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IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND
THE LATVIAN GOVERNMENT

respecting the

Estates of Deceased Seamen

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London, July 24, 1930.

The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland having judged it expedient to make arrangements for the disposal of the estates of deceased seamen, have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE I.

In the case of Latvian seamen dying on board British vessels or on British or foreign territory whilst serving on board a British ship, the competent department in London of the Government of the United Kingdom will furnish the Latvian Consul-General in London with copies of the accounts which may be received by them in respect of wages and effects of such deceased seamen, together with any particulars which may be at their disposal likely to facilitate the identification of the deceased and of the legal heirs.

In every case where an estate of such a deceased Latvian seaman which is received by the competent department in London does not exceed one hundred pounds sterling in value and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are satisfied that the legal heirs of the deceased seaman are resident in Latvian territory, they will dispense with the customary form of claim and, after settlement of any valid claims by creditors upon the estate, will hand over the residue of the property in question to the Latvian Consul-General in London.

Where the property of a deceased Latvian seaman, which is received by the competent department in London, is not so handed over, the competent department in London of the Government of the United Kingdom will, before disposing of the estate of such seaman in accordance with the appropriate law, give notice to the Latvian Consul-General in London of their intention to hand over such property to those persons having claims upon it, and will consider any representations that the Consul-General will make thereon.

The Latvian Government, on their part, undertake that in the case of all estates received by them, of British seamen, whether dying on board Latvian merchant vessels or on Latvian or foreign territory whilst serving on board a Latvian ship, similar action will be taken and the estates similarly handed over to His Britannic Majesty's Consular Officers.

ARTICLE 2.

The present Agreement will come into force from the date of its signature. It shall be terminable at any time on a notice of one year given in advance by either of the contracting Governments to the other.

In witness whereof the Undersigned, duly authorised to that effect, have signed this Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate at London, this 24th day of July, 1930.

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