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FRIDAY, 3 JULY, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *June*, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Section"), it is, amongst other things, enacted as follows:—

"5.—(1) On and after the commencement of this Act, the general lighthouse authorities shall levy light dues with respect to the voyages made by ships or by way of periodical payment, and not with respect to the lights which a ship passes or from which it derives benefit, and the dues so levied shall take the place of the dues now levied by those authorities.

"(2) The scale and rules set out in the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of this Act, but Her Majesty may by Order in Council, alter, either generally or with respect to particular classes of cases, the scale or rules and the exemptions therefrom."

And whereas from time to time divers Orders in Council have been made in pursuance of the said Section:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the Scale and Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act should be further altered in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Him by the said Section, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1931, and shall have effect from the date of its publication in the *London Gazette*.

2. Each of the dues authorised to be levied in accordance with the Scale set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act shall be subject to an increase of twenty per cent. for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of the said recited Act.

3. The payments referred to in the proviso to Rule (1) and in the proviso to Rule (7) of the Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act shall also be subject to an increase of twenty per cent.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *June*, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 20 of the Finance Act, 1894, as modified by Article 14 of the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of the Taxing Acts) Order, 1922, and by Article 2 of the Irish Free State (Consequential Adaptation