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CHAPTER 65.

An Act to enable effect to be given to a Treaty signed in London on behalf of His Majesty and certain other Powers. [30th July 1937.]

A.D. 1937.

WHEREAS the Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament signed on behalf of His Majesty at Washington on the sixth day of February nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and the Treaty for the Limitation and Reduction of Naval Armament so signed as aforesaid in London on the twenty-second day of April nineteen hundred and thirty, have, except as to Part IV of the last mentioned Treaty, expired:

And whereas in London, on the twenty-fifth day of March nineteen hundred and thirty-six, there was signed on behalf of His Majesty a Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament and for the exchange of information concerning naval construction, and copies of the said Treaty were, on the same day, laid before Parliament by Command of His Majesty:

And whereas it is expedient to give effect to the provisions of the last mentioned Treaty in manner hereinafter appearing:

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Extension of 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 21.

1.—(1) The Treaties of Washington Act, 1922 (whereof subsection (1) of section one, as amended by

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20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 48.

the London Naval Treaty Act, 1930, prohibits the building of vessels of war, the adaptation of ships for use as vessels of war, and the despatch or delivery of such vessels and ships, without a licence from the Admiralty, but subject to the proviso that such a licence shall not be refused unless it appears necessary to do so for the purpose of securing the observance of the said Treaties of the sixth day of February nineteen hundred and twenty-two and the twenty-second day of April nineteen hundred and thirty), shall have effect as if, in the said proviso, for the reference to the said Treaties there were substituted a reference to the said Treaty of the twenty-fifth day of March nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

(2) Any person who, in pursuance of a licence granted before the commencement of this Act by the Admiralty under the said section one, is engaged in building any vessel of war or in altering, arming or equipping any ship so as to adapt her for use as a vessel of war, or is about to despatch or deliver or allow to be despatched or delivered from any place within any part of His Majesty's dominions to which the said Act applies, any ship which has been so built, altered, armed or equipped as aforesaid, either entirely or partly within His Majesty's dominions, shall, upon written demand, furnish to the Admiralty such designs and particulars as may be required by the Admiralty for the purpose of securing the observance of the obligations imposed by the said Treaty of the twenty-fifth day of March nineteen hundred and thirty-six; and if any person fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, he shall be deemed to have failed to comply with the provisions of the said section one.

Short title, construction and citation.

2. This Act may be cited as the London Naval Treaty Act, 1937, and shall be construed as one with the Treaties of Washington Act, 1922; and that Act and this Act may be cited together as the Naval Treaties Acts, 1922 and 1937.

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