

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 the owner or other duly 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.

11. On any such transfers, whether from one British subject to another, or from a foreigner to a British subject, or on the first arrival of any ship provided with a sailing letter or other document as aforesaid, at any port in Corea, or at any port in China other than Shanghai, where there is a surveyor, the Consular officer of such port shall grant to the master of such ship, upon his application, a pass containing the particulars required by the First Schedule to this Order. The pass so granted shall, within the Chinese and Korean seas, including the waters of Hong Kong and of Wei-hai-Wei, possess the same force as a certificate of registry, until the expiration of four months, or until such earlier time as the new certificate of registry shall be delivered to the master of the said ship by a Consular or other duly authorized officer, or until notice of the cancellation of such pass has been given to the master of the said ship by the Registrar at Shanghai, but upon the expiration of such period, or upon such delivery, or upon receipt of such notice of cancellation, shall be void to all intents and purposes; and the said pass on becoming so void shall be at once delivered by the master of the said ship to a Consular or other duly authorized officer, and in default of delivery, the said master shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

12. His Majesty's Minister in China shall, with regard to the performance of any act or thing relating to the registry of a ship registered at Shanghai, or of any interest therein, be considered in all respects as occupying the place of the Board of Trade and the Commissioners of Customs.

13. His Majesty's Ministers in China and Corea respectively shall, at any port or place in China or Corea, as the case may be, have the same power to appoint fit and proper persons to be surveyors under the Merchant Shipping Acts as are possessed by the Board of Trade in the United Kingdom, and the persons so appointed shall have the same powers as are conferred on the surveyors appointed as aforesaid by the Board of Trade.

14. In cases where it appears to the Commissioners of Customs, or to the Governor or other person administering the Government of any British possession, 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 any port or place in His Majesty's dominions to the port of Shanghai, it shall be lawful for such Commissioners or Governor or other person to grant a pass accordingly, and such pass shall for the time and within the limits therein mentioned have the same effect as a certificate of registry.

15. In cases where it appears to His Majesty's Minister in China 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 Shanghai to any port or place within His Majesty's dominions, it shall be lawful for such Minister to grant a pass accordingly, and such pass shall, for the time and within the limits therein mentioned, have the same effect as a certificate of registry.

16. Lorchas and other Chinese and Korean rigged ships registered at Shanghai shall be exempted from the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts which relate to the shipment and discharge of seamen, so far as applies to the employment of natives of China and Corea on board these ships.

17.—(1.) His Majesty's Minister in China may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, issue any instructions with reference to the performance of any act or thing relating to the registry of a ship registered at Shanghai, or of any interest therein, that may seem to him necessary or advisable.

(2.) The fees which shall be paid and taken in respect of matters arising under this Order are provided in the Table of Fees annexed to the China and Corea (Consular and Marriage Fees) Order in Council, 1904, and are set forth in the Second Schedule to this Order.

18. The China and Japan Maritime Order in Council, 1874, and the Shanghai Shipping Registry Order in Council, 1883, are hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything done under those Orders respectively.

19. In this Order the expression "Merchant Shipping Acts" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and any Acts amending that Act.

Expressions defined in the China and Corea Order in Council, 1904, and used in this Order have the same respective meanings as in that Order.

The Rules of construction contained in Article 4 of the China and Corea Order in Council, 1904, shall apply to the construction of this Order.

20. This Order may be cited as the China and Corea (Shipping Registry) Order in Council, 1904.

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