

thereof, and be taken and deemed to be the tonnage or burthen thereof for all the purposes of the said recited Act.

*Mode of ascertaining Tonnage of Steam Vessels.*

Provided, always, and be it further enacted, that in each of the several rules hereinbefore prescribed, when applied for the purpose of ascertaining the tonnage of any ship or vessel propelled by steam, the tonnage due to the cubical contents, or the engine room shall be deducted from the total tonnage of the vessel as determined by either of the rules aforesaid, and the remainder shall be deemed the true register tonnage of the said ship or vessel. The tonnage due to the cubical contents of the engine room shall be determined in the following manner; that is to say, measure the inside length of the engine room, in feet and decimal parts of a foot from the foremost to the aftermost bulk-head, then multiply the said length by the depth of the ship or vessel at the midship division as aforesaid, and the product by the inside breadth at the same division at two fifths of the depth from the deck taken as aforesaid, and divide the last product by 92-4, and the quotient shall be deemed the tonnage due to the cubical contents of the engine room.

*Amount of Register Tonnage to be carved on Main Beam.*

And be it further enacted, that the true amount of the register tonnage of every merchant ship or vessel belonging to the United Kingdom, to be ascertained according to the rule by this Act established in respect of such ships, shall be deeply carved or cut in figures of at least three inches in length on the main beam of every such ship or vessel, prior to her being registered.

*Not to alter Tonnage of Vessels already registered.*

Provided always, and be it further enacted, that nothing herein contained shall extend to alter the present measure of tonnage of any ship or vessel which shall have been registered prior to the commencement of this Act, unless in cases where the owners of any such ships shall require to have their tonnage established according to the rule hereinbefore provided, or unless there shall be occasion to have any such ship admeasured again on account of any alteration which shall have been made in the form or burthen of the same, in which cases only such ships shall be re-admeasured according to the said rule, and their tonnage registered accordingly.