

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 372.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
26th October, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit, for your information, copies of an Order in Council of the 13th of October, 1910, providing for the recognition in the United Kingdom of the loadline certificates issued to Swedish ships by the Swedish authorities under the Swedish Royal Ordinance of 21st May last.

I have, &c.,

CREWE.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

ORDER IN COUNCIL OF 13TH OF OCTOBER, 1910, RELATING TO THE
RECOGNITION OF SWEDISH LOADLINE CERTIFICATES.

AT THE COURT AT SAINT JAMES'S,
THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1910.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by Section four hundred and forty-five 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 one of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, provision, as is more particularly therein mentioned, is made for applying to foreign ships while they are within any port 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 four hundred and forty-five of the last-mentioned Act :

And whereas the Board of Trade have certified that certain statutory regulations which have been approved by the Swedish Government relating to overloading, so far regards the assignment of loadlines to Swedish ships, 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 Swedish ships have complied with the aforesaid Swedish regulations, 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.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 373.—His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance :—

Ordinance No. 23 of 1910, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Kellet Island Ordinance, 1898.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
8th December, 1910.