



# Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act 1853

## 1853 CHAPTER 131

### *Preliminary*

#### **I Interpretation of Terms in this Act.**

In the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, if not inconsistent with the Context or Subject Matter; (that is to say,)

The Expression " Board of Trade " shall mean the Committee of Privy Council appointed for the Consideration of Matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations :

The Word " *Trinity House* " shall mean the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood of the Most Glorious and Undivided Trinity and of *Saint Clement* in the Parish of *Deptford Strond* in the County of *Kent*, commonly called the Corporation of *Trinity House of Deptford Strond* ;

The Expression " Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses " shall mean the Commissioners in whom the Management of *Scotch* Lighthouses is vested by the Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, Chapter One hundred and one, and by various other Acts :

The Expression " the Port of *Dublin* Corporation " shall mean the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of *Dublin* :

The Word " Lighthouse " shall include Lighthouse, Light, Floating Light, Beacon, Buoy, or other Mark, Sign, or Signal of the Sea :

The Word " Lighthouse Tolls " shall include every Species of Duty or Payment payable by Owners or Masters of Ships or otherwise received in respect of Lighthouses :

The Word " Ballastage Rates " shall include all Rates and other Monies received by the *Trinity House* in respect of their exclusive Right of supplying Ballast to Vessels in the River *Thames*, under the local Act of the Seventh Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter Fifty-seven, for the Regulation of Lastage and Ballastage in the River *Thames*, or otherwise :

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The Expression " Consular Officer " shall include Consul General, Consul, and Vice-Consul, and any Person for the Time being discharging the Duties of Consul, Consul General, or Vice-Consul :

The Word " Owner, " when applied to a Ship, shall include all the Persons, if more than One, to whom the Ship belongs, and shall also, if the Master and Crew are the Servants of the Charterer or Charterers, include such Charterer or Charterers :

The Word " Master " shall include every Person (except a Pilot) having Command or Charge of a Ship :

The Word " Seaman " shall include every Person (except Masters and Pilots) employed or engaged to serve in any Capacity on board any Ship :

The Word " Salvor " shall mean the Person or Persons in command of any Ship or Ships by which, or by the Crews or any Part of the Crews of which, Salvage Services are rendered :

The Word " Ship " shall include every Seagoing Vessel :

The Expression " Her Majesty's Dominions " shall include Her Majesty's Dominions strictly so called, and all Territories under the Government of the *East India* Company, and all other Territories, if any, governed by any Charter or Licence from the Crown or Parliament of *Great Britain*, and the *Ionian* Islands.

## **II Short Title.**

This Act may be cited as " The Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853."

## **III Commencement of Act.**

This Act shall come into operation on the First Day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.