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### CHAP. 24.

An Act to amend the law with respect to the Appliances to be carried by British Merchant Ships for saving life at Sea.

[10th August, 1888.]

**B**E 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. It shall be the duty of the owner and master of every British ship to see that his ship is provided, in accordance with rules under this Act, with such boats, life jackets, and other appliances for saving life at sea as, having regard to the nature of the service on which the ship is employed, and the avoidance of undue encumbrance of the ship's deck, are best adapted for securing the safety of her crew and passengers.

Duty to carry boats and other appliances for saving life.

2.—(1.) For the purpose of preparing and advising on rules to be made under this Act, the President of the Board of Trade shall, immediately after the passing of this Act, and may from time to time, appoint a committee, the members of which shall be nominated by him in accordance with the First Schedule to this Act.

Appointment of consultative committee for framing rules.

(2.) Each member of the Committee shall hold office for two years from the date of his appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3.) There shall be paid to the members of the committee, out of the Mercantile Marine Fund, such travelling and other allowances as the Board of Trade from time to time may fix.

(4.) Her Majesty the Queen may, from time to time, by Order in Council, alter the First Schedule to this Act.