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"The Merchant Shipping Act, 1867."

AN ACT to amend "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

[20th August, 1867.]

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1. This Act . . . shall be construed with and as part of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," hereinafter termed "the principal Act."

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6. In any British possession out of the United Kingdom the Governor or officer administering the government for the time being shall, subject to the laws of such possession, have power to make regulations concerning the supply within such possession of lime or lemon juice and anti-scorbutics for the use of ships; and any lime or lemon juice or anti-scorbutics duly supplied in accordance with any such regulations shall be deemed to be fit and proper for the use of ships.

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9. The following rules shall be observed with respect to accommodation on board British ships, that is to say,—

- (1.) Every place in any ship occupied by seamen or apprentices, and appropriated to their use, shall have for every such seaman or apprentice a space of not less than seventy-two cubic feet, and of not less than twelve superficial feet, measured on the deck or floor of such place.
- (2.) Every such place shall be such as to make the space aforesaid available for the proper accommodation of the men who are to occupy it, shall be securely constructed, properly lighted and ventilated, properly protected from weather and sea, and as far as practicable properly shut off and protected from effluvia which may be caused by cargo or bilge-water :
- (3.) No such place as aforesaid shall be deemed to be such as to authorize a deduction from registered tonnage, under the provisions hereinafter contained, unless there is or are in the ship one or more properly-constructed privy or privies for the use of the crew; such privy or privies to be of such number and of such construction as may be approved by the Surveyor hereinafter mentioned :
- (4.) Every such place shall, whenever the ship is registered or re-registered, be inspected by one of the Surveyors appointed by the Board of Trade under Part IV. of

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the principal Act, who shall, if satisfied that the same is in all respects such as is required by this Act, give to the Collector of Customs a certificate to that effect, and thereupon such space shall be deducted from the register tonnage :

- (5.) No such deduction from tonnage as aforesaid shall be authorized unless there is permanently cut in a beam, and cut in or painted on or over the doorway or hatchway of every such place, the number of men which it is constructed to accommodate, with the words "Certified to accommodate seamen" :
- (6.) Every such place shall be kept free from stores or goods of any kind, not being the personal property of the crew in use during the voyage :
- (7.) Upon any complaint concerning any such place as aforesaid, one of the Surveyors appointed by the Board of Trade may inspect such place, and if he finds that any of the provisions of this Act with respect to the same are not complied with he shall report the same to the Collector of Customs at the port where the ship is registered, and thereupon the registered tonnage shall be altered, and the deduction aforesaid in respect of space disallowed, unless and until it shall be certified by such Surveyor, or by some other Surveyor appointed by the Board of Trade, that the provisions of the Act in respect of such place are fully complied with :
- (8.) If any such place in any ship is not kept free from goods and stores as aforesaid, the master shall be deemed to be in fault, and shall for every such failure to comply with the provisions of this section forfeit and pay to each seaman lodged in such place the sum of one shilling a day for each day after complaint made to him by any two or more of such seamen during which any goods or stores, not being the personal property of the crew, are stored or kept therein :
- (9.) If in any other respect the provisions of this section are not observed with respect to any such place in any ship, the owner shall be deemed to be in fault, and shall for every failure to comply with the provisions of this section incur a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

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11. If any British subject commits any crime or offence on board any British ship, or on board any foreign ship to which he does not belong, any Court of justice in Her Majesty's dominions, which would have had cognizance of such crime or offence if committed on board a British ship within the limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of such Court, shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the case as if the said crime or offence had been committed as last aforesaid.

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