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TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER, 1946

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of December, 1946.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in the exercise of powers conferred on Him by Section 1 of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944 (7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 44), His Majesty in Council was pleased to make the Diplomatic Privileges (U.N.R.R.A.) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 79)), the Diplomatic Privileges (U.N.I.O., the Refugees Committee and E.A.C.) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 84)), the Diplomatic Privileges (The Transport Organisation and War Crimes Commission) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1211)), the Diplomatic Privileges (United Nations Organisation and Preparatory Commission) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1539)), the Diplomatic Privileges (Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1638)), the Diplomatic Privileges (the Transport Organisation Amendment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1639)), the Diplomatic Privileges (the European Coal Organisation) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 895));

And whereas, The European Advisory Commission and the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations having ceased to exist, it is expedient to revoke the aforesaid Orders in so far as they apply to these organisations:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the provisions of the said Orders.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers on this behalf by the aforesaid Act or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Article 1 (i) Each of the aforesaid Orders shall from the date when this Order enters into force have effect as if the words "and rates" were omitted from paragraph 3 of Part II and from paragraph 2 of Part III of the Schedule to the aforesaid Act.

(ii) The words "and rates" shall be omitted from each of the aforesaid Orders wherever they appear.

Article 2. The Diplomatic Privileges (U.N.I.O., the Refugees Committee and E.A.C.) Order, 1945, is hereby revoked in so far as it applies to the European Advisory Commission.

Article 3. The Diplomatic Privileges (United Nations Organisation and Preparatory Commission) Order, 1945, is hereby revoked in so far as it applies to the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations.

Article 4 (i) This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic Privileges (General Amendment) Order in Council, 1946.

(ii) This Order shall be laid before Parliament. It shall enter into force on the 4th day of January, 1947.

And the Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to give the necessary directions herein.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The purpose of this Order is:

(a) To revoke S.R.O's., 1945, Nos. 79, 84, 1211, 1539, 1638, 1639 and S.R.O., 1946, No. 895 in so far as they apply to the European Advisory Commission and the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, as these bodies have ceased to exist.

(b) To revoke the exemption from rates accorded to individuals as the representatives of Governments to, or as officials of, any of the International Organisations which have been accorded immunities and privileges under the various Diplomatic Privileges Orders referred to. This change brings existing Orders in Council made under the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944, into line with the provisions of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1946, which does not give power to grant exemptions from rates to such persons.

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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 by an Act passed in the Session held in the 15th and 16th years of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, entitled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, amongst other things, declared that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New Zealand until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Colony, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same:

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the 9th day of September, 1907, His Majesty King