of any such Order in Council by, to, or upon any officer or person in the service of Her Majesty or of the Lords of the Admiralty, shall be exempt from stamp Duty.

17. All forfeited and unclaimed shares and balances of prize Money, and a per-centage of Five Pounds in every One hundred Pounds out of the proceeds of all prizes, and out of all Grants to the Royal Navy and Marines, and out of all bounty money, and also out of all other money distributable in the several cases aforesaid among the Officers and Crew of any of Her Majesty's Ships of War out of which such per-centage is at the commencement of this Act by law deducted, shall, under the direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, continue to be carried to and to form part of the Naval Prize Cash Balance.

So much of the Naval Prize Cash Balance as the Lords of the Admiralty think expedient shall from time to time by Her Majesty's Paymaster General under the authority and direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, be paid and transferred to the consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

In case at any time a claim in respect of prize or Bounty Money is made which the Naval Prize Cash Balance is not sufficient to meet, there shall be paid out of the said Consolidated Fund a sufficient sum to meet such claim.

18. A Ship's Agent shall be entitled, on request, and on payment of reasonable expenses, to be furnished with copies of or extracts from any official accounts kept under or for the purposes of this Act in relation to any of Her Majesty's Ships of War for which he is Agent.

Remuneration of Ship's Agent.

19. Before any such Money as aforesaid is distributed among the Officers and Crew of any of Her Majesty's Ships of War there shall be paid, under the direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, to the Ship's Agent a per-centage of two and a half *per centum* on the net amount actually distributable, as the sole and full remuneration of the Ship's Agent for his services in the case.

20. In the following cases,—

Where more than one of Her Majesty's Ships of War are entitled to participate in any such money,—

Where the Ship's Agent is changed pending proceedings, —the Ship's Agent's per centage shall, in case of difference be apportioned between or among the respective Agents of the several Ships, or the several persons having been and being the Ship's Agent (as the case may be) in such manner as the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty thinks just, having regard to the duration and character of the services of the several Agents in the case, subject to objection to the Registrar's award to be taken before the Judge of the Court.

Investment of Salvage, Bounty, Prize and other Money.

21. Any money for the time being awaiting distribution, but for any reason not immediately distributable as aforesaid, may, under the direction of the Lords of the Admiralty, be invested in or on any proper Stocks, Funds, or Securities; and the proceeds of those Stocks, Funds or Securities, and any dividends or interest accrued due thereon, shall be distributed as the money invested would have been distributed if an investment had not been made:

Provided that no such investment shall be made of any money pending any adverse claim thereto, except with the consent of the claimant.

Decision as to Distribution or Investment.

22. Where any question (whether in respect of asserted joint capture, or in respect of flag shares, or in respect of any other matter) arises concerning the distribution of any money distributable as aforesaid, or concerning any investment thereof, actual or intended, the High Court of Admiralty shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine the same; and any person claiming an interest in such money, or the Lords of the Admiralty, may apply to the High Court of Admiralty for a judgement on that question; and the Court, after hearing the parties interested, shall decide thereon, and such decision shall be final, and shall be binding on all persons concerned.

Miscellaneous.

23. Nothing in this Act shall—

(1.) authorize a Ship's Agent or his Sub-Agent to practise or act as a Proctor, Attorney, Solicitor, or other legal Practitioner in any Court; or

(2.) affect the right or power of the Officers and Crew of any of Her Majesty's Ships of War as Salvors, Seizors, Captors, Re-captors, or otherwise, or if any of such Officers and Crew, to take or cause or procure to be taken any step or proceeding, or do or cause or procure to be done any thing that may be necessary or proper to be taken or done for any purpose in any Court or elsewhere, in case of the absence or default of the Ship's Agent; or

(3) affect any right or power of control or other authority, that Her Majesty has or may exercise in any prize, cause or other proceeding.

24. Nothing in this Act shall invalidate an appointment of an Agent made before the commencement of this Act under the Navy Prize Agents Act, 1863; but every Agent so appointed shall, from the commencement of this Act, be subject to this Act as if he were appointed under it.

25. Her Majesty in Council may, from time to time, make such orders as seem meet for the better execution of this Act.

26. Every Order in Council under this Act shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within thirty days after the making thereof, if Parliament is then sitting, and, if not, then within thirty days after the next meeting of Parliament.

27. This Act shall commence on such day not later than the first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, as Her Majesty in Council thinks fit to direct.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Appointment of Ship's Agent.

I, (1) Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's (2) hereby appoint (3) of (4) to be the Ship's Agent for the Purposes of the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864.

Dated the day of

(Signed) *A. B.*

Witness,

(Signed) *C D.*

(1.) Name of Officer. (2.) Description and Name of Ship. (3.) Name of Agent. (4.) Address of Agent.

ASSESSMENT ON LAND AND REAL ESTATE IN CHARLOTTETOWN AND COMMON.

Treasurer's Office.

Charlottetown, 1st November, 1865.

IN pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of this Island, passed in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several laws imposing an Assessment on all Lands in this Colony, and for the encouragement of Education,"

I do hereby publicly notify the owners or occupiers of Land and Real Estate in Charlottetown and Common, for which the annual Assessment levied thereon by the Assessors for said Town and Common, is payable, that unless the Assessment for the current year be paid into the hands of Mr. William Shepherd, my Collector for said Town and Common, within the time prescribed by law proceedings will be taken against all such Lands and Real Estate as shall then be in arrears for nonpayment of the sums charged thereon, agreeably to the directions of the above recited act.

GEORGE WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office,
Charlottetown, 1st Nov., 1865.

I HEREBY give notice that I have this day appointed Mr. WM. SHEPHERD, of Charlottetown, Collector of Assessment on Land and Real Estate, in Charlottetown and Common, in terms of the Act 27 Vic. Cap. 37.

GEORGE WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
7th October, 1865.

HIS Honor the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. John McKay, (Neil's son), a Pilot for the Harbor of New London, in terms of the Act of 7th Will. 4th, Cap 19.

W. H. POPE, Col. Secy.