that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. Subject to the provisions of article 2 of this Order the dues fixed by the Principal Order to be paid in respect of the lighthouses and buoy specified in Part I of the Schedule thereto shall be increased to threepence per ton and such increased dues shall be levied as from the 16th day of February, 1948, or from the time of the receipt of this Order, if that be later, by the officers authorised to collect light dues.

2. The dues fixed as aforesaid to be paid in respect of the lighthouses known as Gun Cay and Cay Sal are hereby repealed.

52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

4. This Order shall come into operation on the 16th day of February, 1948, and may be cited as the Colonial Light Dues (Bahamas) Order, 1948.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order repeals the light dues in respect of two lighthouses in the Bahamas which have ceased to be a charge on the General Lighthouse Fund, and increases the light dues on the remaining lighthouses and a buoy in the Bahamas from 1d. to 3d. per register ton of every ship passing and deriving benefit from the lights.

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3. PORTS OF REGISTRY OVERSEAS

The British Solomon Islands Maritime Order in Council, 1948

1948 No. 2063

Made - - - -	*13th September,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*14th September,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*On a date to be fixed by Order of the Resident Commissioner.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of September, 1948

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is desirable to amend the British Solomon Islands Maritime Order in Council, 1912(a) (hereinafter called the principal Order), by

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(a) S.R. & O. 1912 (No. 1862) p. 440.

substituting for the port of Tulagi the port of Honiara as a port of registry for British ships in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Him by Sections 88 and 738 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to declare and order as follows:— 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the British Solomon Islands Maritime Order in Council, 1948, and shall be read as one with the principal Order; and the principal Order and this Order may be cited together as the British Solomon Islands Maritime Orders in Council, 1912 and 1948.

(2) This Order shall come into force on a day to be fixed by order of the Resident Commissioner of the Protectorate, being a day subsequent to the day on which this Order is laid before Parliament.

2.—(1) The port of Tulagi shall cease to be a port of registry for British ships.

(2) The port of Honiara shall become a port of registry for British ships, and the provisions of the principal Order shall have effect as if for every reference therein to the port of Tulagi there were substituted a reference to the port of Honiara.

(3) The records of the registry of shipping at Tulagi shall be at the disposal of the registrar of British ships at Honiara.

3. If the owner of any British ship which is registered at Tulagi at the date of the coming into force of this Order shall within nine months from the said date apply to the registrar of British ships at Honiara for registration of the ship, the registrar shall register the ship at Honiara without charging any fee.

4. Any British ship registered at Tulagi on the date of the coming into force of this Order shall so long as (1) the ship has not been registered as a British ship at Honiara or some other port of registry or (2) the registration thereof is not to be considered as closed under section 21 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, be deemed to have continued to be registered at a British port of registry until the expiration of nine months from the said date.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.