

purpose of the levying of Light Dues in pursuance of that Act, but His 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 Order in Council dated the 10th day of August, 1903, His late Majesty was pleased to alter the said scale as from the 1st day of April, 1903, by reducing each of the Dues authorized to be levied by  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per centum of the amounts specified by the said Scale:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 1st day of December, 1906, His late Majesty was pleased further to alter the said Scale as from the 1st day of April, 1907, by reducing each of the Dues authorized to be levied by the said Scale for a period of three years from the last mentioned date by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per centum beyond the reduction of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per centum provided for by the said Order in Council of the 10th day of August, 1903:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, His late Majesty was pleased to alter the Scale and Rules set out in the said Second Schedule to the said Act in manner following, that is to say:—

“ 1. Each of the Dues authorized to be levied by the said Scale shall, for a period of three years from the date of coming into operation of this Order, be subject to a reduction of  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per centum beyond the reduction of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per centum provided for by the said Order in Council of the 10th day of August, 1903, and the said Dues, as so reduced by the said Order in Council of the 10th day of August, 1903, and by this Order, shall be levied and the said Rules construed accordingly.

“ 2. This Order in Council shall come into operation as and from the 1st day of April, 1909, and as and from the coming into operation of this Order the recited Order in Council dated the 1st day of December, 1906, shall be repealed.”

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 14th day of May, 1912, His Majesty was pleased to direct that the provisions of the Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, should be continued for a period of three years from the 1st day of April, 1912:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the provisions of the said Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, should be continued for a further period of one year from the 1st day of April, 1915:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers so vested in Him by the above-recited provisions, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth by this Order in Council order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Dues authorized to be levied by the said Scale in the said Order in Council dated the 21st day of December, 1908, mentioned, shall, subject to the reductions therein mentioned, be levied for a further period of one year from the date of coming into operation of this Order, and the said Rules construed accordingly.

This Order in Council shall come into operation as from the 1st day of April, 1915.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

*Westminster, June 4, 1915.*

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 Act 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 Act, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Re-election of Ministers Act, 1915.

*Board of Green Cloth,*

*4th June, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased to make the following appointments in His Majesty's Household:—

James Fitzalan Hope, Esquire, M.P., to be Treasurer of the Household, in the room of Captain the Honourable Frederick Edward Guest, M.P., resigned.

Charles Henry Roberts, Esquire, M.P., to be Comptroller of the Household, in the room of Geoffrey Cecil, Lord Saye and Sele, resigned.

These appointments to date from the 1st June, 1915.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,*

*St. James's Palace, S.W.,*

*1st June, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Arthur Cecil Tyrrell Beck, Esquire, M.P., to be Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, in the room of the Honourable Geoffrey William Algernon Howard, M.P., resigned.

*Crown Office,*

*3rd June, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the 3rd inst., to appoint—

The Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour,

Admiral Sir Henry Bradwardine Jackson, K.C.B., K.C.V.O.,

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Tower Hamilton, K.C.B., C.V.O.,

Rear Admiral Frederick Charles Tudor Tudor, C.B.,

Captain Cecil Foley Lambert,

Victor Christian William Duke of Devonshire, G.C.V.O., and

The Right Honourable Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,

to be Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.