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FRIDAY, 25 JUNE, 1948

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *June*, 1948.

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 by the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 No. 1516), 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, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1.—(a) This Order shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the London Gazette and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1948.

(b) The Interpretation Act, 1889, 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 300 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 300 per cent.

4. The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1947, is hereby revoked.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *June*, 1948.

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 20th day of May, 1948 (C.W.5370/48), 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 services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer Seaman or Marine therein 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 Section VI to Schedule V to Order in Council bearing date 22nd January, 1920, provision is made inter alia for the payment to Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank and to Warrant Officers when messing in the Wardroom of an allowance of rs. 6d. per day in respect of the difference in mess subscription:

"And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by your Order in Council dated the 6th day of May, 1938, to approve the increase of the allowance to rs. 10d. per day:

"And whereas we are of the opinion that all officers of the Warrant Officer classes should be regarded as Wardroom Officers for messing purposes and the Warrant Officers Mess as such be abolished, and that payment of the difference in mess subscription should accordingly lapse:

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by your Order in Council to sanction this proposal with effect from 1st July, 1948:

"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 22nd day of *June*, 1948.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas the Church Commissioners for England have prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Supplementary Scheme bearing date the 27th day of May 1948, in the words and figures following, that is to say: