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MONDAY, AUGUST 20.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PILOTS DURING THE RUSSO-TURKISH WAR.

THE Governor has directed the subjoined Despatch and its enclosure containing instructions for the guidance of Pilots during the existing state of war between Russia and Turkey to be made public.

By His Excellency's Command,

GRAHAM BERRY,  
Chief Secretary.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 17th August 1877.

[Circular.]

Downing street, 7th June 1877.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit to you for your information and guidance a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, from which you will perceive that Her Majesty's Government, having regard to the existing state of war between Russia and Turkey, are of opinion that the enclosed instructions should be at once issued to pilots in the Colony under your Government. I also enclose a copy of the Instructions as issued by the Board of Trade in this Country. I request that you will immediately take the necessary steps for making the instructions public.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

CARNARVON.

The Officer Administering the Government of Victoria.

[Copy.]

The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.

SIR,

Foreign Office, 25th May 1877.

I am directed by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, a copy of a letter which his Lordship has caused to be addressed to the Board of Trade (23rd May 1877) on the subject of the instructions to be issued to British Pilots, with a view of preventing infractions of Her Majesty's neutrality during the war between Turkey and Russia.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

JULIAN FAUNCEFOTE.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

[Copy.]

The Foreign Office to the Board of Trade.

SIR,

Foreign Office, 23rd May 1877.

With reference to the letter from this office of the 3rd of August 1870, relating to the instructions to be issued to British Pilots, with a view of preventing infractions of Her Majesty's neutrality during the Franco-German war, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to state to you, for the information of the Board of Trade, that, after consultation with the Lords of the

Admiralty and the Law Officers of the Crown, he considers it desirable that a similar notice should now be issued, to be observed during the present war between Russia and Turkey.

The Law Officers have, however, suggested that some words should be added, defining the nature of the danger out of which ships of war may be piloted; and I am to transmit to you, to be laid before the Board, a copy of the notice as amended by them with this view.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

The Secretary to the Board of Trade.

[Copy.]

PILOTS.

British Pilots are directed by the Board of Trade not to pilot ships of war of either belligerent, except in British waters, within three miles of the shore, or to do more than pilot such ships into or out of British ports or roadsteads, when they are not at the time engaged in any hostile operations; but ships of war in distress may always be piloted out of immediate danger, other than the danger of immediate or imminent capture.

[Copy.]

Immediate.

SIR, Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, S.W., 24th May 1877.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acquaint you, for the information of the Pilotage authority, that Her Majesty's Government, having regard to the existing state of war between Russia and Turkey, are of opinion that the following instructions should be at once issued to the pilots in your district:—

“British Pilots are not to pilot ships of war for either belligerent, except in British waters, within three miles of the shore, or to do more than pilot such ships into or out of British ports or roadsteads, when they are not at the time engaged in any hostile operations; but ships of war in distress may always be piloted out of immediate danger, other than the danger of immediate or imminent capture.”

I am accordingly to request that you will immediately take the necessary steps for making these instructions known to the pilots.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD STANHOPE, Secretary.

The Clerk to the Pilotage Authority of

#### VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—LIVE STOCK RATES.

THE Board of Land and Works, by virtue of the powers and authorities vested in it by *The Public Works Statute 1865*, doth hereby make the following By-law for fixing the Charges and Conditions for the Carriage of Animals upon all Railways vested in the Board, that is to say:—

In addition to the rates fixed for the Carriage by Railway of Sheep, as set forth in the By-law of the Board of Land and Works dated 22nd December 1876, there shall be leviable, on and after the 3rd September 1877, a charge equal to 20s. per truck upon Sheep from New South Wales carried on the Victorian Railways within one month after entering Victoria, and the By-law of the Board of Land and Works as to Live Stock Rates dated 3rd August 1877 is hereby repealed.

In testimony whereof, the Common Seal of the Board of Land and Works was hereunto affixed in the presence of the undersigned, two of the Members of the Board, on the seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

(L.S.)

JOHN WOODS,  
Vice-President.  
W. H. ARCHER,  
Member.