

of State under whose administration or control he is serving or has served, or by the Head of the Department in the permanent Civil Service of the State in which he is serving or has served;

(b) The First Commissioner of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings is satisfied as to the suitability of the case;

(c) There are paid towards the cost of his maintenance and treatment by himself and by the Government or Department under which he is or was serving such contributions as may be agreed between the Secretary of State or Head of the Department concerned and the First Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; and

(d) Such other conditions as may in like manner be agreed are satisfied.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of November 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS on the 20th day of January, 1914, an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and for purposes incidental thereto, was duly entered into by His Majesty and the other Signatory Powers more especially referred to and set out in the said Convention:

And whereas a Statute 4 & 5 Geo. V, c. 50, intituled "An Act to make such amendments of the law relating to Merchant Shipping as are necessary or expedient to give effect to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea" (being the Convention above referred to) was passed on the 10th day of August 1914, the short title of which is "The Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914":

And whereas by Section 29, Sub-section 5, of the said Act it was provided as follows:—

"This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1915:

"Provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, from time to time postpone the coming into operation of this Act for such period, not exceeding on any occasion of postponement one year, as may be specified in the Order":

And whereas by divers Orders in Council the coming into operation of the said Act has been from time to time postponed, and now stands postponed, by virtue of an Order in Council of the 31st day of May 1923, until the 1st day of January 1924:

And whereas His Majesty deems it expedient that the provisions of the said Act should be further postponed:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the above-recited provision and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, shall be post-

poned from coming into operation until the 1st day of July 1924.

M. P. A. HANKEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of November 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS by Section 444 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is provided that where the legislature of any British Possession by any enactment provides for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load-lines on ships registered in that Possession, and it appears to His Majesty the King, that that enactment is based on the same principles as the provisions of the fifth part of the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, relating to load-lines and is equally effective for ascertaining and determining the maximum load-line to which those ships can be safely loaded in salt water, and for giving notice of the load-line to persons interested, His Majesty in Council may declare that any load-line fixed and marked, and any certificate given in pursuance of that enactment shall, with respect to ships so registered, have the same effect as if it had been fixed, marked, or given in pursuance of the fifth part of the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1894:

And whereas the legislature of the Commonwealth of Australia has, by certain enactments, namely, the Commonwealth Navigation Acts, 1912-1920, provided for the fixing, marking and certifying of load-lines on ships registered in that Possession:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty the King that such provisions are based on the same principles as the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and are equally effective for ascertaining and determining the maximum load-line to which ships registered in the Commonwealth of Australia can be safely loaded in salt water, and for giving notice of the load line to the persons interested:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Him by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, is pleased to declare, and doth hereby declare, that any load-line fixed and marked and any certificate given in pursuance of the said Commonwealth Navigation Acts shall, with respect to ships registered in the Commonwealth, have the same effect as if it had been fixed, marked or given in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

And His Majesty is further pleased to declare that the Orders in Council dated 7th March 1899, and 15th May 1900, respectively, declaring that load-lines fixed and marked, and certificates given in Victoria and South Australia respectively, shall have the same effect as if fixed, marked or given in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, be and are hereby repealed, but without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

M. P. A. HANKEY.