

ORDER OF SECRETARY OF STATE (No. 5), DATED MARCH
28, 1898, RELATING TO COMPRESSED ACETYLENE IN
ADMIXTURE WITH OIL-GAS.

1898. No. 248.

Explosives Act, 1875 (38 Vict. c. 17).

Whereas by an Order in Council, dated 26th November, 1897,* made under section 104 of the Explosives Act, 1875,† it is declared that acetylene when liquid, or when subject to a certain degree of compression, shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act :

And whereas by the said Order in Council it is provided that if it be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that acetylene, declared to be an explosive by the said Order when in admixture with any substance, or in any form or condition, is

* Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1897, p. 119.

† 38 & 39 Vict, c. 17.

not possessed of explosive properties, the Secretary of State may by Order exempt such acetylene from being deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act :

And whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that acetylene, when in admixture with a gas manufactured from mineral oil (hereinafter referred to as oil-gas) in certain proportions, and not compressed beyond a certain pressure, is not possessed of explosive properties :

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers aforesaid, I, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby order as follows :—

Acetylene in admixture with oil-gas in a proportion not exceeding twenty parts by volume of acetylene in every one hundred parts of the mixture, when subjected to a pressure not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds to the square inch, shall not be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

Provided that the acetylene and oil-gas shall be mixed together in a chamber or vessel before the gases are subjected to compression.

M. W. Ridley.

Whitehall,
28th March, 1898.
