

Merchant Shipping Acts, &c., Amendment.

Shall be subject to the whole of the Third Part of the Principal Act ; except,—Sections 136, 143, 145, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 157, 158, 161, 162, 166, 170, 171, 231, 256, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286 and 287.

Yachts, with certain exceptions.

14. Whereas Doubts have been entertained whether Local Marine Boards have the Power of determining a Quorum : It is hereby declared, That the Power by the 119th Section of the Principal Act given to every Local Marine Board of regulating the Mode in which its Meetings are to be held and its Business conducted includes the Power of determining a Quorum ; nevertheless, after the passing of this Act such Quorum shall never consist of less than Three Members.

Local Marine Board may determine Number of Quorum.

15. The Offices termed Shipping Offices in the Principal Act shall be termed Mercantile Marine Offices, and the Officers termed Shipping Masters and Deputy Shipping Masters in the Principal Act shall be termed Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents of such Offices ; but nothing in this Section contained shall invalidate or affect any Act which may be done at any such Office under the Title of a Shipping Office, or any Act which may be done by, with, or to any of the said Officers under the Title of Shipping Master or Deputy Shipping Master.

Titles of Shipping Masters.

16. Any Person appointed to any Office or Service by or under any Local Marine Board shall be deemed to be a Clerk or Servant within the Meaning of the Sixty-eighth Section of the Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-six :

Punishment for Embezzlement in Shipping Offices.

If any such Person fraudulently applies or disposes of any Chattel, Money, or valuable Security received by him whilst employed in such Office or Service for or on account of any such Local Marine Board, or for or on account of any other public Board or Department, to his own Use or any Use or Purpose other than that for which the same was paid, entrusted to, or received by him, or fraudulently withholds, retains, or keeps back the same or any Part thereof contrary to any lawful Directions or Instructions which he is required to obey in relation to such Office or Service, he shall be deemed guilty of Embezzlement within the Meaning of the said Section :

Any such Person shall, on Conviction of such Offence as aforesaid, be liable to the same Pains and Penalties as are thereby imposed upon any Clerk or Servant for Embezzlement :

In any Indictment against such Person for such Offence it shall be sufficient to charge any such Chattel, Money, or valuable Security as the Property either of the Board by which he was appointed, or of the Board or Department for or on account of which he may have received the same ; and no