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FRIDAY, 22 MARCH, 1946

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *March*, 1946.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 26th day of February, 1946 (P.M. 1584/46) in the words following viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of service in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine, therein, or to the widow or relative of a deceased Officer, Seaman or Marine, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions, as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Your Majesty's Orders in Council dated 28th September 1944 and 24th January 1945, provision is made for the increase of certain Naval pensions and other awards, including awards administered by the Minister of Pensions, to continue in force until 31st December 1945:

"And whereas we deem it expedient, that the said provisions for the increase of the pensions and other awards should continue beyond the 31st December 1945:

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to extend the provisions of the aforesaid Orders to 31st March 1947.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *March*, 1946.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 670 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that when any Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon has either before or after passing of that Act been erected or placed on or near the coast of any British Possession by or with the consent of the Legislature of that Possession, His Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such dues (in that Act referred to as Colonial Light Dues) to be

paid in respect of that Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon by the Owner or Master of every Ship which passes the same and derives benefit therefrom as His Majesty may deem reasonable, and may by like Order increase, diminish or repeal such Dues, and those Dues shall from the time mentioned in the Order be leviable throughout His Majesty's Dominions, and further that Colonial Light Dues shall not be levied in any British Possession unless the Legislature of that Possession has, by address to the Crown or by Act or Ordinance duly passed, signified its opinion that the Dues ought to be levied:

And whereas the Great Basses Lighthouse, the Little Basses Lighthouse, and the Minicoy Lighthouse are Lighthouses which have been duly erected under and pursuant to the said Section:•

And whereas by Orders in Council, dated respectively the 22nd day of May, 1883, the 9th day of May, 1892, the 29th day of June, 1896, the 10th day of August, 1903, the 21st day of October, 1912, the 6th day of February, 1917, the 14th day of July, 1922, the 6th day of February, 1925, the 5th day of November, 1926, and the 27th day of October, 1930, the Dues leviable in respect of the said Lighthouses for the Classes of Ships therein respectively mentioned were duly fixed:

And whereas by Order in Council, dated the 26th day of February, 1934, His Majesty directed that, as from the 1st day of April, 1934, or from the time of the receipt of notice of that Order, if that be later, by the Officers authorised to collect Light Dues, the Dues thenceforth to be levied should be as follows, that is to say, in respect of the Great Basses Lighthouse and the Little Basses Lighthouse, three hundredths of one penny per ton, and in respect of the Minicoy Lighthouse one hundredth of one penny per ton, of the burden of every ship on every voyage in which she passes or derives benefit from the said Lights respectively:

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

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers so vested in Him by the above recited provisions, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth by this Order in Council order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as "The Colonial Light Dues (Great and Little Basses and Minicoy) Order 1946".

2. As from the 1st day of April, 1946, or from the time of the receipt of this Order, if that be later, by the Officers authorised to collect Light Dues, the Dues thenceforth to be levied shall be as follows, that is to say, in respect of the Great Basses Lighthouse and the Little Basses Lighthouse, three twentieths of one penny per ton, and in respect of the Minicoy Lighthouse, one twentieth of one penny per ton of the burden of every ship on every voyage in which she passes or derives benefit from the said Lights respectively.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.