2. MASTERS AND SEAMEN

1952 No. 739 (C. 5)

The Merchant Shipping Act, 1948 (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1952

Made - - - -	*7th April*, 1952
Coming into Operation	*7th April*, 1952

Whereas at a session of the International Labour Conference held at Seattle in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six a convention dealing with the certification of able seamen was adopted:

And Whereas the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") is satisfied that it is the wish of the National Maritime Board, being an organisation which appears to him to be representative both of owners of British ships and of seamen employed therein, that section 5 (which deals with the rating of seamen) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1948(a), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), should come into operation on the seventh day of April, 1952, notwithstanding that the said convention shall not have come into force for the United Kingdom and that it is expedient that the said section should come into operation on the said date:

Now, therefore, the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 10 of the Act and of all other powers him enabling hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The following provisions of the Act shall come into operation on the seventh day of April, 1952, that is to say—

(*a*) Section 5;

(*b*) Sections 8 to 12 in so far as they relate to the rating of seamen and are not in operation in relation thereto.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1948 (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1952.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this seventh day of April, 1952.

(L.S.)

P. Faulkner,
An Under Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 44. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.