

ture for the year, or (b) the dates in each year on or before which instalments of the proportions of the estimated expenditure for the year, are to be paid to them by the several Combining Authorities; and shall intimate such date or dates to these authorities, who shall make payment of the amounts on or before the dates so fixed and intimated.

(4)—The Joint Committee shall make up and transmit to Us claims for any Government Grant in aid payable in respect of the expenditure incurred by them or under their authority upon the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases, and shall receive such Government Grant in aid payable in respect of such expenditure.

*Accounts and Audit.*

Article 4 (1)—The provisions as to the preparation and audit of accounts of County Councils, as contained in Sections 68–70 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1899, as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908, shall *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the preparation and audit of the accounts of the Joint Committee.

(2)—The audited accounts shall show the sums payable during the year by each of the Combining Authorities under Article 3 of this Order. A copy of the audited accounts shall be transmitted to each of the Combining Authorities, and any necessary adjustment in the accounts between the Joint Committee and these authorities shall thereafter be made and intimation of the same shall be transmitted by the Joint Committee to these authorities. A copy of the audited accounts shall also be transmitted to Us by the Joint Committee.

*Power to Amend Order.*

Article 5.—This Order may be amended by Us after consultation with the Joint Committee from time to time as We may deem necessary.

*Grants in Aid.*

Article 6.—Nothing in this Order shall affect Our powers in connection with the administration and distribution of any grant in aid of the cost of the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases.

*Appeal to Local Government Board.*

Article 7.—Any dispute or difference arising among the Combining Authorities as to the interpretation or implement of the terms of this Order may be submitted to Us for Our determination by the Joint Committee, or by any of the Combining Authorities, and Our decision in regard thereto shall be final and binding on all parties.

*Date of Order coming into Operation.*

Article 8.—This Order shall come into operation on the date hereof.

GIVEN under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board for Scotland, this twenty-eighth day of January in the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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(Signed) GEO. McCRAE, Vice-President.

(Signed) JOHN T. MAXWELL, Secretary.

ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 122 of the year 1918.

SCOTLAND, EAST COAST.

FIRTH OF FORTH—TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

*Former Notice.*—No. 582 of 1917; hereby cancelled.

Mariners are hereby warned that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following Regulations have been made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and are now in Force:—

Section I.

(1) Until further notice, the following Regulations are to be observed by all merchant vessels approaching or moving in the Firth of Forth (i.e., westward of a line joining Barns Ness and North Carr Rock).

All orders and instructions given by the King's Harbour Master or by any Patrol vessel, are to be implicitly obeyed, otherwise vessels will be liable to be fired upon.

(2) No vessels other than those of British Nationality, or those of the Allied Nations may enter Granton Harbour, or the Port and Harbour of Burntisland, within the statutory limits administered by the Harbour Commissioners, until further Notice.

Section II.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, MASTERS, ETC.

(3) Shipowners, Agents, Masters of ships and other persons concerned are advised that, in their own interests and the interest of those whom they represent, they should assist in every possible way to conform to these Regulations.

(4) Shipowners and Agents must give not less than 24 hours' notice in writing to "The Trinity House, Leith," of the following particulars regarding vessels arriving, so that they may be readily identified:—

1. Name of vessel.
2. Nationality.
3. Nett tonnage.
4. Where from.
5. Where bound.
6. Nature of cargo.
7. Number of passengers.
8. Any particulars of appearance which might assist identification at sea.

NOTE.—If a vessel does not arrive within a reasonable time after this notice has been given, it will be presumed that she has either been diverted to another port, or sailing cancelled, and her name will be removed from the list of expected arrivals.

(5) Ships outward bound must time their departure so as to be clear of the Firth of Forth before the commencement of Official Night.

(6) Fishing boats' numbers are to be kept distinctly painted.

(7) No merchant vessel is permitted to be under way in the Firth of Forth to the westward of Inchkeith during the hours of "Official Night."

(8) No merchant vessel is permitted to enter or leave the Docks at Leith or Granton during the hours of "Official Night." Special arrangements,