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AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 24th day of *August*, 1895.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.
 Marquess of Salisbury.
 Earl of Coventry.
 Lord Arthur Hill.

WHEREAS by "The Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act, 1895," it is enacted that Her Majesty the Queen may by Order in Council prohibit, during the period specified by the Order, the catching of seals by British ships in such parts of the seas to which that Act applies as are specified by the Order; and that for carrying into effect an arrangement with any foreign State an Order in Council may provide that the powers under the Act of any commissioned officer on full pay in the Naval Service of Her Majesty the Queen may, subject to any limitations, conditions, modifications, and exceptions specified in the Order, be exercised in relation to a British ship, and the equipment, crew, and certificate thereof, by such officers of the said foreign State as are specified in the Order, and that any such Order may contain any limitations, conditions, modifications, and exceptions which appear to Her Majesty in Council expedient for carrying into effect the object of that Act;

And whereas the said Act applies to the seas within that part of the Pacific Ocean known as Behring Sea, and within such other parts of the North Pacific Ocean as are north of the forty-second parallel of north latitude;

And whereas an arrangement has been made between Her Majesty the Queen and His Majesty the Emperor of Russia whereby British ships engaged in hunting seals within such parts of the said seas as are hereinafter specified may be seized by Russian cruisers:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. From and after the date of the present Order, until Her Majesty in Council shall otherwise direct, the catching of seals by British ships is hereby prohibited within such parts of the seas to which the recited Act applies as are comprised within the following zones (in this Order referred to as "the prohibited zones"), that is to say:—

(1.) A zone of ten marine miles on all the Russian coasts of Behring Sea and the North Pacific Ocean; and

(2.) A zone of thirty marine miles round the Kormandorsky Islands and Tulénew (Robben Island).

2. The powers under the recited Act of a commissioned officer on full pay in the Naval Service of Her Majesty may be exercised in relation to a British ship, and the equipment, crew, and certificate thereof, by the Captain or other officer in command of any war-vessel of His Majesty the Emperor of Russia (hereinafter referred to as an "authorized Russian officer"), but subject to the limitations, conditions, modifications, and exceptions following, that is to say:—

(1.) The said powers shall not be exercised by an authorized Russian officer, except in relation to British ships engaged in hunting seals within either of the prohibited zones.

(2.) A British ship shall not be liable to seizure or detention by an authorized Russian officer by reason of the contravention of any Regulations made under section two of the recited Act.

(3.) The powers under section three of the recited Act of detaining any portion of the equipment or any of the crew, and the powers under section four of giving a provisional certificate in lieu of a ship's certificate which is seized and retained, or of indorsing on a certificate the grounds on which it was seized, and of directing the ship to proceed forthwith to a specified port, shall not be exercised in relation to a British ship by an authorized Russian officer.

(4.) Where an authorized Russian officer in exercise of the said powers stops and examines and detains a British ship or her certificate of registry, he shall as soon as possible hand over the ship, or deliver or transmit the certificate, as the case may be, either to the Commanding Officer of a British cruiser or to the nearest British authority, as defined by this Order, and shall then, or within a reasonable time thereafter, satisfy such officer or authority that there were reasonable grounds for the detention or seizure, and that the case is proper to be adjudicated in a British Court, and also furnish to such officer or authority the evidence sufficient, in the opinion of such officer or authority, for such adjudication; and if the said Russian officer fails to satisfy such officer or authority, or to furnish to such officer or authority such sufficient evidence as aforesaid, the said officer or authority may release the ship.