

have all the jurisdiction conferred by the Act on the Board of Trade with reference to the same.

13. Sections 480 to 486 inclusive of the principal Act and Sections 67 and 68 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, shall apply to Government ships in the service of the Air Council, subject to the following exceptions and modifications:—

(i) the said sections shall not apply where the vessel is under the command of an Air or other Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force at a Station abroad;

(ii) the power to remove or appoint a Master, conferred by Section 483 of the principal Act, shall not be exercised in the British Islands without the consent of the Air Council, nor elsewhere without the consent of the Air or other Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force at the Station, if obtainable with reasonable despatch.

14. For the purposes of this Order, subsection (2) of Section 517 of the principal Act shall have effect as if for the words " secretary of Lloyds in London, and the secretary shall place it in some conspicuous position for inspection " there were substituted the words " Air Council."

15. The powers conferred by Sections 530 to 534 of the principal Act shall not be exercised in the case of Government ships in the service of the Air Council without the consent of the Air Council except in regard to lights, buoys, and other matters or things necessary for the immediate protection of the traffic.

16. The references in Section 557 of the principal Act to the Admiralty and the Secretary of the Admiralty shall be construed as if they were references to the Air Council and the Secretary of the Air Ministry respectively.

17. Where any section of the Merchant Shipping Acts which by virtue of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and this Order is applicable to Government ships in the service of the Air Council, 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, be carried out, borne, or exercised by the Air Council on behalf of His Majesty.

18. No provision of the Merchant Shipping Acts imposing on the owner of a ship any liability to any penalty, debt, damages, costs, or proceedings shall, in the case of a Government ship in the service of the Air Council, have any application to His Majesty or to the Air Council.

Provided that where expenses are incurred in respect of seamen belonging to a Government ship in the service of the Air Council under Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, and the Distressed Seamen Regulations, made in pursuance of Section 40 of the said Act, which would under the said Act or Regulations be payable by the owners of such vessel, any such expenses will be repaid by the Air Council.

19. No provision in the Merchant Shipping Acts shall render His Majesty or the Air Council liable to pay salvage where no such liability at present exists.

20. No provision contained in the Merchant Shipping Acts providing for the forfeiture or

detention of a ship by reason of non-compliance with an enactment therein contained shall have any application to a Government ship in the service of the Air Council.

21. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Merchant Shipping Acts and this Order, the Master of a Government ship in the service of the Air Council shall not be liable for any penalty, debt, or damages under any provision of any of the Merchant Shipping Acts in respect of anything done or omitted in pursuance of the Order of the Air Council or of any officer of His Majesty's Air Force.

22. Nothing in the Merchant Shipping Acts or this Order shall render the Master or any other persons in charge of or on board a Government ship in the service of the Air Council liable for displaying any signal authorised by any regulations of the Air Ministry.

23. In this Order the expression " Merchant Shipping Acts " means 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; and the expression " United Kingdom " means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

24. Nothing contained in this Order shall affect the airships, flying boats or other aircraft of the Air Council notwithstanding that such aircraft may be floating upon the water.

25. The following provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts shall not apply to Government ships in the service of the Air Council registered in pursuance of the provisions of this Order, namely:—

(i) The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894:

Sections 1, 2, 3, 7 (3) and (5), 8 to 12, 16, 23, 27 to 38, 39 to 42 so far as they relate to mortgages, 43, 44 to 46 so far as they relate to mortgages, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54 to 58, 59 (2) and (3), 62, 68 to 71, 72, 74, 76, 84, 85, 87, 103 (4), 105 to 109, 116 (4), 119, 120 (so far as it relates to home trade ships), 131 to 147, 155 to 158, 162 to 168, 171 (2), 174, 182 to 184, 210, 224 (2), 253 (1) (b) and (2) (b), 262 to 264, 267 to 417, 435, 439, 441 (2) and (3), 442, 443 (3) and (4), 444 to 450, 452 to 457, 459 to 461, 468, 472, 492 to 509, 520 (b), 567, 568, 634 to 679, 689 (2), (3) and (4), 692, 693, 729 (1) (d) and (3), so far as they may relate to any papers or documents belonging to or in possession of the Crown.

(ii) Merchant Shipping Act, 1897. The whole Act.

(iii) The Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Act, 1898. The whole Act.

(iv) The Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898. The whole Act.

(v) The Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Act, 1900. The whole Act.

(vi) The Merchant Shipping Act, 1906:

Sections 1 to 4, 6, 9 to 11, 13 to 24, 25 (3), 26, 35, in 38 (2), so much thereof as is subsequent to the word " Master " where it first occurs, 38 (3), 43, except sub-sections (2) and (4), 51 to 53, 57, 60 to 64, 65 (1), 69 to 71, 76, 77, 81, 83.

(vii) The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Allotment) Act, 1911. The whole Act.

(viii) The Merchant Shipping (Stevedores and Trimmers) Act, 1911. The whole Act.