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TUESDAY, 4 APRIL, 1939

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 30th day of *March*, 1939.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898 (61 & 62 Vict. c. 44) (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 take 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 by the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1938, certain alterations were made in the Scale and Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act:

And whereas it is expedient that such last recited Order should be revoked:

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

Now, therefore, His Majesty in exercise of the powers vested in Him by the said Section and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(a) This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1939, and shall have effect from the first day of April, 1939, or from the date of its publication in the London Gazette, whichever date shall be the later.

(b) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (52 & 53 Vict. c. 63), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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 50 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 50 per cent.

4. The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1938, is hereby revoked.

Rupert B. Howorth.