



Merchant Shipping Act 1894

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PART XIII

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Evidence, Service of Documents, owl Declarations.

696 Service of documents.

- (1) Where for the purposes of this Act any document is to be served on any person, that document may be served—
 - (a) in any case by delivering a copy thereof personally to the person to be served, or by leaving the same at his last place of abode; and,
 - (b) if the document is to be served on the master of a ship, where there is one, or on a person belonging to a ship, by leaving the same for him on board that ship with the person being or appearing to be in command or charge of the ship; and,
 - (c) if the document is to be served on the master of a ship, where there is no master, and the ship is in the United Kingdom, on the managing owner of the ship, or, if there is no managing owner, on some agent of the owner residing in the United Kingdom, or where no such agent is known or can be found, by affixing a copy thereof to the mast of the ship.
- (2) If any person obstructs the service on the master of a ship of any document under the provisions of this Act relating to the detention of ships as unseaworthy, that person shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, and, if the owner or master of the ship is party or privy to the obstruction, he shall in respect of each offence be guilty of a misdemeanor.