

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 to Masters, First Mates, and Second Mates, and are liable to be forfeited for the like reasons and in like manner :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the first recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased—

1. To declare that the Colonial Certificates of Competency granted by the Governor of the Possession of Mauritius on and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, to persons intending to act as Masters, First Mates, and Second Mates of sea-going British ships shall be of the same force as if they had been granted in the United Kingdom under the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping.
2. To declare that all the provisions of the said Acts which relate to Certificates of Competency 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 of 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, and except so much of the third sub-section 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 except the whole of the provisions of the fourth sub-section of the same section, shall apply to such Colonial Certificates of Competency :
3. To impose and make the regulations set out in the Schedule hereto, numbered 1 to 12 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 regulations the penalties therein mentioned.

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#### SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS with respect to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension of Colonial Certificates of Competency.

##### *Interpretation Clause.*

In the construction and for the purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter assigned to them, that is to say :—

"*Colonial Certificate of Competency*" shall mean a Certificate of Competency granted by the Legislative authority of a British Possession to persons intending to act as Masters, Mates, or Engineers of British ships.

"*Authority*" shall mean the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Administrator, Head of the Government, Minister, Board, Body, or Corporation of or in any British Possession for the time being authorized by the Legislature of such Possession to grant Colonial Certificates of Competency.

##### REGULATIONS.

##### *Form of Certificate.*

1. A 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. A Colonial Certificate of Competency shall have the name of the British Possession in which the same is granted, inserted prominently on its face and back.

##### *Certificates to be numbered consecutively.*

3. The Colonial Certificates of Competency granted in each British Possession shall be numbered in consecutive order.

##### *Lists of Certificates granted, cancelled, &c., to be sent to Registrar-General of Seamen.*

4. The Authority in each British 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 therein, or as may, for any cause whatsoever be cancelled, suspended, renewed, or re-issued; and shall also furnish him with duplicates of the applications for examination made by the persons to whom such Certificates are granted.

##### *Certificates to be granted only upon proof of service at sea.*

5. A Colonial Certificate of Competency shall be granted only upon proof that the previous service at sea of the person applying for the same has been such as is required by the regulations for the time being in force in the United Kingdom with respect to certificates of the like grade.

Certificates of Competency granted contrary to this regulation, or upon any false, incorrect, or insufficient proof, certificate, or report of service, qualification, conduct, or character shall be regarded as improperly granted.

##### *Certificates not to be granted when former are cancelled.*

6. A Colonial Certificate of Competency shall not be granted to any person who may have had a certificate, whether granted by the Board of Trade or by the Government of a British Possession, cancelled or suspended under the provisions of the said Acts or of any Act or Ordinance for the time being in force in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, unless—

- (i.) in accordance with the next following Regulation ;
- (ii.) or the same is a certificate of a lower grade than the one so cancelled or suspended, and is issued upon the recommendation of the Court or Authority which cancelled or suspended the original certificate ;
- (iii.) or the period of suspension has expired ;
- (iv.) or intimation has been received from the Board of Trade or the authority by whom the cancelled or suspended certificate was originally granted to the effect that no objection to the grant of such Colonial Certificate is known to exist.

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

##### *Certificates which may be granted after a Certificate has been cancelled or suspended.*

7. It shall be lawful for the Governor or person administering the Government of the British Possession in which a Certificate has been cancelled or suspended if, after full investigation of all the circumstances, he thinks the justice of the case requires it, to return any Certificate which has been cancelled or suspended, or to shorten the time for which it is suspended, or to grant or to