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HIS Britannic Majesty's Governments in Great Britain, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and the Irish Free State and the Government of India on the one part, and the Government of the Latvian Republic on the other part, have agreed as follows:—

1. In view of the fact that the existing laws and regulations in the territories of His Britannic Majesty in regard to measurement of tonnage of merchant ships are in substantial agreement with those of Latvia, British ships furnished with certificates of registry and other national papers duly issued by the competent British authorities shall be deemed by the Latvian authorities to be of the tonnage denoted in the said documents, and shall be exempted from being remeasured in any port or place within Latvian territory or in localities under the control of Latvia, on condition that similar terms shall be accorded to Latvian ships equipped with certificates of registry or other national papers duly issued by the competent Latvian authorities on or after the 4th June, 1925, and that such ships shall be exempted from being remeasured in any place under His Britannic Majesty's sovereignty, authority or jurisdiction.

2. The Government of the Latvian Republic on the one part may by a twelve months' notice in writing addressed to His Britannic Majesty's representative at Riga terminate this agreement either collectively with all or separately with some or any of His Britannic Majesty's Governments enumerated above, including the Government of India.

3. His Britannic Majesty's Governments enumerated above, including the Government of India, may terminate this agreement either collectively, or some or any of them separately, by a twelve months' notice in writing addressed to the Government of the Latvian Republic by His Britannic Majesty's representative at Riga.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this agreement, in the event of this agreement being separately terminated by or with His Britannic Majesty's Government in Great Britain, it shall cease to apply to all territories under the sovereignty, authority or jurisdiction of His Britannic Majesty other than Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia (including Papua, Norfolk Island, New Guinea and Nauru), New Zealand (including Western Samoa), the Union of South Africa (including South-West Africa), the Irish Free State and India, and all British ships other than those registered in the territories to which the agreement continues to apply.

5. In the event of this agreement being separately terminated by or with His Britannic Majesty's Governments in Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State or the Government of India, or some or

any of them, this agreement shall cease to apply to the territories under the authority or jurisdiction of those Governments respectively by or with whom this agreement has been terminated and to British ships registered in such territories.

6. Notice to terminate this agreement given by or to His Britannic Majesty's Government in Great Britain may, if so desired, exclude Newfoundland and all British ships registered therein from the operation of such notice, or may apply only to Newfoundland and all British ships registered therein as may be declared in the notice.

In faith whereof the undersigned have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate at London the 24th day of June 1927.

For His Britannic Majesty's Government  
in Great Britain,

(L.S.) AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

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(L.S.) JAMES McNEILL.

For the Government of India,

(L.S.) AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.