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CHAP. CX.

An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts.

A. D., 1871.

[21st August, 1871.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts:

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:

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1871. 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 1871. Act to be construed with Merchant Shipping Acts.
3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two. Commencement of Act.

Registry (Part II. of Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.)

4. Every British ship shall, before registry, be permanently and conspicuously marked, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs, as follows; that is to say: Particulars to be marked on ship before registry.

Her name shall be marked on each of her bows, and her name and the name of her port of registry shall be marked on her stern, on a dark ground in white or yellow letters, of a length not less than four inches, and of proportionate breadth.

Her official number and the number denoting her registered tonnage shall be marked on her main beam.

A scale of feet shall be marked on her stem and on her stern post, in Roman capital letters or in figures, six inches in length, the lower line of such letters or figures to coincide with the draught line denoted thereby.

The Board of Trade may, however, exempt any class of ships from the requirements of this section or any of them.