

An Act concerning the Registry of Ships.

[Passed the 11th day of April, 1855.]

Be it enacted by the governor, council, and assembly, as follows:

1. The governor in council may appoint for every port at which they may deem it expedient to authorize the registry of ships, a principal officer of customs, and of navigation laws, who shall be the registrar for all the purposes contemplated by the imperial act, entitled, "the merchants shipping act, 1854," which is to come into operation on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

2. The governor in council may appoint at every such port, and at any other port or ports in the province, an officer to superintend the survey and admeasurement of ships in conformity with the said act, and the same person may be appointed both the registrar and surveyor at any such registry port.

3. Such registrars and surveyors shall receive for their services in addition to any fees by law allowed, such sums as may be annually granted by the Legislature.

4. Such surveyor shall be entitled to fees for the measurement of every vessel about to be registered for the first time, or requiring measurement for the purposes of registry, which fees shall be paid by the registered owner as follows: ten shillings for vessels under one hundred tons, fifteen shillings for vessels from one hundred to two hundred tons, and twenty shillings for vessels over two hundred tons, three pence per mile travelling fees going and returning.

5. So much of the act entitled, "the merchant shipping act, 1854," as is inconsistent with this act, is hereby repealed.

6. In the event of the certificate of registry of any ship being mislaid, lost or destroyed, the registrar of the proper port shall grant a new certificate, as the case may require, on proof by affidavit of the original certificate having been mislaid, lost or destroyed.

7. This act shall not come into operation until the same shall have been confirmed by her majesty in council, nor until such approval shall be proclaimed in the royal gazette.

[The above Act was specially confirmed by Her Majesty on the 26th June last.]