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At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 29th day of January 1894.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in
Council.

WHEREAS by the four hundred and tenth section of 'The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854,' it is enacted that, upon the completion of any new Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the Master or Owner of every ship which passes the same, or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may from time to time alter the amount thereof; and that such dues shall be paid and collected in the same manner, by the same means, and subject to the same conditions, in, by, and subject to which the Light Dues authorised to be levied by the said Act are paid and collected:

And whereas by the said Act 'buoys and beacons' include all other marks and signs of the sea:

And whereas the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses have established in the Firth of Forth the following lighted buoys and beacon, viz. :—

Beamer Beacon,	Drum Sands West Buoy,
North Craig Buoy,	Dodd's Bank Buoy,
Herwit Rock Buoy,	Hen and Chickens Buoy.
Gunnat West Buoy,	

And whereas it is fit and proper that in respect of the said buoys and beacon dues should be levied as hereinafter mentioned:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that, from and after the date of the present Order, or from and after the time of the receipt of notice of the present Order by the officers authorised to collect Light Dues, the following rates shall be paid on all vessels for each time of entering or leaving the Firth of Forth by crossing an imaginary line from Elie Ness to North Berwick, and on all vessels navigating to or from any port or place within the afore-mentioned imaginary line; that is to say, three pence for every 50 tons burden or part of 50 tons burden of such vessel; but vessels liable for the first toll, viz., that for crossing the imaginary line specified, are not chargeable with the second toll when calling at intermediate ports if on the same voyage.

The said tolls shall be levied subject to the regulations and exemptions contained in the Consolidated Tables of Light Duties sanctioned by an Order in Council, dated the 24th day of November 1891, or to such other regulations and exemptions as may from time to time be duly sanctioned, and subject also to the gross abatement or discount of sixty-five per centum mentioned in the said Order in Council, dated the 24th day of November 1891, or to such other abatement or discount as may for the time being be in force.

C. L. PEEL.