by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (Federation of Malaya) Order, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 13th day of February, 1953.

2. The said Ordinance in its application to the said Settlements is hereby confirmed.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

By this Order the Queen in Council confirms Federation of Malaya Ordinance No. 70 of 1952 entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law with respect to Merchant Shipping" in its application to Penang and Malacca.

LIGHT DUES

1953 No. 392

The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1953

Made - - - - 11*th March*, 1953
Laid before Parliament 12*th March*, 1953
*Coming into Operation upon the date of publication in the London Gazette**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of March, 1953

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898(a), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is amongst other things enacted as follows:—

"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.

(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";

(a) 61 & 62 Vict. c. 44.

* 31st March, 1953.

And whereas by Orders in Council dated the 4th July, 1908(a), and the 30th July, 1919(b), certain alterations were made in the exemptions in the Second Schedule to the Act, and by the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1948(c), certain further alterations were made in the scale and rules set out in the said Second Schedule by increasing the dues authorised to be levied in accordance with the said Schedule;

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the said scale and rules and exemptions therefrom as altered as aforesaid should be further altered in manner hereinafter appearing;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said Section 5 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:—

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, 1953.

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

2. The scale set out in the Second Schedule to the Act shall be altered by substituting for paragraph 5 thereof the following paragraph:—

"5. In the place of payments per voyage, the following payments:—

(*a*) for pleasure yachts which the general lighthouse authority is satisfied are ordinarily kept or used outside any of the following countries and territories (including the territorial waters adjacent thereto) namely, the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Republic of Ireland, a payment in respect of any visit of one penny per ton for every period of thirty days or less comprised in such visit;

(*b*) for tugs and pleasure yachts not included in sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph an annual payment of one shilling per ton."

3. The rules set out in the Second Schedule to the Act shall be altered by inserting after Rule (7) the following rule:—

"(7a). Every such payment as is referred to in paragraph 5 (*a*) of the scale shall be payable at the commencement of the period in respect of which it is made, provided that a vessel shall not in any year be required to pay on account of light dues a sum greater than the sum which such vessel would be liable to pay under paragraph 5 (*b*) of the scale."

4. The exemptions set out in the Second Schedule to the Act shall be altered, as respects yachts and pleasure boats, by substituting for the words "five ton" the words "twenty ton".

5. Nothing in this Order shall be taken to deprive any vessel of any exemption to which the vessel would have been entitled if this Order had not been made, and the dues authorised to be levied in accordance with paragraph 5 of the scale as set out in the preceding provisions of this Order shall be subject to the same increase as they would have been subject to if the said paragraph 5 as so set out had been in force at the coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1948.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) S.R. & O. 1908/558; Rev. XIV, p. 678; 1908, p. 647.
(b) S.R. & O. 1919/1108; Rev. XIV, p. 679; 1919 I, p. 1093.
(c) S.I. 1948/1340; Rev. XIV, p. 681; 1948 I, p. 1877.
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

* 31st March, 1953.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order alters the liability for payment of light dues in respect of pleasure yachts not ordinarily kept in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland from an annual payment to a payment equal to one-twelfth of the annual payment in respect of every period of thirty days or less comprised in any visit, and extends the existing exemption from liability to light dues of yachts and pleasure boats of under five tons to yachts and pleasure boats of under twenty tons.

MASTERS AND SEAMEN

1953 No. 1035 (C. 2)

The Merchant Shipping Act, 1948 (Commencement No. 2) Order, 1953

Made - - - - 1*st July*, 1953

Whereas at a session of the International Labour Conference held at Seattle in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six conventions dealing with crew accommodation on board ship and with food and catering for crews on board ship were adopted:

And Whereas at a session of the International Labour Conference held at Geneva in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine the said convention of nineteen hundred and forty-six dealing with crew accommodation on board ship was revised and was adopted as so revised:

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 sections 1 to 4 (which deal with crew accommodation and with food and catering) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1948(**a**), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") should come into operation on the first day of January, 1954, notwithstanding that the said conventions shall not have come into force for the United Kingdom and that it is expedient that the said sections 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 in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The following provisions of the Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1954, that is to say—

(*a*) sections 1 to 4:

(*b*) sections 8 to 12 in so far as they relate to crew accommodation on board ship and to food and catering for crews on board ship 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.

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