

At the *Council Chamber, Whitehall*, the
17th day of *January*, 1912.

PRESENT,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ARTHUR
OF CONNAUGHT.
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.
LORD CHANCELLOR.
LORD PRESIDENT.

Lord Privy Seal.
Mr. G. W. E. Russell.
Colonel J. E. B. Seely.
Mr. T. J. Macnamara.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased by His Commission dated the 10th day of November, 1911, to nominate and appoint His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., G.C.V.O., His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, G.C.V.O., the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Lord President of the Council, or any two of them, in His Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom, to summon and hold on His Majesty's behalf His Privy Council, and to signify thereat His Majesty's approval of any matter or thing to which His Majesty's approval in Council is required.

And whereas it is among other things enacted by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, that the Legislature of any British Possession may by any Act or Ordinance, confirmed by His Majesty in Council, repeal wholly or in part any provisions of the said Act (other than those of the third part thereof which relate to emigrant ships) relating to ships registered in that Possession, but that any such Act or Ordinance shall not take effect until the approval of His Majesty has been proclaimed in the Possession or until such time thereafter as may be fixed by the Act or Ordinance for the purpose:

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session held in the 15th and 16th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, amongst other things, declared that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the 10th day of September, 1907, His late Majesty King Edward VII was graciously pleased to change the style and designation of "the Colony of New Zealand" to "the Dominion of New Zealand":

And whereas a certain Bill (1911, No. 37) passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Dominion, entitled "An Act to amend the Shipping and Seamen Act, 1908," was presented to the Governor of the said Dominion for His Majesty's assent:

And whereas the said Bill was reserved by the said Governor for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon:

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before the Board, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be con-

firmed and assented to on behalf of His Majesty:

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Lord President of the Council, being authorized thereto by His Majesty's said Commission, in pursuance of the said Acts and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to His Majesty as aforesaid, do by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, confirm, and declare His Majesty's assent to, the said Bill.

Almeric FitzRoy.

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And whereas by section 659 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (which is a section in Part XI of that Act and which re-enacts similar provisions by the said Act repealed of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854), it is (among other things) enacted that His Majesty may by Order in Council fix the establishments to be maintained by each of the General Lighthouse Authorities on account of the services of lighthouses, buoys, and beacons, or the annual or other sums to be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund in respect of these establishments, and that an increase of any establishment or part of an establishment so fixed shall not be made without the consent of the Board of Trade:

And whereas by section 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, it is (among other things) provided that references in Part XI of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, to the Mercantile Marine Fund shall be construed as references to the General Lighthouse Fund by the now reciting Act constituted:

And whereas His late Majesty, by Order in Council dated the 10th day of May, 1905, was pleased to fix the establishment which might be maintained by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses and the amount of the