

(Hon. Mr. Reynolds.)

# Marine Surveyors.

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### AN ACT to provide for the Licensing of Marine Surveyors. Title.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the licensing of Marine Surveyors : Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Marine Surveyors' Act, 1873." Short Title.

2. The Commissioner of Customs, (hereinafter called "the Commissioner,") may from time to time appoint and declare at what ports or places persons acting as Marine Surveyors shall be required to be licensed for that purpose, and may from time to time revoke such appointments, and make others in lieu thereof when and as he thinks fit, and every such appointment shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*; and the Commissioner may and he is hereby authorized to grant to such persons as he thinks fit licenses to act at such port or ports as shall be named and defined in such license, as Marine Surveyors for surveying vessels' hatches before breaking bulk, and for examining in or at such port or ports into the stowage of cargo, and into cases of damage or destruction of cargo from whatever cause arising, and generally for transacting such business as usually pertains to the calling or occupation of a Marine Surveyor in any of the ports or places in respect of which such appointments as aforesaid shall be made, so long as such appointments shall remain in force; and such licenses shall continue for such periods, and be subject to such terms, and be revocable upon such conditions, as the Commissioner may think fit and from time to time prescribe. Ports may be declared at which persons acting as Marine Surveyors must be licensed.

3. The Surveyors appointed under this Act, when requested in writing to do so by any person interested in the vessel or cargo or the survey or examination thereof, or any agent of any such person, shall hold such surveys of vessels' hatches, and make such examination as aforesaid, in the presence of Lloyd's Agent at the port or place where the survey or examination is held, or of the Agent of any Insurance Company body of Underwriters or other insurer who may be interested in any way in such vessel or cargo or the survey or examination thereof. Licensing of Marine Surveyors at such ports.

4. In case of any suit being brought before the Supreme Court or before any inferior Court in New Zealand at any port or place at which Marine Surveyors are required to be licensed under this Act, to try any question relating to damage sustained by any vessel or cargo, the testimony of any person acting as a Marine Surveyor, and tendered by him in that capacity, shall not be admissible in evidence unless he be duly licensed under this Act, if at the time when the survey or examination of such vessel or cargo was made by such person there was resident at the port or place where such survey or examination was held or within five miles thereof a Marine Surveyor licensed under this Act. Surveyors, when requested to do so, to hold surveys in presence of Insurance Agents.

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