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**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 24th day of *November*, 1891.

PRESENT,

The **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that "Her Majesty may, 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-mentioned (that is to say) the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the port of Dublin Corporation, now called the Commissioners of Irish Lights;

"And may also, by and with the like advice, from time to time increase or vary any of such dues, so that no dues payable in respect of any lighthouse buoy or beacon existing at the time when this Act comes into operation are made to exceed the amount which has at any period previous to such time been received in respect thereof, or to which the said dues might during any part of such period as last aforesaid lawfully have been raised."

And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted that "Tables of all light dues, and a copy of the regulations for the time being in force in respect thereof, shall be posted up at all Custom Houses within the United Kingdom, and each of the said General Lighthouse Authorities shall from time to time, as occasion requires, furnish copies of such tables and Regulations to the Commissioners of Customs in London, and to the principal officers of Customs resident at all places where light dues are collected on account of such lighthouse authority; and such copies shall be posted up by the Commissioners at the Custom House in London, and by such officers at the Custom Houses of the places at which they are respectively resident";

And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted that "Upon completion of any new lighthouse buoy or beacon, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such dues in respect thereof to be paid by the master or owner of every ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may from time to time alter the amount thereof:

and such dues shall be paid and collected in the same manner, by the same means, and subject to the same conditions in, by, and subject to which the light dues authorized to be levied by this Act are paid and collected";

And whereas by "The Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous) Act, 1887," it is enacted that "In the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the Acts amending the same, the expression 'lighthouses' shall, in addition to the meaning assigned to it by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, include sirens and all other descriptions of fog-signals, and the expression 'new lighthouse' shall include the addition to any existing lighthouse of any improved light or any siren or any description of fog-signal";

And whereas by Order in Council dated the twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy (which came into operation on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy), Her Majesty was pleased to approve certain revised and amended New Consolidated Tables of Light Dues (Over-sea Section) levied by the said General Lighthouse Authorities respectively in the form thereunto annexed, together with the several reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions therein contained; and amongst other regulations and exemptions it was thereby provided that all vessels trading between ports in the United Kingdom and ports in Europe (excepting ports in the Mediterranean) should, in respect of every light passed on the whole voyage out and home, be liable to only one payment of dues for each general passing light.

And whereas by Order in Council dated the sixteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, Her Majesty was pleased to approve certain New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties (Coast Section), levied as aforesaid in the form thereunto annexed, together with the several reductions, variations, abatements, regulations, and exemptions therein contained.

And whereas by various Orders in Council since made in pursuance of the said Act in respect of certain new lighthouses, buoys, and beacons within the meaning of the said Acts, certain tolls have been directed to be paid for over-sea vessels and for coasting vessels respectively, subject to a certain abatement or discount, and the regulations and exemptions mentioned in the said New Consolidated Tables of Light Duties, and to the Order in Council for the time being in force.