

Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 31st day of *May*, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, it is, amongst other things, enacted as follows:—

" 5.—(1) On and after the commencement of this Act, the general lighthouse authorities shall levy light dues with respect to the voyages made by ships or by way of periodical payment, and not with respect to the lights which a ship passes or from which it derives benefit, and the dues so levied shall take the place of the dues now levied by those authorities.

" (2) The scale and rules set out in the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of this Act, but Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, alter, either generally or with respect to particular classes of cases, the scale or rules and the exemptions therefrom."

And whereas by divers Orders in Council the said Scale was altered by reducing each of the dues thereby authorized to be levied, by the respective amounts referred to in the respective Orders in Council, but by Order in Council dated the 30th March, 1916, the respective Orders in Council referred to were repealed for the purpose of once more giving full effect to the Scale and Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the Act above referred to:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 30th day of July, 1919, it was provided (*inter alia*) that each of the dues authorized to be levied by the said Scale should, as from the 1st day of January, 1919, be subject to an increase of forty per cent. beyond the amount of the dues specified in the said Scale:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 22nd July, 1920, it was provided that each of the dues authorized to be levied by the said Scale should, as from the 1st day of April, 1920, be subject to an increase of one hundred per cent. beyond the amount of the dues specified in the said Scale, in lieu of the increase of forty per cent. mentioned in the said Order in Council dated the 30th day of July, 1919:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the Scale and Rules set out in the said Second Schedule should be further altered in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Him by the hereinbefore recited Section, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and

it is hereby ordered, that each of the dues authorized to be levied under the hereinbefore recited Order in Council dated the 22nd day of July, 1920, shall as from the 1st day of October, 1922, up to and including the 31st day of March, 1923, be subject to a reduction of fifteen per cent. from the amount of the dues thereby authorized to be levied and shall as from the 1st day of April, 1923, be subject to a reduction of thirty per cent. from the amount of the dues authorized to be levied under the said Order in Council dated the 22nd day of July, 1920, and the said dues as so reduced respectively shall be levied and the Rules construed accordingly.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 31st day of *May*, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS on the 20th day of January, 1914, an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and for purposes incidental thereto, was duly entered into by His Majesty and the other Signatory Powers more especially referred to and set out in the said Convention:

And whereas a Statute 4 & 5 Geo. V, c. 50, intituled " An Act to make such amendments of the law relating to Merchant Shipping as are necessary or expedient to give effect to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea " (being the Convention above referred to) was passed on the 10th day of August, 1914, the short title of which is " The Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914 ":

And whereas by Section 29, Sub-section 5, of the said Act it was provided as follows:—

" This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1915:

" Provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, from time to time postpone the coming into operation of this Act for such period, not exceeding on any occasion of postponement one year, as may be specified in the Order ":

And whereas by divers Orders in Council the coming into operation of the said Act has been from time to time postponed, and now stands postponed, by virtue of an Order in Council of the 2nd day of November, 1922, until the 1st day of July, 1923:

And whereas His Majesty deems it expedient that the provisions of the said Act should be further postponed:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the above-recited provision and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, shall be postponed from coming into operation until the 1st day of January, 1924.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*