

33. When any witness is examined his evidence shall be taken down by the Secretary, or if deemed requisite by the Board the services of a short-hand writer shall be engaged for the purposes of taking down such evidence.

THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD.

34. The Secretary to the Board shall keep an Order Book in which he shall enter and number in succession the subjects intended to be brought under discussion at each Meeting.

35. The Secretary shall also keep Minutes of the Proceedings of the Board, and shall, two clear days at least before each Meeting, send a printed copy of the Minutes of the previous Meeting to each Member.

36. The Secretary shall attend upon any Select Committee if so required.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 317.

The following Circular Despatch, accompanying a copy of an Order of the Queen in Council, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th July, 1888.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
28th May, 1888.

SIR,—With reference to Lord Carnarvon's Circular Despatch of the 19th of November, 1875, I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your government, a copy of an Order of the Queen in Council of the 3rd instant, revoking the Order in Council of the 26th October, 1875, respecting the tonnage admeasurement of Netherlands Vessels, and substituting other provisions for the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,

The 3rd day of May, 1888.

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 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 "where Her Majesty has power, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, or any Act passed or hereafter to be passed amending the same, to make an Order in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time to make such Order in Council, and by Order in Council to revoke, alter, or add to any order so made":

And whereas it was made to appear to Her Majesty, that the Rules concerning the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships in force under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, had been adopted by the Government of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, with the exception of a difference in the mode in certain steamers of estimating the allowance for engine-room, and such rules were in force in that country, and came into operation on the 1st day of January, 1876:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 26th day of October, 1875, Her Majesty was pleased to direct as follows:—

1. As regards sailing ships, that merchant sailing ships of the said Kingdom of the Netherlands, the measurement whereof should, after the said 1st day of January, 1876, have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such sailing ships, testified by the date thereof, should 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 the Netherlands which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine-room, the measurement whereof should, after the said 1st day of January, 1876, have been ascertained and denoted in the registers and other national papers of such steam ships, testified by the dates thereof, should be deemed to be of the tonnage denoted on 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 should the owner or master of any such Dutch steam ship desire the deduction for engine-room in his ship to be estimated under the rules for engine-room measurement and deduction applicable to British ships instead of under the Dutch rule, the engine-room should be measured and the deduction calculated according to the British rules.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that a new Royal Ordinance, which came into operation on the 6th day of January, 1888, stipulates that the owners of Dutch steam ships may have the net tonnage of their vessels calculated according to British as well as according to Dutch rules, and shall have issued to them a separate certificate to be used in Foreign countries showing the net tonnage calculated according to British rules:

And whereas it has been made to appear desirable to Her Majesty that the provisions of the said recited Order in Council of the 26th day of October, 1875, should be revoked, and a new Order in Council made and substituted in lieu thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, in virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Acts, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that the said recited Order of the 26th day of October, 1875, shall be and the same is hereby revoked, and in lieu thereof, and in substitution therefor, 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 the Netherlands, the measurement whereof after the said 1st day of January, 1876, 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 the Netherlands which are propelled by steam or any other power requiring engine-room, the measurement whereof shall, after the said 1st day of January, 1876, 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 on 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 Dutch steam ship desires the deduction for engine-room in his ship to be estimated under the rules for engine-room measurement and deduction applicable to British ships instead of under the Dutch rule, the engine-room shall be measured and the deduction calculated according to the British rules, and that in the event of any such steam ship possessing a certificate of tonnage or other national paper issued as aforesaid on or after the 6th day of January, 1888, denoting the net registered tonnage of such ship under the British rules, the ship shall be deemed to be of the tonnage so denoted thereon.

C. L. PEEL.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No.318 .

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 7th July are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th July, 1888.