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TUESDAY, 10 MAY, 1921.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the
14th day of *February*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Lord Lee of Fareham.

Mr. Secretary Churchill.

Secretary Sir L. Worthington-Evans.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

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 it is also enacted by the said Act that the Legislature of a British Possession may by any Act or Ordinance regulate the coasting trade of that British Possession, subject in every case to the following conditions:—

(a) The Act or Ordinance shall contain a suspending clause providing that the Act or

Ordinance shall not come into operation until His Majesty's pleasure thereon has been publicly signified in the British Possession in which it has been passed.

(b) The Act or Ordinance shall treat all British ships (including the ships of any other British Possession) in exactly the same manner as ships of the British Possession in which it is made.

(c) Where by treaty made before the passing of the Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Act, 1869 (that is to say, before the 13th day of May, 1869), His Majesty has agreed to grant to any ships of any foreign State any rights or privileges in respect of the coasting trade of any British Possession, those rights and privileges shall be enjoyed by those ships for so long as His Majesty has already agreed or may hereafter agree to grant the same, anything in the Act or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas on the 18th day of December, 1912, a certain Bill was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, entitled "An Act relating to Navigation and Shipping," and was presented to the Governor-General of the said Commonwealth for His Majesty's assent:

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