

## DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 258.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
6th July, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit, for your information, copies of two Orders in Council of 11th June, 1910, made under Section 445 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, respectively, exempting, on certain conditions, Dutch ships in ports of the United Kingdom from the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to loadline and life-saving appliances on proof that they have complied with the Dutch regulations on these subjects.

I may add that the provisions of Netherlands law permit of the issue of special free-board certificates for timber-laden vessels, but the Netherlands Government have been informed that under no circumstances at present can these certificates be recognised in this country.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

ORDER IN COUNCIL EXEMPTING NETHERLANDS SHIPS, COMPLYING  
WITH NETHERLANDS PROVISIONS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF  
SECTIONS 427-431 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894  
(57-58 VICT. C. 60), AS TO LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES.

AT THE COURT AT SAINT JAMES'S,  
THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1910.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, it is provided that Sections 427 to 431 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (hereinafter called the Principal Act), relating to life-saving appliances shall, after the appointed day, apply to all foreign ships while they are within any port of the United Kingdom as they apply to British ships. Provided that His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that those provisions shall not apply to any ship of a foreign country in which the provisions in force relating to life-saving appliances appear to His Majesty to be as effective as the provisions of Part V. of the Principal Act, on proof that those provisions are complied with in the case of that ship:

And whereas by Section 5 of the said Act it is provided that the said appointed day shall be the first day of January, 1909, or such other day not being more than twelve months later, as the Board of Trade may appoint:

And whereas the Board of Trade have appointed the first day of October, 1909, to be the day after which the provisions of the Principal Act relating to life-saving appliances should apply to all foreign ships while they are within any port of the United Kingdom as they apply to British ships:

And whereas it appears to His Majesty that the provisions in force in the Netherlands relating to life-saving appliances are as effective as the provisions of Part V. of the Principal Act:

Now therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to direct that the provisions of Sections 427 to 431 of the Principal Act shall not apply to any ship of the Netherlands while within any port of the United Kingdom, if it is proved that the aforesaid provisions in force in the Netherlands relating to life-saving appliances are complied with in the case of that ship.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

ORDER IN COUNCIL EXEMPTING NETHERLANDS SHIPS, COMPLYING  
WITH NETHERLANDS REGULATIONS, FROM DETENTION  
FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACTS AS TO  
OVERLOADING.

AT THE COURT AT ST. JAMES'S,  
THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1910.

PRESENT.

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Section 445 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is enacted that where the Board of Trade certify that the laws and regulations for the time being in force in any foreign country and relating to overloading and improper loading are equally effective with the provisions of that Act relating thereto, His Majesty in Council may direct that on proof of a ship of that country having complied with those laws and regulations, she shall not, when in a port of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the said provisions of that Act, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions:

And whereas by Section 1 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, provision, as is more particularly therein mentioned, is made for applying to foreign ships when in ports in the United Kingdom certain sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, which relate to loadline, without prejudice to any direction of His Majesty in Council given under the said Section 445 of the last-mentioned Act:

And whereas the Board of Trade have certified that certain statutory regulations which have been approved by the Government of the Netherlands relating to overloading, so far as regards the assignment of loadlines to ships belonging to the Netherlands on and after the 1st January, 1909, are equally effective with the corresponding regulations in force in this country respecting the assignment of loadlines to British merchant ships:

Now therefore, His Majesty in Council doth direct that on proof that ships belonging to the Netherlands have complied with the aforesaid regulations of the Government of the Netherlands such ships shall not, when in ports of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to overloading, nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

No. 259.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
14th July, 1910.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular despatch of the 28th of July, 1909, I have the honour to transmit, for your information, for the information of University authorities, and for the guidance of intending candidates from the Local Military Forces for Commissions in His Majesty's Regular Army, copies of a memorandum\* showing the special campaigns selected for the examinations in military subjects to be held in October, 1910, March and October, 1911, 1912 and 1913, and March, 1914.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

\* This may be seen on application to the Colonial Secretary's Office.