

And whereas an Order in Council was made on the twentieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and two, affecting burials in, amongst other places, the parish church and churchyard of Saint George, Methwold, in the county of Norfolk:

And whereas it seems fit to His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that the said Order of the twentieth October, one thousand nine hundred and two, be varied:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that so much of the said Order of the twentieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and two, as relates to the parish church and churchyard of Saint George, Methwold, in the county of Norfolk, be varied by the addition thereto of the following clause, viz. :—

(c.) In the walled grave now existing in the said churchyard and belonging or reputed to belong to William Whitmore burials may be allowed subject to the condition that every coffin buried in such grave be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.

A. W. Fitz Roy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *October*, 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by subsection (one) of section two hundred and thirty-eight of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is provided that, where it appears to His Majesty that due facilities are, or will be, given by the Government of any foreign country for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in that country, His Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that that section shall apply in the case of such foreign country, subject to any limitations, conditions, and qualifications contained in the Order:

And whereas it appears to His Majesty that due facilities are given by the Government of Japan for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in that country:

And whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, on the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to apply the provision of section two hundred and thirty-eight of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in the case of Japan:

And whereas since the date of the above-mentioned Order in Council the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation entered into by Her late Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and His Majesty the Emperor of Japan dated the sixteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, has been brought into operation in accordance with the provision of Article XXI thereof.

And whereas under Article XIV of such Treaty it was provided that the stipulations therein contained for the recovery of deserters from the vessels of their respective countries should not apply to the subjects of the country where the desertion takes place:

And whereas it is desirable to repeal the said Order in Council of the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight:

Now therefore His Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Him by the hereinbefore recited subsection (one) of section two hundred and thirty-eight of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette seamen not being slaves (and not being British subjects) who, within His Majesty's dominions, desert from ships belonging to subjects of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships:

And His Majesty by virtue of the powers vested in Him by the provisions of section seven hundred and thirty-eight of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is further pleased to order and declare that upon and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette the Order in Council made on the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and published in the London Gazette on the twentieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, shall be revoked and the same is hereby revoked accordingly:

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Secretary of State for India in Council, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. Fitz Roy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *October*, 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the forty-fifth and forty-sixth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, intituled "The Militia Act, 1882," it is, amongst other things, enacted that, save as therein otherwise provided, the Militia shall be trained and exercised for not less than twenty-one days, and not more than twenty-eight days, in every year, at such times and at such places in every part of the United Kingdom as His Majesty may appoint, and also that His Majesty may, from time to time, with the advice of His Privy Council, order that the period of training and exercise, in any year, of all or any part of the Militia be extended, but so that the whole period of training and exercise be not more than fifty-six days; and also on the other hand, may order that in any year the annual training of all or any part of the Militia be dispensed with.

And whereas it is expedient for the year one thousand nine hundred and three that the training of the Militia unit hereinafter mentioned should be extended beyond the period of twenty-eight days.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order and direct that for the year one thousand nine hundred and three the period of training and exercise of the undermentioned Field Company of Militia shall be extended, under the provisions of the before cited Act, from twenty-eight days to forty-eight days, viz. :—

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers.

A. W. Fitz Roy.