

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *January*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
 Lord Chamberlain.
 Mr. Lewis Harcourt.
 Sir Francis Hopwood.
 Sir Matthew Joyce.
 Sir Frederick Banbury, Bart
 Sir Daniel Ford Goddard.
 Mr. George N. Barnes.
 Mr. William Crooks.
 Mr. Frederick L. Harris.
 Mr. Donald Maclean.
 Sir Lawrence H. Jenkins.

WHEREAS by Section 737 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," it is provided that where, under that Act, anything is authorized to be done by, to, or before, a British Consular Officer, and in any place outside His Majesty's Dominions in which His Majesty has jurisdiction there is no such Officer, such thing may be done in that place by, to, or before, such Officer as His Majesty in Council may direct:

And whereas the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," has been amended by the following Acts, namely, the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1897," the "Merchant Shipping (Exemption from Pilotage) Act, 1897," the "Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Act, 1898," the "Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898," the "Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and others) Act, 1900," the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1906," the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1907," the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1911," the "Merchant Shipping (Certificates) Act, 1914," and the "Merchant Shipping (Conventions) Act, 1914," which Acts are to be construed as one with the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894:"

And whereas the "Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Allotment) Act, 1911," was passed to remove doubts as to the true interpretation of Section 142 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and Section 62 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1906:"

And whereas all the before-mentioned Acts, together with any Act amending the same, are hereinafter referred to as the Merchant Shipping Acts:

And whereas the State of North Borneo is a place outside His Majesty's Dominions in which His Majesty has jurisdiction, but in which there is no Consular Officer:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is expedient that the Officer hereinafter named should exercise and perform in the said State the powers and duties of a British Consular Officer under the Merchant Shipping Acts:

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council, by virtue of the power vested in Him by Section 737 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," is pleased to direct that anything which is, under the Merchant Shipping Acts, authorized to be done by, to, or before, a British Consular Officer may be done in the State of North Borneo by, to, or before, the Officer for the time being acting as District Officer, Tawao, North Borneo.

Almeric FitzRoy.

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PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the 11th day of October, 1912, and expressed to be made in pursuance of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and of the "Mersey Channels Act, 1897," His 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 point seawards to which such Channels or approaches respectively are, for the time being, buoyed on both sides:

And whereas the said Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have applied to His Majesty in Council to make, and have submitted for approval, certain new Rules concerning Lights or Signals to be carried, and the steps for avoiding collision to be taken, by vessels navigating the River Mersey and the Sea Channels or approaches thereto within certain specified limits, to be substituted for, and in lieu of, the Rules set forth in the Schedule to the said recited Order in Council of the 11th day of October, 1912, and in such new Rules there are embodied, subject to certain exceptions and additions therein mentioned, the "Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea," made in pursuance of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and which may from time to time be in force:

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

And whereas the new Rules so submitted as aforesaid appear to be reasonable and proper:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in Him vested by the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and by the "Mersey Channels Act, 1897," and of any other powers Him thereunto enabling, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to declare that the said Order in Council of the 11th day of October, 1912, shall, as from the 28th day of February, 1916, be revoked, and His Majesty is further pleased to make the Rules set forth in the Schedule hereto, and to direct that the same shall continue in operation as from the said 28th day of February, 1916.

Almeric FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE.

RULES 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 thereto, between the Rock Lighthouse and the furthest point seawards to which such Sea Channels or approaches respectively are for the time being buoyed on both sides.

1. Every vessel, of whatever description, used in navigation, when in any part of the