

And whereas by the said section it is provided that those Acts shall, subject to any exceptions or modifications which may be made by Order in Council, either generally or as respects any special class of such ships, apply to such ships when registered in accordance with such regulations :

And whereas the Admiralty will, by such regulations as they shall from time to time deem fit to make, having regard to the interests of seamen in Government ships in the service of the Admiralty, and of the public service, provide for the payment of seamen's wages, advance and allotment of wages, and remittance of seamen's wages by money-orders :

And whereas the provisions of section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act, or otherwise in him vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following regulations shall have effect as regards any Government ships in the service of the Admiralty :—

1. An application for registry of a Government ship in the service of the Admiralty shall be made in writing under the hand of the Secretary or Assistant-Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (hereinafter called the Admiralty or the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty). Such application shall contain the following particulars :—

- (i.) A statement of the name and description of the ship.
- (ii.) A statement of the time when and place where the ship was built ; or, if the ship was foreign built and the time and place of building are unknown, a statement to that effect and of her foreign name.
- (iii.) A statement of the nature of the title to the said ship, whether by original construction by or for the Admiralty, or by purchase, capture, condemnation, or otherwise, and a list of the documents of title, if any, in case she was not originally constructed by or for the Admiralty.
- (iv.) A statement of the name of the master.

2. The Registrar, on receiving such application in respect of a Government ship in the service of the Admiralty, shall—

- (i.) Enter the ship in the register book as belonging to “ His Majesty, represented by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,” and shall also enter therein—
- (ii.) The name of the port to which she belongs :
- (iii.) The particulars stated in the application for registration :
- (iv.) The details comprised in the surveyor's certificate.

3. On the registry of a Government ship in the service of the Admiralty the Registrar shall retain in his possession the surveyor's certificate and the application for registry and any documents of title mentioned in such application.

4. Upon the transfer of a registered Government ship in the service of the Admiralty by bill of sale, any two of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in pursuance of section 6 of the Admiralty Act, 1832 (2 and 3 Wm. IV, c. 40), shall be the transferors, and the bill of sale shall be in Form A, in the proper form prescribed under the principal Act, omitting the covenant therein contained.

5. The application for a certificate of sale referred to in sections 39 to 42 and sections 44 to 46 of the principal Act may be made in respect of a Government ship in the service of the Admiralty by the Secretary or Assistant-Secretary of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on their behalf.

6. The Secretary of the Admiralty for the time being shall be deemed to be the managing owner of a registered Government ship in the service of the Admiralty within the meaning of section 59 of the principal Act, and shall be so registered at the Customhouse of her registered port by his official style and address.

7. The tonnage of Government ships in the service of the Admiralty shall be ascertained in accordance with tonnage regulations to be made by the Board of Trade with the concurrence of the Admiralty ; and wherever reference is made to tonnage regulations or to the ascertainment of tonnage thereby in any sections of the Merchant Shipping Acts which are applicable to Government ships, such sections shall be read with reference to Government ships as if the tonnage regulations made under this Order in Council were mentioned therein in lieu of the tonnage regulations mentioned in that Act and any schedules thereto.

8. The term “ seaman ” in section 113 of the principal Act shall not be deemed to mean or include any seaman in His Majesty's navy.

9. Where a seaman is lost with a Government ship in the service of the Admiralty, the Admiralty may pay the wages due to him to the person entitled to receive the same.

10. Whenever during the absence of any seaman on a voyage his wife or any of his children or step-children become chargeable to any union or parish in the United Kingdom, the Admiralty may in their discretion reimburse such union or parish out of the wages of the seaman earned during the voyage any sums properly expended during his absence in the maintenance of those members of his family or any of them, provided that the Admiralty shall not, unless in their opinion such a course shall be warranted by exceptional circumstances, pay sums exceeding the following proportions of the seaman's wages, namely :—

- (i.) If only one of those members be chargeable, one-half of the wages ;
- (ii.) If two or more of those members are chargeable, two-thirds of the wages.

11. In the case of a shipping casualty to or connected with a Government ship in the service of the Admiralty the preliminary inquiry and the formal investigation mentioned in sections 465 and 664