

Merchant Shipping Acts, &c., Amendment.

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obey them.

long as the same continue in force, be bound to obey them, and to carry and exhibit no other Lights and to use no other Fog Signals than such as are required by the said Regulations ; and in case of wilful Default, the Master, or the Owner of the Ship if it appear that he was in such Fault, shall, for each Occasion upon which such Regulations are infringed, be deemed to be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Breaches of
Regulations
to imply wil-
ful Default
of Person in
charge.

28. In case any Damage to Person or Property arises from the Non-observance by any Ship of any Regulation made by or in pursuance of this Act, such Damage shall be deemed to have been occasioned by the wilful Default of the Person in charge of the Deck of such Ship at the Time, unless it is shown to the Satisfaction of the Court that the Circumstances of the Case made a Departure from the Regulation necessary.

If Collision
ensues from
Breach of
the Regula-
tions, Ship
to be deemed
in fault.

29. If in any Case of Collision it appears to the Court before which the case is tried that such Collision was occasioned by the Non-observance of any Regulation made by or in pursuance of this Act, the Ship by which such Regulation has been infringed shall be deemed to be in fault, unless it is shown to the Satisfaction of the Court that the Circumstances of the Case made a Departure from the Regulation necessary.

Inspection
for enforcing
Regulations.

30. The following Steps may be taken in order to enforce Compliance with the said Regulations ; that is to say,

- (1.) The Surveyors appointed under the Third Part of the Principal Act, or such other Persons as the Board of Trade may appoint for the Purpose, may inspect any Ships for the Purpose of seeing that such Ships are properly provided with Lights and with the Means of making Fog Signals in pursuance of the said Regulations, and shall for that Purpose have the Powers given to Inspectors by the 14th Section of the Principal Act :
- (2.) If any such Surveyor or Person finds that any Ship is not so provided, he shall give to the Master or Owner Notice in Writing, pointing out the Deficiency, and also what is, in his Opinion, requisite in order to remedy the same :
- (3.) Every Notice so given shall be communicated in such Manner as the Board of Trade may direct to the Collector or Collectors of Customs at any Port or Ports from which such Ship may seek to clear or at which her Transire is to be obtained ; and no Collector to whom such Communication is made shall clear such Ship outwards or grant her a Transire, or allow her to proceed to Sea, without a Certificate under the Hand of One of the said Surveyors or other Persons