



# Coastguard Act 1925

## 1925 CHAPTER 88

### **1 Transfer of the coastguard to the Board of Trade.**

- (1) His Majesty's Coastguard shall consist of such numbers of officers and men as the Board of Trade (hereinafter referred to as " the Board") may, with the consent of the Treasury from time to time think fit, and shall be raised, maintained, equipped, and governed by the Board and employed as a coast-watching force for the performance of the duties hitherto performed by the coastguard on behalf of the Board, and of such other duties as may be determined by the Board.
- (2) All land which is at the commencement of this Act held by the Admiralty in connection with the coastguard service and required by the Board for the purposes of His Majesty's Coastguard shall, notwithstanding any provisions in any lease or other instrument prohibiting or restricting the transfer or assignment thereof, be transferred to the Commissioners of Works by Order of His Majesty in Council without the necessity of any other conveyance or assignment, and shall be taken by the said Commissioners as land necessary for the public service and held by them for all the estate and interest for which it was previously held by the Admiralty.
- (3) The power of the Admiralty to acquire land for the purposes of the coastguard service is hereby transferred to the Commissioners of Works, and accordingly the said Commissioners may cause to be surveyed and marked out any land not exceeding three acres at or for any one coastguard station, which may be required for the purposes of His Majesty's Coastguard with all necessary ways to and from such land, and may enter into agreements for the acquisition of such land as land necessary for the public service, and sections three hundred and thirty-six to three hundred and forty-five (both inclusive) of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1853, as amended by any subsequent enactment shall apply with the necessary modifications to the purchase by the said Commissioners of land required by the Board for the purposes of His Majesty's Coastguard as those sections have hitherto applied to the acquisition by the Admiralty of land required for the purposes of the coastguard service.