

And whereas by Order in Council dated the ninth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that on and after the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, the duties for all general passing lights under the management of the said General Lighthouse Authorities should be payable by coasting vessels once only for the whole voyage out and home.

And whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that on and after the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, all coasting vessels and all vessels trading between ports in the United Kingdom and ports in Europe (excepting ports in the Mediterranean) should (instead of making one payment on dues for the voyage out and home) be liable in respect of every light passed, or from which benefit might be derived either on the voyage out or on the voyage home, to one moiety of the dues as provided in the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Dues for each general passing light and for each local light under the management of the said General Lighthouse Authorities, subject, however, to the abatement or discount thereinafter mentioned.

And whereas by Order in Council dated the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, after reciting (among other things) that it was expedient that the said duties should be varied in the manner thereinafter stated, in so far as related to home trade ships, that is to say, to ships trading or going between the United Kingdom, the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, and Man, and the Continent of Europe between the river Elbe and Brest inclusive, and that such ships should be treated in the matter of light dues in the same manner as coasting vessels, it was provided (among other things) that on and after the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, vessels trading or going as aforesaid between the United Kingdom, the Islands aforesaid, and the Continent of Europe between the river Elbe and Brest inclusive, should, as respects such lights as would be chargeable on coasting vessels passing them, be liable to light duties at the same rates (subject to the same abatements) as coasting vessels and to no other:

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that all steamships which should put into or touch at any British port for the purpose of filling up with coal their permanent bunkers in which cargo is never carried should be exempted by the said General Lighthouse Authorities respectively from the payment of the Light Dues receivable by either of the said General Lighthouse Authorities at such port. Such exemption being subject to the terms and conditions in the said Order in Council contained:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the abatement or discount to be allowed upon the amount of tolls specified in the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties mentioned in the said Orders in Council of the twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy,

and the sixteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and upon the amount of tolls specified in the said other Orders in Council hereinbefore referred to should in the case of every over-sea vessel and of every coasting vessel be sixty-five per centum and no more:

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the said recited provisions of the said Orders in Council of the twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, respectively, should exclusively apply to and have effect in favour of vessels trading or going only between ports situated within the limits in the said Orders in Council respectively particularly mentioned, and not arriving from or bound for a place or places beyond such ports, and should apply to and have effect in favour of no other vessels:

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that it is expedient to revise and amend the said Consolidated Tables of light dues approved by the said Orders in Council of the twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and the sixteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, by consolidating therewith (1) the light duties in respect of home trade ships as defined by the Orders in Council of the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and the twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and (2) the said tolls for new lighthouses, buoys, and beacons, and the several exemptions and regulations imposed and made respectively by the other Orders in Council above-mentioned, and by making such other alterations therein as appear in the New Tables hereinafter mentioned: And whereas New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties levied by the said General Lighthouse Authorities respectively in the form hereunto annexed together with the several additions, reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions contained therein have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval:

And whereas the said New Tables and the said additions, reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions contained therein, appear to be proper and reasonable, and it is expedient that the said tables shall come into operation on the day hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Acts, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council doth hereby direct, order, and declare as follows:—

1. Her Majesty is pleased to approve, and doth hereby approve the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties both the Over-sea Section with Home Trade, Elbe to Brest inclusive as well as the Coasting Section and the said additions, reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions submitted as aforesaid.

2. The said New Tables shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

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