

to time determine, and otherwise continuously in the case of Officers below the rank or relative rank of Commander in the Royal Navy or of the rank of Captain or below in the Royal Marines who are attached to the Royal Air Force, and on days on which the Officer is actually required to ascend in aircraft on duty in the case of Officers of the rank of Commander in the Royal Navy who are lent.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified Their concurrence in these proposals."

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.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *May*, 1925.

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 8th day of December, 1924, until the 1st day of July, 1925:

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, 1926.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *May*, 1925.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Section"), 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 from time to time divers Orders in Council have been made in pursuance of the said Section:

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

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Him by the said Section, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1925, and shall have effect from the date of its publication in the London Gazette.

2. Each of the dues authorised to be levied in accordance with the Scale set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act shall be subject to an increase of ten per cent. for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of the said recited Act.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 26th day of *May*, 1925.

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: