

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the
25th day of July 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it was enacted that Her Majesty might, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time reduce all or any of the dues for the time being payable in respect of existing or future lighthouses, buoys, or beacons, for the time being under the management of the general lighthouse authorities therein named—that is to say—the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Port of Dublin Corporation :

And whereas by an Order in Council made in pursuance of the said Act, and dated the twenty-sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, certain Consolidated Tables of Light Dues were approved by Her Majesty : and by the same Order it was directed, that until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, might see fit otherwise to determine, there should be allowed to every person paying the dues specified in the said tables, an abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him, which should, in the case of every over-sea vessel, be twenty-five per cent., and in the case of every coasting-vessel be ten per cent :

And whereas, by an Order in Council made in pursuance of the said Act, and dated the twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, it was directed that until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, might see fit otherwise to determine, there should be allowed to every person paying the dues mentioned in the said consolidated tables, so approved as aforesaid by the said Order in Council of the twenty-sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, a further abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him ; which further abatement or discount should, in the case of every over-sea vessel be fifteen per cent., in addition to the abatement of twenty-five per cent. allowed by the said last-mentioned Order, and in the case of every coasting-vessel fifteen per cent. in addition to the aforesaid ten per cent. allowed by the said last-mentioned Order :

And whereas by an Order in Council made in pursuance of the said Act, and dated the second day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, it was directed that, until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, might see fit otherwise to determine, there should be allowed to every person paying the dues mentioned in the said consolidated tables, so approved as aforesaid, a further abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him ; which further abatement or discount should, in the case of every over-sea vessel be ten per cent., making, together with the aforesaid abatements of twenty-five per cent. and fifteen per cent. respectively, allowed by the said recited Order, a gross abatement or discount of fifty per cent. upon the amount of the dues specified in the said consolidated tables, and payable in respect of such over-sea vessel ; and which further abatement or discount should, in the case of every coasting-vessel, be ten per cent., making, together with the aforesaid abatements of ten per cent. and fifteen per cent. respectively, allowed by the said recited Orders, a gross abatement or discount of thirty-five per cent. upon the amount of the dues specified in the said consolidated tables, and payable in respect of such coasting-vessel :

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the said Light Dues may be further reduced without injury to the services in respect of which such dues are levied :

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said " Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," is pleased to direct that the said Light Dues shall, on and after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, be further reduced as follows, that is to say, until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, may see fit otherwise to determine, there shall be allowed to every person paying the dues mentioned in the said consolidated tables, so approved as aforesaid by the said Order in Council of the twenty-sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, a further abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him, which further abatement or discount shall, in the case of every over-sea vessel, be ten per cent., making, together with the aforesaid abatements of twenty-five per cent., fifteen per cent., and ten per cent. respectively, allowed by the said recited Orders, a gross abatement or discount of sixty per cent. upon the amount of the dues specified in the said consolidated tables, and payable in respect of such over-sea vessel ; and which further abatement or discount shall, in the case of every coasting-vessel, be twenty-five per cent., making, together with the aforesaid abatements of ten per cent., fifteen per cent., and ten per cent. respectively, allowed by the said recited Orders, a gross abatement or discount of sixty per cent. upon the amount of the dues specified in the said consolidated tables, and payable in respect of such coasting-vessel.

ARTHUR HELPS.

(1174.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 25, 1861.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, an extract from the Spanish Gazette of the 7th instant, containing a Royal Decree reducing the duty on the importation of iron tubing into Spain to 20 reals per quintal under the Spanish flag, and 24 reals per quintal under Foreign flags.

(1180.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 25, 1861.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Loanda, reporting that the Provincial Government of Angola have imposed an additional duty of 3 per cent. on all exports and imports.

(1200.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 30, 1861.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, enclosing a Royal Order reducing the import duties upon syphon bottles used for soda and other aerated waters to 1 real 50 cents per bottle if imported under the Spanish flag, and 1 real 65 cents if imported under Foreign flag, or by land.