

made in pursuance of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act 1862" and, as to the first part thereof, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, and, as to the second part thereof, with the consent of the Governments of the several foreign countries mentioned in the Second Schedule thereto, Her Majesty was pleased to direct, first, that, on and after the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty the regulations (being Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea) appended to an Order in Council of the ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three and the additions to the said regulations contained in an Order in Council of the thirtieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight should be annulled and that there should be substituted for the said regulations and additions respectively, the regulations contained in the First Schedule thereto, second, that the said regulations contained in the said First Schedule thereto should, from and after the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty, apply to ships of the countries mentioned in the Second Schedule thereto whether within British jurisdiction or not.

And whereas by several Orders in Council subsequently made, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the regulations contained in the First Schedule to the said Order in Council of the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine should apply to the ships of the countries specified in the said several Orders whether within British jurisdiction or not but subject to the modifications mentioned in the said several Orders or any of them :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the eleventh day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four and expressed to be made in pursuance of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that on and after the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, the regulations contained in the Schedule thereto (being Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea and as to Signals of Distress) should so far as regards British ships and boats, be substituted for the regulations contained in the First Schedule to the hereinbefore recited Order in Council of the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine :

And whereas by several Orders in Council subsequently made, Her Majesty was pleased to direct that the regulations contained in the said Schedule to the said Order in Council of the eleventh day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four should apply to the ships of the countries specified in the said several Orders whether within British jurisdiction or not, but subject to the modifications mentioned in the same Orders or any of them and that such regulations subject as aforesaid, should as regards the ships and boats of the said several countries in the said several Orders now in recital specified to which the regulations contained in the First Schedule to the hereinbefore recited Order in Council of the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine applied by virtue of any Order in Council, be substituted therefor :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six and expressed to be made in pursuance of section four hundred and eighteen of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,"

and on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade Her Majesty was pleased to direct that, on and after the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea contained in the said recited Order in Council dated the eleventh day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, except the Article numbered ten in such Regulations, should be annulled, and the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea contained in Schedule I thereto annexed should be substituted therefor (with the exception aforesaid) and come into operation as regards British ships and boats, and by the same Order and in pursuance of section four hundred and thirty-four of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," Her Majesty was further pleased to direct that on and after the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven the Regulations or Rules as to signals of distress contained in the Schedule to the said Order in Council dated the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, should be annulled and the rules as to signals of distress contained in Schedule II to the Order now in recital annexed should be substituted therefor and come into operation as regards British ships and boats.

And whereas the provisions of sub-section two of section seven hundred and thirty-eight of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," have been complied with in regard to the said lastly hereinbefore recited Order in Council.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty in Council that the Governments of the several countries specified in Schedule III hereto are willing that the said Regulations contained in Schedule I to the said recited Order of the twenty-seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six and in Schedule I to this Order should apply to the ships of those countries when beyond the limits of British jurisdiction :

And whereas it has also been made to appear to Her Majesty that the Governments of the same countries are also desirous that the rules made in pursuance of the provisions of section four hundred and thirty-four of "The Merchant Shipping Act 1894" (being the rules contained in Schedule II to the said recited Order of the twenty-seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six and in Schedule II to this Order) in so far as they do not apply to the ships of those countries, should so apply.

And whereas the Government of China is desirous that the application of such Regulations and rules shall be limited to war and merchant ships of foreign type :

And whereas the operation of this Order immediately on and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, is urgent, this Order shall come into operation on and after that date ; and shall be a *Provisional* Order within the meaning of "The Rules Publication Act 1893 :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by section four hundred and twenty-four of "The Merchant Shipping Act 1894," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that, on and after the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea contained in Schedule I to the said Order of the twenty-seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in Schedule I to this Order annexed, shall apply to the ships of the said several countries specified in Schedule III hereto annexed, whether within