

Merchant Shipping Act Amendment.

18. Any Naval Court summoned, under the Provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, to hear any Complaint touching the Conduct of the Master or any of the Crew of any Ship, shall, in addition to the Powers given to it by the said Act, have Power to try the said Master or any of the said Crew for any Offences against the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, in respect of which Two Justices would, if the Case were tried in the United Kingdom, have Power to convict summarily, and by Order duly made to inflict the same Punishments for such Offences which Two Justices might in the Case aforesaid inflict upon summary Conviction; provided, that in Cases where an Offender is sentenced to Imprisonment the Sentence shall be confirmed in Writing by the Senior Naval or Consular Officer present at the Place where the Court is held, and the Place of Imprisonment, whether on Land or on board Ship, shall be approved by him as a proper Place for the Purpose, and Copies of all Sentences made by any Naval Court summoned to hear any such Complaint as aforesaid shall be sent to the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Naval Officer of the Station.

Additional
Powers of
Naval Courts.
17 & 18 Vict.
c. 104, ss. 230
to 236.

19. Whenever any Articles belonging to or forming Part of any Foreign Ship which has been wrecked on or near the Coasts of the United Kingdom, or belonging to or forming Part of the Cargo thereof, are found on or near such Coasts, or are brought into any Port in the United Kingdom, the Consul General of the Country to which such Ship, or, in the Case of Cargo, to which the Owners of such Cargo, may have belonged, or any Consular Officer of such Country authorized in that Behalf by any Treaty or Agreement with such Country, shall, in the Absence of the Owner of such Ship or Articles, and of the Master or other Agent of the Owner, be deemed to be the Agent of the Owner, so far as relates to the Custody and Disposal of such Articles.

Wrecks, Casualties, and Salvage.

PART VIII. o
Merchant
Shipping Act,
1854.

In case of
Wreck of For-
eign Ships,
Consul General
to be deemed
Agent of
Owner.

20. In Cases where Services are rendered by Officers or Men of the Coast Guard Service in watching or protecting shipwrecked Property, then, unless it can be shown that such Services have been declined by the Owner of such Property or his Agent at the Time they were tendered, or that Salvage has been claimed and awarded for such Services, the Owner of the shipwrecked Property shall pay in respect of the said Services Remuneration according to a Scale to be fixed by the Board of Trade, so, however, that such Scale shall not exceed any Scale by which Payment to Officers and Men of the Coast Guard for extra Duties in the ordinary Service of the Commissioners of Customs is for the Time being regulated; and such Remuneration shall be recoverable by the same Means and shall be paid to the same Persons and accounted for and applied in the

Remuneration
for Services by
Coast Guard.