Merchant Shipping Act Amendment.

may be mea-sured under Rule I. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, ss. 21 and 22.

Shipping Act, 1854, may at any subsequent Period apply to the Commissioners of Customs to have the said Ship remeasured under Rule I. contained in the Twenty-first Section of the same Act, and the said Commissioners may thereupon, and upon Payment of such Fee not exceeding Seven Shillings and Sixpence for each Transverse Section as they may authorize, direct the said Ship to be remeasured accordingly, and the Number denoting the Register Tonnage shall be altered accordingly.

General Re-17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, s. 107.

15. The Copy or Transcript of the Register of any British gister Books in Ship which is kept by the Chief Registrar of Shipping at the Custom House in London, or by the Registrar General of Seamen, under the Direction of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs or of the Board of Trade, shall have the same Effect to all Intents and Purposes as the original Register of which the same is a Copy or Transcript.

16. The Board of Trade may issue Instructions concerning

the Relief to be administered to distressed Seamen and Apprentices, in pursuance of the Two hundred and eleventh

Masters and Seamen.

PART III. of Merchant Shipping Act,

Extension of Provisions concerning the Relief of destitute Seamen. 17 & 18 Vict.

c. 104, ss. 211,

212 and 213.

and Two hundred and twelfth Sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and may by such Instructions determine in what Cases and under what Circumstances and Conditions such Relief is to be administered; and all Powers of recovering Expenses incurred with respect to distressed Seamen and Apprentices, which by the Two hundred and thirteenth Section of the said Act are given to the Board of Trade, shall extend to all Expenses incurred by any Foreign Government for the Purposes aforesaid, and repaid to such Government by Her Majesty's Government, and shall likewise extend to any Expenses incurred by the conveying home such Seamen or Apprentices in Foreign as well as British Ships; and all

Provisions concerning the Relief of distressed Seamen and Apprentices, being Subjects of Her Majesty, which are contained in the said Sections of the said Act, and in this Section, shall extend to such Seamen and Apprentices, not being Subjects of Her Majesty, as are reduced to Distress in Foreign Parts by reason of their having been shipwrecked, discharged, or left behind from any British Ship; subject nevertheless to such Modifications and Directions concerning the Cases in which Relief is to be given to such Foreigners, and the Country to which they are to be sent, as the Board of Trade may, under the Circumstances, think fit to make and issue.

Enactment extended to Seamen in the Navy. 17 & 18 Viet. c. 104, s. 180

17. The Enactment of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, concerning Savings Banks relating to Savings Banks shall apply to all Seamen, and to their Wives and Families, whether such Seamen belong to the Royal Navy or to the Merchant Service, or to any other Sea Service.