
Merchant Shipping Acts, &c., Amendment.

greater Particularity in the Description of the Property shall be required in such Indictment in order to sustain the same, or in proof of the Offence alleged, than is required in respect of an Indictment or the Subject Matter thereof by the Seventy-first Section of the said last-mentioned Act.

Examina-
tions of
Masters and
Mates at
Ports where
there are no
Local Marine
Boards.

17. Whereas it is expedient to make Provision in certain Cases for holding Examinations of Applicants for Certificates of Competency at Places where there are no Local Marine Boards : Be it enacted, That the Board of Trade, if satisfied that serious Inconvenience exists at any Port in consequence of the Distance which Applicants for Certificates have to travel in order to be examined, may, with the Concurrence of any Local Marine Board, send the Examiner or Examiners of that Local Marine Board to the Port where such Inconvenience exists ; and thereupon the said Examiner or Examiners shall proceed to such Port, and shall there examine the Applicants in the Presence of such Person or Persons (if any) as the Board of Trade may appoint for the Purpose ; and such Examinations shall be conducted in the same Manner and shall have the same Effect as other Examinations under the said Act.

Construc-
tion of Sect.
182 of Prin-
cipal Act.
Stipulations
concerning
Salvage.

18. It is hereby declared that the 182d Section of the Principal Act does not apply to the Case of any Stipulation made by the Seamen belonging to any Ship, which according to the Terms of the Agreement is to be employed on Salvage Service, with respect to the Remuneration to be paid to them for Salvage Services to be rendered by such Ship to any other Ship or Ships.

Payment
of Wages to
Seamen
abroad under
Section 209
of Principal
Act.

19. The Payment of Seamen's Wages required by the 209th Section of the Principal Act shall, whenever it is practicable so to do, be made in Money and not by Bill ; and in Cases where Payment is made by Bill drawn by the Master, the Owner of the Ship shall be liable to pay the amount for which the same is drawn to the Holder or Indorsee thereof ; and it shall not be necessary in any Proceeding against the Owner upon such Bill to prove that the Master had Authority to draw the same ; and any Bill purporting to be drawn in pursuance of the said Section, and to be indorsed as therein required, if produced out of the Custody of the Board of Trade or of the Registrar General of Seamen, or of any Superintendent of any Mercantile Marine Office, shall be received in Evidence ; and any Indorsement on any such Bill purporting to be made in pursuance of the said Section, and to be signed by One of the Functionaries therein mentioned, shall also be received in Evidence, and shall be deemed to be *prima facie* Evidence of the Facts stated in such Indorsement.