

manner in all respects, as if this Order had not been made.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein given.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 4th day of *February*, 1875.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it was (amongst other things) enacted that Her Majesty might from time to time, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, fix the establishment to be maintained by each of the General Lighthouse Authorities on account of the services of lighthouses, buoys, and beacons, or the annual or other sums to be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund in respect of such establishments; and that no increase of any establishment or part of an establishment so fixed shall be made without the consent of the Board of Trade:

And whereas Her Majesty, by Orders in Council, dated respectively the twelfth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, was pleased to fix the establishments, as mentioned in each of those Orders in Council respectively, which might be maintained by the Commissioners of Irish Lights, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond (hereinafter called the Trinity House), respectively; and to fix that, in respect of such said establishments, the aggregate amount of the salaries which, under the provisions of the said Orders in Council, should for the time being be paid to the officers of the said establishments, should be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund:

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, Her Majesty was pleased to revoke so much of the before-mentioned Order in Council of the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, as relates to the salary of the Secretary to the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and to fix that the personal salary of Mr. Alexander Cuninghame, the then Secretary to the Commissioners, should, for such period as he might hold that office, be one thousand one hundred pounds per annum, to be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund:

And whereas Mr. Alexander Cuninghame has ceased to hold the said office since the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, since which day there has been no existing provision for any salary to the said office:

And whereas it is expedient that the establishments by the said recited Orders fixed to be maintained as aforesaid by the Commissioners of Irish Lights, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Trinity House respectively, on account of the services of lighthouses, buoys, and beacons, should be varied, and in part increased, in manner hereinafter appearing:

And whereas it has been made to appear that the increase to the several establishments mentioned herein has, in pursuance of "The Merchant

Shipping Act, 1854," been made with the consent of the Board of Trade:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power vested in Her by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to fix, and doth hereby fix, the establishments which may for the future be maintained by the Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights respectively, as follows, that is to say:—

The establishment of the Trinity House shall, as from the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, consist of the officers named in Schedule A to this Order, at the salaries of which the minimum annual increase and maximum are respectively mentioned in the same schedule; but the salaries of the officers who on the said twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, were on the establishment or in the service of the Trinity House, may, with the consent of the Board of Trade, be increased beyond the minimum, but shall not exceed the maximum, named in the same schedule.

The establishment of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses shall, as from the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, but subject to the proviso hereinafter mentioned, consist of the officers named in Schedule B to this Order, at the salaries of which the minimum annual increase and maximum are respectively mentioned in the same schedule; but the salaries of the officers who on the said first day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, were on the establishment of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses may, with the consent of the Board of Trade, be increased beyond the minimum, but shall not exceed the maximum, named in the same schedule: Provided that the minimum annual increment and maximum of the salary of the secretary, as mentioned in the said Schedule B to this Order, shall not come into operation until the appointment of the successor to the said Mr. Alexander Cuninghame.

The establishment of the Commissioners of Irish Lights shall, as from the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, consist of the officers named in Schedule C to this Order, at the salaries of which the minimum annual increase and maximum are respectively mentioned in the same schedule; but the salaries of the officers who on the said first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, were on the establishment of the Commissioners of Irish Lights, may, with the consent of the Board of Trade, be increased beyond the minimum, but shall not exceed the maximum, named in the same schedule; And the existing salary of the Cashier, though the office of Cashier is not included in Schedule C to this Order in Council, shall be continued to be paid to the present holder, Mr. Michael John O'Grady, during his tenure of the office.

And Her Majesty, by virtue and in further exercise of the power so vested in Her as aforesaid, and by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to fix, and doth hereby fix, that the entire amount of the salaries which, under the provisions of this present Order in Council, are for the time being payable to the officers of the establishments of the Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights respectively, shall be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund.

And Her Majesty, by virtue and in further exercise of the power so vested in Her as aforesaid,