

hunting seals within such parts of the said seas as are hereinafter specified may be seized by Russian cruisers :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in virtue of the powers vested in her by the said recited Act, and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, is hereby pleased, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. From and after the 4th day of July, 1893, until the 1st day of January, 1894, the catching of seals by British ships is hereby prohibited within such parts of the seas to which the recited Act applies as are comprised within the following zones, that is to say (1) a zone of 10 marine miles on all the Russian coasts of Behring Sea and the North Pacific Ocean ; and (2) a zone of 30 marine miles round the Kommandorsky Islands and Tulenew (Robben Island).

2. The powers which, under the recited Act, may be exercised by any commissioned officer on full pay in the naval service of Her Majesty may be exercised by the Captain or other officer in command of any war-vessel of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia in relation to a British ship, and the equipment and crew and certificate thereof.

3. This Order may be cited as "The Seal Fishery (North Pacific) Order in Council, 1893."

(Signed) C. L. PETL.

No. 5.

*The Earl of Rosebery to Mr. de Bunsen.*

(Telegraphic.)

*Foreign Office, July 5, 1893.*

ON the 12th May you were instructed to warn British sealers that an Agreement had been made with the Russian Government to prohibit sealing within certain distances of the Russian coast and islands.

The Order in Council for enforcing this Agreement was passed yesterday, and British sealers who infringe its provisions are now liable to be seized by British or Russian cruisers.

The necessary warnings should be given at Japanese ports. The Admiralty have sent instructions to British naval officers.

No. 6.

*The Earl of Rosebery to Mr. Howard.*

(Telegraphic.)

*Foreign Office, July 5, 1893.*

WITH reference to my despatch of the 1st instant, you are authorized to communicate to the Russian Government "The Seal Fishery (North Pacific) Order in Council," which was issued yesterday, and also the Admiralty instructions.

No. 7.

*Admiralty to Foreign Office.—(Received July 7.)*

Sir,

*Admiralty, July 6, 1893.*

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copies of telegrams, dated the 4th and 6th instant, sent to the Commander-in-chief, China

I am, &c.

(Signed) EVAN MACGREGOR.