



Merchant Shipping Act 1894

1894 CHAPTER 60

PART XI

LIGHTHOUSES.

General Management.

634 Management of lighthouses, buoys, and beacons.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, and subject also to any powers or rights now lawfully enjoyed or exercised by any person or body of persons having by law or usage authority over local lighthouses, buoys, or beacons, (in this-Act referred to as "local lighthouse authorities,") the superintendence and management of all lighthouses, buoys, and beacons shall within the following areas be vested in the following bodies; namely—

- (a) Throughout England and Wales, and the Channel Islands and the adjacent seas and islands, and at Gibraltar, in the Trinity House;
- (b) Throughout Scotland and the adjacent seas and islands, and the Isle of Man, in the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses; and
- (c) Throughout Ireland and the adjacent seas and islands, in the Commissioners of Irish Lights,

and those bodies are in this Act referred to as the general lighthouse authorities and those areas as lighthouse areas.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, the general lighthouse authorities shall respectively continue to hold and maintain all property now vested in them in that behalf in the same manner and for the same purposes as they have hitherto held and maintained the same.

635 Returns and information to Board of Trade.

The general lighthouse authorities, and their respective officers, shall at all times give to the Board of Trade all such returns, explanations, or information, in relation to

the lighthouses, buoys, or beacons within their respective areas, and the management thereof, as the Board require.

636 Power of Board of Trade to inspect on complaint made.

- (1) The Board of Trade may, on complaint that any lighthouse, buoy, or beacon under the management of any of the general lighthouse authorities, or any work connected therewith, is inefficient or improperly managed or is unnecessary, authorise any persons appointed by them to inspect the same.
- (2) A person so authorised may inspect the same accordingly, and make any inquiries in respect thereof, and of the management thereof, which he thinks fit; and all officers and others having the care of any such lighthouses, buoys, or beacons, or concerned in the management thereof, shall furnish any information and explanations in relation thereto which the person inspecting requires.

637 Inspection by Trinity House.

The Trinity House, and any of their engineers, workmen, and servants, may at all times enter any lighthouse within any of the lighthouse areas for the purpose of viewing their condition or otherwise for the purposes of this Act.