

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 16th day of *June*, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His 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 in relation to any Dockyard Port 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 His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas by the same Act it is also enacted that in relation to any Dockyard Port it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council, from time to time, by Order in Council, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, to make rules concerning the lights or signals to be carried or used, and the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by His Majesty's vessels and other vessels navigating the waters of the Port and of the approaches thereto:

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act certain regulations were made by Orders in Council, dated the 29th day of June, 1888, and the 24th day of October, 1911, and certain rules were made by Order in Council of the 9th day of February, 1914, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Chatham and Sheerness:

And whereas it appears expedient to repeal the said Orders in Council and regulations and rules, and to substitute therefor this Order and the regulations and rules contained in the First and Second Schedules hereto respectively, and to constitute the two Dockyard Ports of Chatham and Sheerness in lieu of the Dockyard Port of Chatham and Sheerness:

And whereas the provisions of Section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, and, so far as regards the rules contained in the Second Schedule hereto, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

#### PRELIMINARY.

1. This Order shall take effect from one calendar month from the date hereof.

2. On this Order taking effect, the said Orders of the 29th June, 1888, the 24th October, 1911, and the 9th February, 1914, shall cease to operate, and in lieu of the Dockyard Port of Chatham and Sheerness by those Orders defined or referred to there shall be defined by this Order, the Dockyard Port of Chatham, and the Dockyard Port of Sheerness, the limits whereof, respectively, are described in paragraph 4 hereof, and in lieu of the regulations and rules by those Orders or any of them made in relation to the said Dockyard Port of Chatham and Sheerness the regulations and rules set forth in the First and Second Schedules to this Order are hereby

made and shall have effect in relation both to the Dockyard Port of Chatham and the Dockyard Port of Sheerness.

3. In this Order and in the Schedules hereto:—

The term "vessel" shall mean and include ship, boat, lighter and craft of every kind however propelled;

The term "steam vessel" shall include any vessel propelled by machinery;

The term "master" shall mean the person having command or charge of the vessel for the time being;

The term "King's Harbour Master" shall mean, as regards the Dockyard Port of Chatham, the person for the time being appointed to be King's Harbour Master for Chatham under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, and, as regards the Dockyard Port of Sheerness, the person for the time being appointed to be King's Harbour Master for Sheerness under the said Act.

The term "Dockyard Ports" shall mean the two Dockyard Ports of Chatham and Sheerness as they are respectively defined in paragraph 4 hereof.

#### DESCRIPTION OF LIMITS.

4. For the purposes of the said Act and of this Order and of the Schedules hereto—

(1) The limits of the Dockyard Port of Sheerness shall be as follows, namely, from the seaward limits hereinafter mentioned up the river Medway as far as a line drawn from the black beacon on Oakham Ness to the Birdcage beacon near King's Ferry Saltings on the opposite side of the river, including all bays, creeks, lakes, pools and rivers, as far as the tide flows, lying or outflowing between the seaward limits and the said line.

The seaward limits shall be as follows, namely, a straight line drawn North (true) for 500 yards from the London Stone, which is situated on the east side of Yantlet Creek; from thence a straight line drawn East (true) until Eastchurch Church bears South (true); and from thence a straight line drawn South (true) through Eastchurch Church to the high-water mark on the south side of the Swale.

(2) The limits of the Dockyard Port of Chatham shall be as follows, namely, from the line drawn as aforesaid from the black beacon on Oakham Ness to the Birdcage beacon aforesaid to the first lock situated between Aylesford Bridge and Allington Castle, including all bays, creeks, lakes, pools and rivers, as far as the tide flows, lying or outflowing between the line aforesaid and the said lock.

#### DELINEATION OF LIMITS.

5. On the chart accompanying this Order are marked the line drawn as aforesaid from the said black beacon to the said Birdcage beacon and all the seaward limits referred to.

#### PENALTIES.

6. Any infringement of the regulations contained in the First Schedule hereto shall render the person infringing liable to the penalty prescribed in clause 21 of the said Schedule.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*