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FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of April 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable William James, Barron Pirrie, K.P., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of April 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 80 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, power is given to His Majesty, by Order in Council, to make Regulations as to the manner in which Government Ships may be registered as British Ships under the Merchant Shipping Acts:

And whereas by the said Section it is provided that those Acts shall, subject to any exceptions or modifications which may be made by Order in Council, either generally or as respects any special class of such Ships, apply to such Ships when registered in accordance with such Regulations:

And whereas on account of urgency the Regula-

tions hereinafter contained should come into immediate operation:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act, or otherwise, in Him vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following Regulations shall come into operation forthwith as *Provisional Rules* in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, and shall have effect as regards any Government Ships in the service of the War Department.

1. An application for registry of a Government Ship in the service of the War Department shall be made in writing under the hand of the Secretary of the War Office. Such application shall contain the following particulars:—

(1) A statement of the name and description of the Ship.

(2) A statement of the time when, and place where, the Ship was built; or, if the Ship was foreign built, and the time and place of building are unknown, a statement to that effect, and of her foreign name.

(3) A statement of the nature of the title to the said Ship, whether by original construction by or for the War Department, or by purchase, capture, condemnation, or otherwise, and a list of the documents of title, if any, in case she was not originally constructed by or for the War Department.

(4) A statement of the name of the Master.

2. The Registrar, on receiving such application in respect of a Government Ship in the service of the War Department, shall:—