1968 No. 293

MERCHANT SHIPPING

EXERCISE OF CONSULAR POWERS

The Merchant Shipping (Administration in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate) Order 1968

Made - - - -	*4th March* 1968
Laid before Parliament	*8th March* 1968
Coming into Operation	*9th March* 1968

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day of March 1968

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Islands of the Pacific Ocean known as the British Solomon Islands Protectorate are a place outside Her Majesty's dominions in which Her Majesty has jurisdiction, but in which there is no British consular officer:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by section 737 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and commencement.

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Administration in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on the 9th March 1968.

Interpretation.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply, with the necessary adaptations, for the purpose of interpreting this Order and otherwise in relation thereto as it applies for the purpose of interpreting, and in relation to, Acts of Parliament.

Powers of officers of Customs and Excise.

3. Anything which is, under the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1967, authorised to be done by, to, or before a British consular officer, may be done in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean known as the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, by, to, or before any officer for the time being acting as Comptroller of Customs and Excise or Assistant Comptroller of Customs and Excise in the said Islands or by, to, or before, such other officers of Customs and Excise as may be designated by Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Revocations.

4. The Orders in Council made on the 26th day of November, 1897(c), and on the 21st day of December, 1908(d), under section 737 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, relating to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and the Solomon Islands are revoked.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 1894 c. 60. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.R. & O. 1897/884 (Rev. XIV, p. 687: 1897, p. 158).
(d) S.R. & O. 1908/1318 (Rev. XIV, p. 688: 1908, p. 651).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that the functions of a British Consular officer under the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1967 may be exercised in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate by the Comptroller and by the Assistant Comptroller of Customs and Excise and by other designated officers of Customs and Excise, and revokes the Orders under which those functions might be exercised in that Protectorate and in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands by a Deputy Commissioner or resident or by a Port Officer.