No. 86.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders and Specifications are invited for building three Steam Launches of the following dimensions:—

A sample of Specification can be seen at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police. Tenders and Specifications to be sent in to this Office, not later than Noon on the 17th April.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1879.

W. H. Marsh, Colonial Secretary.

No. 87.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council having been pleased to grant two months' vacation leave and ten months' leave on half Salary to His Honour Francis Snowden, Esquire, Puisne Judge, the following provisional appointment has been made by His Excellency:—

John Joseph Francis, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Acting Puisne Judge.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1879.

No. 88.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that under instructions from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to recognize provisionally and until further orders, Herr Peter Kempermann as Vice-Consul for His Imperial Germanic Majesty at this Port.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1879.

No. 89.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Order in Council relating to the measurement of the tonnage of Danish Merchant Ships, dated 30th December, 1878, together with the Order in Council dated 29th February, 1868, which it amends, is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1879.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT,

The 30th day of December 1878.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," it is enacted that "whenever "it is made to appear to Her Majesty that the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of Mer"chant Ships for the time being in force under the principal Act have been adopted by the Govern"ment of any foreign country, and are in force in that country, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by
"Order in Council, to direct that the ships of such foreign country shall be deemed to be of the
"tonnage denoted in their Certificates of Registry or other national papers, and thereupon it shall no
"longer be necessary for such ships to be re-measured in any port or place in Her Majesty's Dominions,
"but such ships shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in their Certificates of Registry, or other
"papers, in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same purposes in, to, and for which the
"tonnage denoted in the Certificates of Registry of British ships is to be deemed the tonnage of such
"ships:"

And whereas by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876," it is enacted that when Her Majesty has power under 'The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854,' or any Act passed or hereafter to be passed amend-"ing the same, to make an Order in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time to

"revoke, alter, or add to any Order so made:"

And whereas by an Order in Council dated 29th day of February, 1868, Her Majesty, to whom it was made to appear that the said rules for the measurement of the tonnage of Merchant Ships had been adopted by the Government of His Majesty the King of Denmark, was pleased to direct that the ships of Denmark, the certificates of Danish nationality and registry of which were dated on and after the 1st October, 1867, should be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in the said certificates of Danish nationality and registry:

And whereas certain modifications have been recently made in the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of Merchant Ships in force in Denmark, whereby, from and after the 1st day of October, 1878, the allowance for engine room in certain steam ships will be estimated in a mode differing from

that in force in this country:

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that it is desirable to alter the said Order in Council, so far as the same applies or relates to the mode of estimating the allowance for engine room in Danish steam ships; Her Majesty is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to direct, as regards Danish steam ships that if the Owner or Master of any Merchant Ship belonging to the said Kingdom of Dennark, and measured after the said 1st day of October, 1878, which is propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine room, desires the allowance for engine room in his ship to be estimated under the rules for engine room measurement and allowance applicable to British ships, instead of under the Danish rule, the engine room shall be measured and the allowance calculated according to the British rules.

C. L. PEEL.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT, The 29th day of February 1868. PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," it is enacted, that "whenever "it is made to appear to Her Majesty, that the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of "Merchant Ships for the time being in force under the principal Act, have been adopted by the "Government of any foreign country, and are in force in that country, it shall be lawful for Her "Majesty, by Order in Council, to direct that the ships of such foreign country, shall be deemed to be "of the tonnage denoted in their Certificates of Registry or other national papers, and thereupon it "shall no longer be necessary for such ships to be remeasured in any port or place in Her Majesty's "dominions, but such ships shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in their Certificates of "Registry or other papers, in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same purposes, in, to, "and for which the tonnage denoted in the Certificates of Registry of British ships is to be deemed "the tonnage of such ships:" And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty, that the rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of Merchant Ships now in force under "The Merchant "Shipping Act, 1854," have been adopted by the Government of His Majesty the King of Denmark, and are in force in that country, and that such rules came into operation on the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

HER MAJESTY is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to direct, that the ships of Denmark, the certificates of Danish nationality and registry of which are dated on and after the said first of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, shall be deemed to

be of the tonnage denoted in the said Certificates of Danish Nationality and Registry.

ARTHUR HELPS.