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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following copy of an Order of the Queen in Council dated the 14th day of August, 1879, exempting from measurement the ships of the Kingdom of Greece is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th November, 1879.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT,

The 14th day of August, 1879.

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 certificate 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 certificate 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 Greece, with the exception of a difference in the mode in certain steamers of estimating the allowance for engine room, and such rules are now in force in that country, having come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1878, Her Majesty is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to direct as follows:—

1. As regards sailing ships, that merchant sailing ships of the said Kingdom of Greece, the measurement whereof after the said 1st day of July 1878 has been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such sailing ships, testified by the date thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers and other national papers in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British sailing ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships.
2. As regards steam ships, that merchant ships belonging to the said Kingdom of Greece which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine room, the measurement whereof shall after the said 1st day of July 1878 have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such steam ships, testified by the dates thereof, shall be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted in such registers or other national papers in the same manner, and to the same extent, and for the same purpose, in, to, and for which the tonnage denoted in the certificate of registry of British ships is deemed to be the tonnage of such ships; Provided, nevertheless, that if the owner or master of any such Greek steam ship desires the deduction for engine room in his ships to be estimated under the rules for engine room measurement and deduction applicable to British ships instead of under the Greek rule, the engine room shall be measured and the deduction calculated according to the British rules.

C. L. PEEL.

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It is hereby notified that GUSTAV TRAVERS, Esquire, H. I. G. M. Consul has reported his arrival and his assumption of the duties of Consul at this Port.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th November, 1879.