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*Whitehall, September 24, 1900.*

**A** DDRESSES of Condolence on the occasion of the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh, have been received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from the Stockport Corporation, for presentation to Her Majesty, and to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and have been presented accordingly.

*Whitehall, September 24, 1900.*

**A** MESSAGE of Condolence (in the form of a Resolution) on the occasion of the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh, has been received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from the Twickenham Urban District Council, for presentation to Her Majesty, and has been presented accordingly.

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 17th day of *September, 1900.*

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by "The Dockyard Ports Regulation Act 1865," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make regulations for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary with a view to the proper protection of Her Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of Her Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act certain regulations and rules were made by Order in Council dated the twenty-sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth:

And whereas it appears expedient that such regulations should be amended:

And whereas the provisions of section one of "The Rules Publication Act 1893," have been complied with:

Now therefore Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Her vested, is pleased by and with the advice

of Her Privy Council, to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. This Order shall take effect from the date hereof.

2. On this Order taking effect the following clause shall be inserted in the First Schedule of the Order in Council of the twenty-sixth February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, after clause 15 and shall be numbered 15a:—

No merchant or other private vessel laden wholly or in part with petroleum shall pass within the limits of the harbour until certificates to the effect hereinafter mentioned have been lodged with the Queen's Harbour Master, and his permission has been obtained.

*First.* A test certificate from the port of shipment signed by a person skilled in the testing of petroleum and countersigned if the port of shipment be a foreign port by the British Consul and if the port of shipment be a British port by the Collector or other proper Officer of Customs to the effect that the oil does not give off inflammable vapour below the temperature of seventy-three degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer.

*Second.* A certificate from the importers or brokers of the petroleum to the same effect.

Any ship laden as above shall anchor near the edge of the Spit Sand with the Spit Fort bearing north-east by east, until permission to pass within the limits of the Harbour is obtained.

*A. W. Fitz Roy.*

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 17th day of *September, 1900.*

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the thirteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and expressed to be made in pursuance of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1891," and of "The Mersey Channels Act, 1897," 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 and the sea channels or approaches thereto, was pleased to make certain rules, set forth in the Schedule to such Order, 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 the sea channels or approaches to the River Mersey between the Rock Lighthouse and the furthest