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CHAP. 76.

An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to A. D. 1882. 1880, with respect to Colonial Courts of Inquiry.

[18th August, 1882.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1880, with respect to Inquiries held in British possessions abroad into charges of incompetency or misconduct on the part of masters, mates or engineers of ships, or into shipwrecks or other casualties affecting ships:—

Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords' Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Colonial Inquiries) Act, 1882. Short title.
2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854 and the Acts amending the same, and the said Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as the Merchant Shipping Acts 1854 to 1882. Construction of Act.
3. Every court or tribunal which is already authorized or which may hereafter be authorized by the legislative authority in any British possession to make inquiries into charges of incompetency or misconduct on the part of masters, mates or engineers of ships, or as to shipwrecks or other casualties affecting ships, shall in the cases following; that is to say,—
 1. When the incompetency and misconduct has occurred on board of a British ship on or near the coasts of the British possession or on board of a British ship in the course of a voyage to a port within the British possession: Colonial courts or tribunals to have jurisdiction to make inquiry into charges of misconduct or incompetency and shipping casualties in certain cases occurring outside the