

officer of a British cruiser or to the nearest British authority, as defined by this order, and shall then, or within a reasonable time thereafter, satisfy such officer or authority that there were reasonable grounds for the detention or seizure, and that the case is proper to be adjudicated in a British court, and also furnish to such officer or authority the evidence sufficient, in the opinion of such officer or authority, for such adjudication; and if the said Russian officer fails to satisfy such officer or authority, or to furnish to such officer or authority such sufficient evidence, as aforesaid, the said officer or authority may release the ship.

3. (1) Where the commanding officer of a British cruiser receives a British ship from an authorized Russian officer, and is satisfied that there were reasonable grounds for the detention or seizure, and that the case is proper to be adjudicated in a British court, he may exercise the powers conferred by section 4 of the recited act as if he had himself stopped and examined and detained the ship, and that section shall apply accordingly.

(2) Where the commanding officer of a British cruiser, or a British authority, receives a British ship from an authorized Russian officer, and sends the case for adjudication in a British court, he shall, for the purposes of section 76 of "the merchant shipping act, 1894," be deemed to have himself seized or detained the said ship.

4. For the purposes of this order the expression "British authority" means any officer of customs in Her Majesty's dominions and any British consular officer having authority as such in any port or place.

5. "The seal fishery (North Pacific) order in council, 1894," is hereby revoked, without prejudice to anything done or suffered under that order.

6. This order may be cited as "the seal fisheries (North Pacific) order in council, 1895."

And the Most Honourable the Marquess of Salisbury, K. G., and the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, two of Her Majesty's principal secretaries of state, and the lords commissioners of the admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them respectively appertain.

C. L. PEEL.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING VESSELS EMPLOYED IN SEA-OTTER HUNTING DURING THE SEASON OF 1896, UNDER REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 1866, AND ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED FEBRUARY 21, 1893.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., April 29, 1896.

ARTICLE I.

Every vessel employed in sea-otter hunting, or in transporting sea-otter parties, shall have in addition to the papers now required by law a special clearance and license.