## Merchant Shipping Acts, &c., Amendment.

To arrange the Limits of Pilotage DisTo make Arrangements with any other Pilotage Authority for altering the Limits of their respective Districts, and for extending the powers of such other Authority, and transferring its own Powers to such last-mentioned Authority;

And whereas it is expedient that increased Facilities should be given for effecting the Objects contemplated by the said recited Enactments, and for further amending the Law concerning Pilotage, and that in so doing Means should be afforded for paying due Regard to existing Interests and to the Circumstances of particular Cases; Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Board of Trade, by Provisional Order, to do the following Things; that is say:

Power by ! Provisional Order,—

To transfer Pilotage Jurisdiction. (1.) Whenever any Pilotage Authority residing or having its Place of Business at One Port has or exercises Jurisdiction in Matters of Pilotage in any other Port, to transfer so much of the said Jurisdiction as concerns such last-mentioned Port to any Harbour Trust or other Body exercising any local Jurisdiction in Maritime Matters at the last-mentioned Port or to any Body to be constituted for the Purpose by the Provisional Order, or, in Cases where the said Pilotage Authority is not the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, to the said Trinity House; or to transfer the whole or any Part of the Jurisdiction of the said Pilotage Authority to a new Body Corporate or Body of Persons to be constituted for the Purpose by the Provisional Order, so as to represent the Interest of the several Ports concerned;

And to make consequent Arrange-ments.

(2.) To make the Body Corporate or Persons to whom the said Transfer is made a Pilotage Authority within the Meaning of the Principal Act, with such Powers for the Purpose as may be in the Provisional Order in that Behalf mentioned;

To determine the Limits of the District of the Pilotage Authority to which the Transfer of Jurisdiction is made;

To sanction a Scale of Pilotage Rates to be taken by the Pilots to be licensed by the last-mentioned Pilotage Authority;

To determine to what Extent and under what Conditions any Pilots already licensed by the former Pilotage Authority shall continue to act under the new Pilotage Authority;

To sanction Arrangements for the Apportionment of any Pilotage Funds belonging to the Pilots licensed by the former Pilotage Authority between the Pilots remaining under the Jurisdiction of that Authority