



# Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act 1853

## 1853 CHAPTER 131

### *Penal Clauses*

#### **LII Punishment for Forgery and false Representations.**

Every Person who, in making or supporting any such Application as aforesaid to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, or who in any Proceeding under this Act in respect of Salvage, fraudulently forges, alters, or procures to be forged or altered, any Document, and every Person who in making or supporting any such Application or in any such Proceeding puts off or makes use of any such forged or altered Document, or who in making or supporting any such Application or in any such Proceeding gives or makes or procures to be given or made, or assists in giving or making or procuring to be given or made, any false Evidence or Representation, knowing the same to be false, or who in any such Declaration as herein-before required upon the Purchase of any Share or Shares in any Ship makes any false Statement or Representation, shall be punishable with Imprisonment, with or without Hard Labour, for a Period not exceeding Two Years, or, if summarily prosecuted and convicted, by Imprisonment, with or without Hard Labour, for a Period not exceeding Six Months.

#### **LIII Mode of Procedure in Criminal Cases.**

All Criminal Proceedings under this Act shall be carried on in the same Manner as similar Proceedings under the said Mercantile Marine Act, 1850, and all Rules of Law, Practice, and Evidence which are applicable to such last-mentioned Proceedings shall be applicable to Criminal Proceedings under this Act.