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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1908.

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 21st day of *November*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day Sir James Rennell Rodd, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., C.B., Herbert Louis Samuel, Esquire, M.P., Sir Charles Benjamin Bright McLaren, Baronet, M.P., and Sir Edward George Clarke, K.C., were, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their places at the Board accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 21st day of *November*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day Joseph Albert Pease, Esquire, M.P., was, by His Majesty's command, admitted, on affirmation, as a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 21st day of *November*, 1908.

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section four hundred and forty-five of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that where the Board of Trade certify that the laws and regulations for the time being in force in any foreign country and relating to overloading and improper loading are equally effective with the

provisions of that Act relating thereto, His Majesty in Council may direct that on proof of a ship of that country having complied with those laws and regulations, she shall not, when in a port of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the said provisions of that Act, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions:

And whereas by section one of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, provision, as is more particularly therein mentioned, is made for applying to foreign ships when in ports in the United Kingdom certain sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, which relate to loadline without prejudice to any direction of His Majesty in Council given under the said section four hundred and forty-five of the last mentioned Act:

And whereas the Board of Trade have certified that certain statutory regulations which have been approved by the German Government relating to overloading, so far as regards the assignment of loadlines to German ships on and after the first January, one thousand nine hundred and nine, are equally effective with the corresponding regulations in force in this country respecting the assignment of loadlines to British merchant ships.

Now therefore, His Majesty in Council doth direct that on proof that German ships have complied with the aforesaid German regulations, such ships shall not, when in ports of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to overloading, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions.

A. W. FitzRoy.