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FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1917

At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 24th day of September 1917

PRESENT

The KING s Most Excellent Majesty

Lord President
 Lord Chamberlain
 Sir J Rennell Rodd
 Sir Frederick Ponsonby

WHEREAS by Section 88 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 it is enacted that where in accordance with the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890 His Majesty exercises jurisdiction within any Port it shall be lawful for His 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 His Majesty The King has jurisdiction within the Islands of the Pacific Ocean known as the New Hebrides Group and within all the Ports thereof in accordance with the said Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890

And whereas under and by virtue of the Pacific Order in Council 1893 and the Order of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in Council bearing date the 2nd day of November 1907 provision was made for the exercise of His Majesty s jurisdiction within the said Islands

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is expedient to declare the Port of Vila in the said Islands 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 1 of the Rules Publication Act 1893 have been complied with

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

- 1 This Order may be cited as The New Hebrides Maritime Order in Council 1917
- 2 The Port of Vila in the New Hebrides (hereinafter called the Group) shall be a Port of Registry for British Ships
- 3 The Registrar of British Ships at the said