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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES' PALACE, January 28, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that The Queen will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday the 19th February, and on Tuesday the 5th March, at three o'clock.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 2nd day of February 1895.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Honourable Cecil John Rhodes was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 2nd day of February 1895.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the six hundred and forty-fourth section of 'The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,' it is enacted that on the completion of any light-house, buoy, or beacon, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix dues to be paid in respect thereof in the case of any ship which passes the same, or derives benefit therefrom, and the dues

so fixed shall, for the purposes of the said Act, be deemed to be light dues;

And whereas the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses have established or are about to establish a lighthouse on Rattray Head on the coast of Aberdeen;

And whereas it is fit and proper that in respect of the said lighthouse, light 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 exhibition of the said light, or from and after the time of the receipt of notice of the present Order, if that be later, by the officers authorised to collect light dues, the following rates shall be paid, that is to say:—

On all vessels, whether British or foreign, which may pass or derive benefit from the said light, twelve-sixteenths of a penny per ton of the burden of every such ship if on an oversea voyage, and two-sixteenths of a penny per ton if on a coasting voyage, for each time of passing or deriving benefit.

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 twenty-fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 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