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TUESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1923.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 12th day of *March*, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 659 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, (which is a Section in Part XI of that Act and which re-enacts similar provisions by the said Act repealed of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854), it is (among other things) enacted that His Majesty may by Order in Council fix the establishments to be maintained by each of the General Lighthouse Authorities on account of the services of lighthouses, buoys and beacons, or the annual or other sums to be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund in respect of these establishments, and that an increase of any establishment or part of an establishment so fixed shall not be made without the consent of the Board of Trade:

And whereas by Section 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, it is (among other things) provided that references in Part XI of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, to the Mercantile Marine Fund shall be construed as references to the General Lighthouse Fund by the now reciting Act constituted:

And whereas by certain Orders in Council made on the dates set out in the First Schedule

hereto, in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 and 1894, the establishment which might be maintained by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses (hereinafter referred to as the Commissioners) being one of the General Lighthouse Authorities referred to in those Acts, and the amount of the salaries to be paid to the officers of the said establishment were duly fixed:

And whereas it is expedient that the establishment of the Commissioners should be reorganised in manner hereinafter appearing:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the Board of Trade have consented to such reorganisation of the establishment:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is desirable that certain provisions in respect of age, examination, appointment and retirement should be applied to the reorganised establishment of the Commissioners:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Him by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and of any other powers Him thereunto enabling, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on the date of publication in the London Gazette.
2. The Orders in Council the dates whereof