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Privy Council Office, 22nd April, 1947.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to His Majesty in Council the draft of an Order in Council under Section 738 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, entitled "The Northern Lighthouse Board (Establishment) Order, 1947."

And notice is hereby further given, that copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body within forty days of the date of this notice at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.
18th April, 1947.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 18th day of April, 1947, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Fergus Dunlop Morton, Knight, M.C., one of the Lords Justices of Appeal, to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary under the provisions of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1947, and to grant to him the dignity of a Baron for life by the style and title of Baron Morton of Henryryton, of Henryryton in the county of Ayr.

Whitehall, April 22, 1947.

A Royal Commission has been issued to the following effect:—

HENRY. } On behalf
 } of
MARY. } His Majesty.

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, to

Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir William David Ross, Knight Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Laws, Fellow of the British Academy;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Ernest Darwin, Baron Simon of Wythenshawe, Doctor of Laws, Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers; Our Trusty and Well-beloved:

Sir Charles Geoffrey Vickers, Knight, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Victoria Cross;

Sir George Alexander Waters, Knight, Doctor of Laws;

George Malcolm Young, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Hubert Hull, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Barrister-at-Law;

John Benstead, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Eirwen Mary Owen, Spinster, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; Melbourn Evans Aubrey, Esquire, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Master of Arts;

Neil Scobie Beaton, Esquire;
Lady Violet Bonham-Carter;
Robert Charles Kirkwood Ensor, Esquire, Master of Arts, Barrister-at-Law;
John Boynton Priestley, Esquire, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Laws;
Wright Robinson, Esquire;
Gilbert Granville Sharp, Esquire, Bachelor of Laws, Barrister-at-Law;
Reginald Holmes Wilson, Esquire; and
Barbara Frances Wootton, wife of George Percival Wright, Esquire,

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue with the object of furthering the free expression of opinion through the Press and the greatest practicable accuracy in the presentation of news to inquire into the control, management and ownership of the newspaper and periodical Press and the news agencies, including the financial structure and the monopolistic tendencies in control, and to make recommendations thereon:

Now know Ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said Sir William David Ross (Chairman); Ernest Darwin, Baron Simon of Wythenshawe; Sir Charles Geoffrey Vickers; Sir George Alexander Waters; George Malcolm Young; Hubert Hull; John Benstead; Eirwen Mary Owen; Melbourn Evans Aubrey; Neil Scobie Beaton; Lady Violet Bonham-Carter; Robert Charles Kirkwood Ensor; John Boynton Priestley; Wright Robinson; Gilbert Granville Sharp; Reginald Holmes Wilson and Barbara Frances Wootton, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry;

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you or any five or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; to call for information in writing; and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid: