

satisfied that effective means exist to secure the settlement of the said difference without stoppage, being a difference arising on work other than munitions work:

And whereas in Our opinion the existence or continuance of the said difference is directly or indirectly prejudicial to the manufacture, transport, or supply of Munitions of War:

Now, therefore, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, are pleased to proclaim, direct and ordain, that Part I. of the Munitions of War Act, 1915, shall apply to the said difference.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor Castle*, this Eighteenth day of *August*, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 18th day of *August*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 80 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, power is given to His Majesty, by Order in Council, to make Regulations as to the manner in which Government Ships may be registered as British Ships under the Merchant Shipping Acts:

And whereas by the said Section it is provided that those Acts shall, subject to any exceptions or modifications which may be made by Order in Council, either generally or as respects any special class of such Ships, apply to such Ships when registered in accordance with such Regulations:

And whereas on account of urgency the Regulations hereinafter contained should come into immediate operation:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act, or otherwise, in Him vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following Regulations shall come into operation forthwith as *Provisional Rules* in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, and shall have effect as regards any Government Ships in the service of the Shipping Controller:—

1. An application for registry of a Government Ship in the service of the Shipping Controller shall be made in writing under the hand of the Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping. Such application shall contain the following particulars:—

(1) A statement of the name and description of the Ship.

(2) A statement of the time when, and place where, the Ship was built; or, if the Ship was foreign built, and the time and place of building are unknown, a statement to that effect, and of her foreign name.

(3) A statement of the nature of the title to the said Ship, whether by original construction by or for the Shipping Controller,

or by purchase, capture, condemnation, or otherwise, and a list of the documents of title, if any, in case she was not originally constructed by or for the Shipping Controller.

(4) A statement of the name of the Master.

2. The Registrar, on receiving such application in respect of a Government Ship in the service of the Shipping Controller, shall:—

(1) Enter the Ship in the Register Book as belonging to "His Majesty, represented by the Shipping Controller," and shall also enter therein:—

(2) the name of the port to which she belongs:

(3) the particulars stated in the application for registration:

(4) the details comprised in the Surveyor's Certificate.

3. On the registry of a Government Ship in the service of the Shipping Controller the Registrar shall retain in his possession the Surveyor's Certificate and the application for registry, and any documents of title mentioned in such application.

4. Upon the transfer of a registered Government Ship in the service of the Shipping Controller by Bill of Sale the Shipping Controller shall be the transferor, and the Bill of Sale shall be in Form A in the proper form prescribed under the Principal Act, omitting the covenant therein contained. Any such Bill of Sale shall be signed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping on behalf of the Shipping Controller.

5. The application for a Certificate of Sale referred to in Sections 39 to 42 and Sections 44 to 46 of the Principal Act, may be made in respect of a Government Ship in the service of the Shipping Controller by the Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping on his behalf.

6. The person to whom the management of any Government Ship in the service of the Shipping Controller is entrusted by the Shipping Controller shall be registered as provided by Section 59 (2) of the Principal Act.

7. Government Ships in the service of the Shipping Controller registered in pursuance of the provisions of this Order in Council are hereby excluded from the category of Ships belonging to His Majesty within the meaning of Sections 557 to 564 of the Principal Act.

8. Where any Section of the Merchant Shipping Acts which, by virtue of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and this Order in Council, is applicable to Government Ships in the service of the Shipping Controller imposes any duty or liability or confers any right or power upon or contemplates any act being performed by the owner of a Ship such duty, liability, right or power shall, subject always to the other provisions of this Order in Council, be carried out, borne, or exercised by the Shipping Controller on behalf of His Majesty.

9. In this Order in Council the term Merchant Shipping Acts shall mean and include any of the Merchant Shipping Acts, any provision of which is by virtue of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and this Order, applicable to Government Ships.

10. Section 1 and Sections 8 to 12 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, shall not apply