(ix) The Merchant Shipping Act, 1911. The whole Act.

(x) The Pilotage Act, 1913. The whole Act.

(xi) The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1920. The whole Act.

(xii) The Merchant Shipping (Scottish Fishing Boats) Act, 1920. The whole Act.

Provided that no provision of the Merchant Shipping Acts which, according to a reasonable construction, would not apply in the case of Government ships in the service of the Air Council, shall be deemed to apply to such ships by reason only that its application is not hereby expressly excluded.

26. This Order may be cited as the Air Council Ships (Application of Enactments) Order, 1925.

M. P. A. Hankey.

Privy Council Office, 29th May, 1925.

NAVAL AND MARINE PAY AND PENSIONS ACT, 1865.

Notice is hereby given, that His Majesty in Council was pleased, on the 26th May, 1925, to approve a Memorial from the Lords Com-missioners of the Admiralty containing regulations under the above mentioned Act, relating to the pay and conditions of service of Officers of the Dental Branch of the Royal Navy.

Copies of the said Order, when published, may be purchased through any bookseller or directly from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses : — Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; York Street, Man-chester; 1, St. Andrews Crescent, Cardiff; 120, George Street, Edinburgh.

Westminster, 28th May, 1925.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod acquainting them that The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named. to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to :-

Importation of Pedigree Animals Act, 1925. Protection of Birds Act, 1925.

Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions Continuation) Act, 1925.

Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.

Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925.

Poor Law Emergency Provisions Continuance (Scotland) Act, 1925.

Imperial Institute Act, 1925.

Air Ministry (Croydon Aerodrome Extension) Act, 1925.

Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation (Keighley Water Charges) Act, 1925.

Ministry of Health Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1925.

Forfar Gas Order Confirmation Act, 1925.

Port of London Act, 1925. South Wales Electrical Power Distribution: Company Act, 1925.

Great Western Railway Act, 1925.

Aire and Calder Navigation Act, 1925.

Lloyd's Act, 1925. Burgess Hill Water Act, 1925. Oxford Corporation Act, 1925.

Interpretation Measure, 1925.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W. 1. 28th May, 1925.

A Loyal and Dutiful Address from the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland, having been forwarded to the Secretary for Scotland for presentation to The King, has been presented accordingly to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, 27th May, 1925.

The following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable Sir John Gilmour, Bart., D.S.O., His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the King, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously :-

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, desire to express the deep appreciation and gratitude with which Your Majesty's letter was received by us. Nothing could be of greater encouragement to us than Your Majesty's gracious interest in the Proceedings of our General Assembly, and in the service which the Church of Scotland seeks to render to the cause of true religion in our land. We most earnestly desire to assure Your Majesty that it will be our constant endeavour to be

faithful to the trust committed to us. Again Your Majesty has laid us under a deep sense of gratitude by the continuance of your concern for the religious interests of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and by your gracious gift of £2,000 to be devoted by us to that cause. Not only in the General Assembly is that gift deeply appreciated, but also by Your Majesty's loyal people in the Highlands and Islands this token of Your Majesty's continued interest will meet with grateful recognition.