

to such parts of Her Majesty's Civil Service as are comprised in the first and second (excluding the third) of the Reports made in the years 1874-5 by the Right Honourable Lyon Playfair and others appointed by the Commissioners of the Treasury to be a Commission for inquiring into various questions connected with the organization of Civil Departments of the State :

And whereas it is expedient that discretion should be given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs with the previous consent of the Commissioners of the Treasury, to apply the said Order in Council, so far as they may see fit, to such parts of the Customs Service as are comprised in the said Third Report :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered that the said Commissioners of Customs may, so far as they may see fit, and with the previous consent of the Commissioners of the Treasury, apply the said Order in Council to the Customs Service accordingly.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 27th day of *June*, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Act, 1869, it is (among other things) enacted, that where the Legislature of any British Possession provides for the examination of and grant of certificates of competency to persons intending to act as masters, mates, or engineers on board British ships, and the Board of Trade reports to Her Majesty that they are satisfied that the examinations are so conducted as to be equally efficient as the examinations for the same purpose in the United Kingdom under the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping, and that the certificates are granted on such principles as to show the like qualifications and competency as those granted under the said Acts, and are liable to be forfeited for the like reasons, and in the like manner, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council,—

1. To declare that the said certificates shall be of the same force as if they had been granted under the said Acts.

2. To declare that all or any of the provisions of the said Acts which relate to certificates of competency granted under those Acts shall apply to the certificates referred to in the said Order.

3. To impose such conditions and to make such regulations with respect to the said certificates, and to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension thereof as to Her Majesty may seem fit, and to impose penalties not exceeding fifty pounds for the breach of such conditions and regulations.

And that upon the publication in the London Gazette of any such Order in Council as last aforesaid, the provisions therein contained shall, from a date to be mentioned for the purpose in such Order, take effect as if they had been contained in the Act, and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to revoke any Order made as aforesaid.

And whereas the Governor-General of India in Council has by an Act, entitled "An Act for the Amendment of the Law relating to Merchant Seamen, No. 1 of 1859," and the Lieutenant-

Governor of Bengal in Council has by an Act, entitled "The Steam Boat Survey Amendment Act of 1868," provided for the examination of and grant of certificates of competency for foreign ships to persons intending to act as masters, mates, or engineers on board British ships, which certificates are hereinafter denominated Colonial Certificates of Competency, and the Board of Trade have reported to Her Majesty that they are satisfied that the said examinations are so conducted as to be equally efficient as the examinations for the same purpose in the United Kingdom under the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping, and that the certificates are granted on such principles as to show the like qualifications and competency as those granted under the said Acts, and are liable to be forfeited for the like reasons and in the like manner :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said first recited Act, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, is pleased,—

1. To declare that the said Colonial Certificates of Competency granted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the said British Possession of Bengal shall be of the same force as if they had been granted under the said Acts.

2. To declare that all the provisions of the said Acts which relate to certificates of competency for the foreign trade granted under those Acts, except so much of the 139th section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the 10th section of the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act, 1862, as requires the delivery by the Board of Trade to any master, mate, or engineer of a copy of any certificate to which he appears to be entitled as therein mentioned, so much of the third paragraph of the 23rd section of the said last-mentioned Act as requires at the conclusion of a case relating to the cancelling or suspending of a certificate, such certificate, if cancelled or suspended, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, and the whole of the provisions of the fourth paragraph of the same section shall apply to such Colonial Certificates of Competency.

3. To impose and make the conditions and regulations following, numbered 1 to 10 respectively, with respect to the said Colonial Certificates of Competency, and to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension thereof, and to impose for the breach of such conditions and regulations the penalties therein mentioned.

Form of Certificate.

1. Every such Colonial Certificate of Competency shall be on parchment, and as nearly as possible similar in shape and form to the corresponding Certificate of Competency for the Foreign Trade granted by the Board of Trade under the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping.

Name of Possession to be inserted.

2. Every such Colonial Certificate of Competency shall have the name of the said possession of Bengal inserted prominently on its face and back.

Certificates to be numbered consecutively.

3. Such Colonial Certificates of Competency shall be numbered in consecutive order.

Lists of Certificates granted, cancelled, &c., to be sent to Registrar-General of Seamen.

4. The government of the said possession shall furnish the Registrar-General of Seamen in London from time to time, with accurate lists of all such Colonial Certificates of Competency