

AT the Court at Windsor, the 3rd day of May, 1888.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, made in pursuance of section thirty-two of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," Her Majesty, on the application of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, being the Harbour Trust or Body Corporate owning or exercising jurisdiction upon the waters of the River Mersey, was pleased to make certain rules, set forth in the schedule thereto, concerning the lights or signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken, by vessels navigating the River Mersey.

And whereas the said Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have applied to Her Majesty in Council to make, and have submitted for approval, certain new rules concerning the lights or signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by vessels navigating the River Mersey, to be submitted for and in lieu of the rules set forth in the schedule to the said recited Order in Council of the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five; and in such new rules there are embodied, subject to certain exceptions and additions therein mentioned, the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea," sanctioned by an Order in Council dated the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, made in pursuance of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and set forth in the schedule to the said last-mentioned Order in Council.

And whereas the new rules so submitted as aforesaid appear to be reasonable and proper:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers in Her vested by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth hereby make the said new rules which are set forth in the schedule hereto, and Her Majesty doth hereby direct that the same shall come into operation on the third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and shall be substituted for and in lieu of the rules set forth in the schedule to the said recited Order in Council of the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and that on and after the said third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, the said last-mentioned rules shall be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

C. L. Peel.

SCHEDULE.

RULES concerning the Lights or Signals to be Carried, and Concerning the Steps for Avoiding Collision to be taken by Vessels Navigating the River Mersey.

1. Every vessel exceeding ten tons measurement, including river craft, while navigating, or anchored, or moored in any part of the River Mersey, shall, on and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, observe and obey the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea," as set out in the schedule annexed to the Order in Council made in pursuance of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and dated the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, with the exceptions and additions mentioned in the following rules.

2. Canal flats and all other vessels without

masts, whilst being towed, shall carry the lights prescribed for sailing vessels by Article 6 of the said "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea."

3. In addition to the lights for a steam vessel towing another vessel, prescribed by Article 4 of the said Regulations, such steam vessel shall carry a bright white light showing astern as a guiding light to the vessel or vessels being towed.

4. Instead of the light prescribed by Article 8 of the said Regulations, every vessel when at anchor in the River Mersey shall carry two white lights in globular lanterns of not less than eight inches in diameter, and so constructed as to show a clear, uniform, and unbroken light visible all round the horizon for at least one mile, one of which lights shall be placed at a height not exceeding twenty feet above the hull on the fore-stay, or otherwise near the bow where it may best be seen, and the other at the main or mizen peak, or on the boom topping lift, or other position near the stern, at double the height of the bow-light before mentioned.

5. Instead of the light prescribed by Article 11 of the said Regulations, a bright white light shall be shown continuously between sunset and sunrise in all weathers, on board every vessel while under way and in motion. Such light shall be of such a character as to be visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere at a distance of at least one mile; it shall be so constructed as to show an uniform and unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twelve points of the compass, and it shall be so fixed as to throw the light right astern and for six points therefrom on each quarter of the vessel.

6. A vessel anchored to mark the position of a wreck or other obstruction shall carry, in all weathers from sunset to sunrise, two bright white lights similar to those mentioned in Rule 4, which lights shall be placed horizontally on a cross-yard on the foremast at a height not exceeding twenty feet above the hull and twenty feet apart, and the said vessel shall carry, in all weathers between sunrise and sunset, two black balls placed as hereinbefore ordered with regard to the lights aforesaid.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the province, with respect to his own diocese, and whenever it shall be represented to him by the Bishop of any diocese, or by the Bishops of any two dioceses, that two or more benefices, or that one or more benefice or benefices, and one or more spiritual sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, in his or their diocese or dioceses, being either in the same parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand five hundred persons, may, with advantage to the interests of religion, be united into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case; and if on such inquiry it shall appear