each seaman understands the same before he signs it, and to attest each signature, in cases where those requirements are performed by a person approved by the Minister and duly authorised in that behalf by the owner or registered managing owner as the case may be.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Fishing Boats Agreements) Order, 1948.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this fifth day of August, 1948.

(L.S.)

N. A. Guttery,
An Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Under section 369 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the Minister of Transport has power by order to exempt any class of trawler or trawlers of 25 tons tonnage and upwards belonging to any port from the whole or any portion of Part IV of that Act. This Order exempts, subject to certain conditions, trawlers of that tonnage registered at any port in the United Kingdom from so much of Part IV of the Act as requires the skipper or owner to read over and explain the fishing boat's agreement to each seaman and to attest his signature thereto.

2. LIGHT DUES

The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1340

Made - - - - 22nd June, 1948

*Coming into Operation upon the date of publication in the London Gazette**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of June, 1948

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Section"), it is amongst other things enacted as follows: 61 & 62 Vict. c 44.

"5.—(1) On and after the commencement of this Act the general lighthouse authorities shall levy light dues with respect to the voyages made by ships or by way of periodical payment, and not with respect to the lights which a ship passes or from which it derives benefit, and the dues so levied shall take the place of the dues now levied by those authorities.

* 25th June, 1948.

(2) The scale and rules set out in the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of this Act, but Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, alter, either generally or with respect to particular classes of cases, the scale or rules and the exemptions therefrom ".

And Whereas by the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1947(a), certain alterations were made in the Scale and Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act:

And Whereas it is expedient that such last recited Order should be revoked:

And Whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the said Scale and Rules should be further altered in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Him by the said Section and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1.—(*a*) This Order shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the London Gazette* and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1948.

52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (*b*) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Each of the dues authorised to be levied in accordance with the Scale set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act shall be subject to an increase of 300 per cent., for the purpose of the levying of light dues in pursuance of the said recited Act.

3. The payments referred to in the proviso to Rule (1) and in the proviso to Rule (7) of the Rules set out in the Second Schedule to the said recited Act shall also be subject to an increase of 300 per cent.

4. The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1947(a), is hereby revoked.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The dues and payments increased by this Order by 300 per cent. were by the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1947, now being revoked, increased by 200 per cent.

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* 25th June, 1948.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1516) I, p. 1282.