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AT the Court at Windsor, the 29th day of June, 1900.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.
 Lord President.
 Marquess of Londonderry.
 Lord Chamberlain.

WHEREAS by the eighty-eighth section of "The Merchant Shipping Act 1894" it is enacted as follows:—

"Where, in accordance with 'The Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890' Her Majesty exercises jurisdiction within any port, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council to declare that port a port of registry and by the same or any subsequent Order in Council to declare the description of persons who are to be registrars of British ships at that port of registry, and to make regulations with respect to the registry of British ships thereat."

And whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance and other lawful means Her Majesty the Queen has jurisdiction in and over Cyprus and within all the ports thereof in accordance with the said Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that it is expedient to declare the Port of Larnaca in the Island of Cyprus a port of registry and to declare the description of persons who shall be registrars of British ships thereat and to make regulations with respect to the registry of British ships thereat.

And whereas the provisions of section one of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," have been complied with.

Now therefore Her Majesty by virtue of the powers vested in Her in this behalf by the hereinbefore recited Acts or some or one of them and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council is pleased to declare and order as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Order may be cited as "The Cyprus Maritime Order in Council 1900."

Larnaca a Port of Registry.

2. The Port of Larnaca in the Island of Cyprus shall be a port of registry for British ships.

Registrar—Appointment.

3. The Registrar of British ships at the said port shall be such officer in the public service of the Island of Cyprus as the High Commissioner of Cyprus from time to time appoints by writing

signed by him and in default of such appointment shall be the Collector of Customs at the said port.

Deputy of Registrar.

4. The High Commissioner of Cyprus may from time to time in case of the absence or intended absence from Larnaca or in case of the illness of the Registrar appoint by writing under his hand a fit person to be the Deputy of the Registrar for the time therein mentioned; but every such appointment shall be revocable at pleasure by the High Commissioner by writing under his hand.

The person so appointed shall during the continuance of his appointment have all the power and authority of the Registrar.

Seal of Registrar.

5. The Registrar shall have and use a seal bearing such style and device as the High Commissioner shall from time to time direct.

Presumption as to Signature and Seal.

6. Every signature or seal affixed to any instrument purporting to be the signature or seal, as the case may be, of the Registrar, shall for all purposes under this Order without any proof thereof, be presumed to be genuine and shall be taken as genuine until the contrary is proved.

Powers of Registrar.

7. The Registrar of Shipping at Larnaca shall have the same powers as any Registrar of shipping appointed under "The Merchant Shipping Act 1894" and for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the said Act and of this Order the said Registrar shall have the same powers as by the said Act are conferred for the purposes of registration and measurement on any officer of Customs or any officer of the Board of Trade.

Powers of High Commissioner respecting Ship registered at Larnaca.

8. The High Commissioner of Cyprus shall with regard to the performance of any act or thing relating to the registry of a ship registered at Larnaca or of any interest therein be considered as in all respects occupying the place of the Board of Trade and the Commissioners of Customs.

The High Commissioner of Cyprus may grant Pass to a Ship unregistered to proceed to any port in Her Majesty's Dominions.

9. Where it appears to the High Commissioner of Cyprus that by reason of special circumstances it would be desirable that permission should be granted to any British ship to pass without being previously registered, from the port of Larnaca to