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*Merchant Shipping Act.*

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(2.) When a ship has been provisionally detained, there shall be forthwith served, on the master of the ship, a written statement of the grounds of her detention; and the Board of Trade may, if they think fit, appoint some competent person or persons to survey the ship and report thereon to the Board:

(3) The Board of Trade, on receiving the report, may either order the ship to be released or, if in their opinion the ship is unsafe, may order her to be finally detained, either absolutely or until the performance of such conditions with respect to the execution of repairs or alterations, or the unloading or reloading of cargo, as the Board think necessary for the protection of human life, and may, from time to time, vary or add to any such order:

(4.) Before the order for final detention is made, a copy of the report shall be served upon the master of the ship, and within seven days after such service the owner or master of the ship may appeal in the prescribed manner to the Court of Survey (hereinafter mentioned) for the port or district where the ship is detained:

(5.) Where a ship has been provisionally detained, the owner or master of the ship, at any time before the person appointed, under this section, to survey the ship makes such survey, may require that he shall be accompanied by such person as the owner or master may select out of the list of assessors for the Court of Survey (nominated as hereinafter mentioned); and in such case, if the surveyor and assessor agree, the Board of Trade shall cause the ship to be detained or released accordingly, but if they differ, the Board of Trade may act as if the requisition had not been made; and the owner and master shall have the like appeal touching the report of the surveyor as is before provided by this section:

(6.) Where a ship has been provisionally detained, the Board of Trade may, at any time, if they think it expedient, refer the matter to the Court of Survey for the port or district where the ship is detained:

(7.) The Board of Trade may, at any time, if satisfied that a ship detained under this Act is not unsafe, order her to be released either upon or without any conditions:

(8.) For the better execution of this section, the Board of Trade, with the consent of the Treasury, may, from time to time, appoint a sufficient number of fit officers, and may remove any of them:

(9.)