(Registered on the Records on the 17th January, 1955.)

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 21st day of December, 1954.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

LORD PRESIDENT
EARL DE LA WARR
LORD DE L'ISLE AND DUDLEY
MR. THORNEYCROFT

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board Compulsory a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Guernsey of Defence) and Jersey, dated the 8th day of December, 1954, in the words following, viz.:—

"Your Majesty having been pleased, by Your General Order of Reference of the 22nd day of February, 1952, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the States of the Island of Guernsey, setting forth:—

'1. That, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 4th day of August, 1954, the States of Deliberation at a meeting held on the 6th day of October, 1954, approved a Bill or "Projet de Loi" entitled "The Compulsory Pilotage (Abolition of Defence) Law, 1954" and requested the Bailiff to present a most humble Petition to Your Majesty in Council praying for Your Royal Sanction thereto. 2. That the Chief Pleas of Sark at a meeting held on the 12th day of October, 1954, approved of the said Bill or "Projet de Loi". 3. That the said Bill or "Projet de Loi" is in the words and figures set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed. And most humbly praying that Your Majesty might be graciously pleased to grant Your Royal Sanction to the Bill or "Projet de Loi" of the States of Guernsey entitled "The Compulsory Pilotage (Abolition of Defence) Law, 1954" and to order that the same shall have the force of Law in the Islands of Guernsey and Sark.'

"The Lords of the Committee, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition and the said Projet de Loi into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to comply with the prayer of the said Petition and to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi."

HER MAJESTY having taken the said Report into consideration is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the same shall have the force of Law within the Islands of Guernsey and Sark.

AND HER MAJESTY doth hereby further direct that this Order, and the said Projet de Loi (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) be entered upon the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

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AND the Lieutenant Governor and Commanderin-Chief of the Island of Guernsey, the Bailiff and Jurats, and all other Her Majesty's Officers, for the time being, in the said Island, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

W. G. AGNEW.

Projet de Loi referred to in the foregoing Order in Council.

PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

THE COMPULSORY PILOTAGE (ABOLITION OF DEFENCE) LAW, 1954.

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the fourth day of August, 1954, have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Islands of Guernsey and Sark.

- 1. Notwithstanding anything in any enactment or any rule of law to the contrary, the owner or Master of a vessel navigating in circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory shall be answerable for any loss or damage caused by the vessel or by any fault of navigation of the vessel in the same manner as he would if pilotage were not compulsory.
- 2. This Law may be cited as the Compulsory Pilotage (Abolition of Defence) Law, 1954.