

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 15th day of *July*, 1904:

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Lord Privy Seal.

Earl of Kintore.

Mr. Charles Booth.

Colonel W. S. Kenyon-Slaney.

Mr. J. Parker Smith.

**W**HEREAS by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, His Majesty the King has jurisdiction within the dominions of the Emperor of China and of the Emperor of Corea :

And whereas by section 88 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that where, in accordance with the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, His Majesty exercises jurisdiction within any port out of His Majesty's dominions, it shall be lawful for His Majesty by Order in Council to declare such port a port of registry, and by the same or any subsequent Order in Council to declare the description of persons who shall be the Registrars of British ships at such foreign port of registry, and to make regulations with respect to the registry of British ships thereat :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. The port of Shanghai shall be a port of registry under the said Act, and the provisions of this Order shall have effect accordingly.

2. The Registrar at the said port shall be such one of the Consular officers at Shanghai as the Secretary of State appoints in writing.

3. His Majesty's Minister in China may from time to time, in case of the absence or intended absence from Shanghai 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 Minister 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.

4. The Registrar shall have and use a seal bearing such style and device as the Secretary of State shall from time to time direct.

5. Every signature or seal affixed to any instrument purporting to be the signature or the 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.

6. The Registrar of shipping at Shanghai 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 on any officer of the Board of Trade.

7. A certificate of mortgage or sale, granted in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, by the Registrar at Shanghai, may contain powers to be exercised at any place situate beyond the port of Shanghai within the limits of this Order.

8. On the transfer of a ship from one British subject to another under a certificate of sale, at any port in Corea, or at any port in China other than Shanghai, the Consular officer of such port shall endorse an entry of the transfer on the certificates of registry and sale of the said ship, and should the purchaser be desirous of registering the said ship at Shanghai, the said Consular officer shall, if requested so to do by the purchaser or transferee or other duly authorized person, forward to the Registrar at Shanghai the bill of sale and the declaration of ownership, together with the aforesaid certificates and a certificate of any survey of the said ship that may be required for the purposes of registry anew under the Merchant Shipping Acts; and upon receiving the same, the said Registrar shall register the said ship anew, and shall either retain the new certificate of registry, or forward the same to the Consular officer or to the Registrar of shipping at such port or place as such purchaser or transferee or authorized person shall require; and on such request the said certificate shall be forwarded by any Consular officer or Registrar, into whose hands the same may come, to any other Consular officer or Registrar, to be handed by him to the master of the said ship when the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Acts as to marking the said ship shall have been complied with.

9. On the transfer of a foreign ship to a British subject at any port in Corea or at any port in China other than Shanghai, should the purchaser be desirous of registering the said ship at Shanghai, the said Consular officer of such port shall, if requested so to do by the purchaser or transferee or other duly authorized person, forward to the Registrar at Shanghai the bill of sale, the declaration of ownership, and a certificate of any survey of the said ship that may be required for the purposes of registry under the Merchant Shipping Acts; and upon receiving the same the said Registrar shall grant a certificate of registry for the said ship, and shall either retain the said certificate or forward the same to the Consular officer or to the Registrar of shipping at such port or place as such purchaser or transferee or other authorized person shall require; and on such request the said certificate shall be forwarded by any Consular officer or Registrar, into whose hands the same may come, to any other Consular officer or Registrar, to be handed by him to the master of the said ship when the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Acts as to marking the said ship shall have been complied with.

10. Lorchas and other Chinese and Korean rigged ships, or other ships provided with sailing letters or documents of the nature of sailing letters granted by His Majesty's Minister in China or Corea shall, on their first arrival at any port in Corea, or at any port in China other than Shanghai, where there is a surveyor, be surveyed, and the Consular officer of such port shall transmit to the Registrar at Shanghai the said sailing letter, and a certificate of any survey of the said ship that may be required for the purposes of registry under the Merchant Shipping Acts; and upon receiving the same the