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CAP. V.

An Act to ascertain the Tonnage of Vessels propelled by Steam. [23d *March* 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better ascertaining the Tonnage and Burthen of Ships and Vessels importing and exporting Goods into and from this Kingdom, or hovering upon the Coasts thereof; for amending so much of an Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, for lowering the Duty payable upon the Importation of Oak Bark, as relates to the suing for the Penalties and Forfeitures thereby inflicted in the Court of Exchequer in* Scotland; *for appropriating the Duty on Oak Bark, granted by the said Act; and for obviating Doubts which have arisen with respect to the allowing the Drawback upon certain Callicoes; and the Bounty upon* British-*made Cordage exported to the Islands of* Madeira, *the* Canary *Islands, and the* Azores *or Western Islands;* and by another Act, passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further Increase and Encouragement of Shipping and Navigation,* certain Rules are settled and established for ascertaining the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels for the Purposes therein mentioned: And whereas Ships or Vessels have been built and constructed to be propelled by Steam, and the Rules prescribed by the before recited Act are not suitable to ascertain the true Tonnage of such Ships or Vessels: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Par- 13 G. 3. c. 74. 26 G. 3. c. 60.

How the Tonnage of Vessels propelled by Steam shall be ascertained.

liament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Rule for admeasuring Ships or Vessels to be propelled by Steam shall be as follows; that is to say, the Length shall be taken on a straight Line along the Rabbet of the Keel of the Ship, from the Back of the Main Stern Post to a perpendicular Line from the Forepart of the Main Stem under the Bowsprit, from which deducting the Length of the Engine Room and subtracting Three-fifths of the Breadth, the Remainder shall be esteemed the just Length of the Keel to find the Tonnage; and the Breadth shall be taken from the Outside of the outside Plank in the broadest Place of the Ship or Vessel, be it either above or below the Main Wales, exclusive of all Manner of Doubling Planks that may be wrought upon the Sides of the Ship or Vessel; then multiplying the Length of the Keel by the Breadth so taken, and that Product by Half the Breadth, and dividing the Whole by Ninety-four, the Quotient shall be deemed the true Contents of the Tonnage, according to which Rule the Tonnage of all such Ships and Vessels shall be measured and ascertained; any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to stow or place any Goods (Fuel for the Voyage excepted), in the said Engine Room; and if any Goods shall be so stowed or placed, such Ship or Vessel shall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be a Ship or Vessel which has not been admeasured according to the Rules of this Act, and liable to all the Consequences thereof.

No Goods to be stowed in the Engine Room except Fuel for the Voyage.

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