of any Harbour, River, or other Inland Navigation, or concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by such vessels, are not and cannot be made by or under the authority of any Local Act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council, upon application from the Harbour Trust, or Body Corporate, if any, owning or exercising jurisdiction upon the waters of such Harbour, River, or Inland Navigation, or if there is no such Harbour Trust or Body Corporate, upon application from Persons interested in the Navigation of such Waters, to make rules concerning the lights or signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by Vessels navigating such waters: and such Rules when so made, shall, so far as regards Vessels navigating such waters, have the same effect as if they were Regulations contained in Table (C.) in the Schedule to the said Act, notwithstanding anything in the said Act or in the Schedule thereto contained:

And whereas by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1876, it is provided that where Her Majesty has power under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, or any Act passed or thereafter to be passed amending the same, to make an Order in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time to make such Order in Council, and by Order in Council to revoke, alter, or add to any Order so made:

And whereas the Corporation of the Guild or Brotherhood of Masters and Pilots, Seamen of the Trinity House in Kingston-upon-Hull, are the Body Corporate owning and exercising jurisdiction upon the waters of the Rivers Humber, Ouse, and Trent:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, on the application of the said Corporation, by Orders in Council dated respectively the nineteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (both since revoked), the seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, to make certain rules and amended and additional rules set forth in the Schedules thereto, which they had submitted for approval concerning the lights and signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by Vessels except River craft under ten tons navigating such waters.

And whereas the said Corporation have applied to Her Majesty in Council to make certain amended Rules which they have submitted for