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*Merchant Shipping (Colonial Inquiries) Act, 1882.*

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Himits of the colony.

II. When the incompetency or misconduct has occurred in any part of the world on board a British ship registered in the British possession :

III When the shipwreck or casualty occurs to a British ship on or near the coast of the British possession or to a British ship in the course of a voyage to a port within the British possession :

IV. When the shipwreck or casualty occurs in any part of the world to a British ship registered in the British possession :

V. When the master, mate, or engineer of a British ship who is charged with incompetency or misconduct on board of such British ship is found in the British possession :

VI. When some of the crew of a British ship which has been wrecked or to which a casualty has occurred, and who are competent witnesses to the facts, are found in the British possession :

wherever the incompetency, misconduct, shipwreck, or casualty has occurred, have the same jurisdiction as such court or tribunal would have had, if such incompetency, misconduct, shipwreck, or casualty had occurred within the ordinary jurisdiction of such court or tribunal, but subject to all provisions, restrictions, and conditions which would have been applicable if they had so occurred: Provided that no inquiry shall be held under this Act into any shipwreck, or other casualty, or charge of incompetency or misconduct, which has once been the subject of such an inquiry and has been reported on by any competent court or tribunal in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, or in respect of which the certificate of a master, mate, or engineer has been suspended or cancelled by a naval court; and provided also, that where any inquiry has been commenced in the United Kingdom no inquiry shall be made in the same case under the authority of this Act in any British possession.

In all the above cases the "British possession" shall mean the British possession by the legislative authority whereof the court or tribunal is authorized to make inquiry.

Colonial legislative authorities empowered to authorize inquiries into

4. The legislative authority in any British possession is hereby empowered to authorize courts or tribunals to make inquiries in the cases enumerated in the last preceding section of this Act into charges of incompetency or misconduct