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Home port. home port shall also be marked upon the stern. These names shall be painted, or carved and gilded, in Roman letters in a light color on a dark ground, or in a dark color on a light ground, and to be distinctly visible. The smallest letters used shall not be less in size than four inches. If any vessels of the United States shall be found without these names being so marked the owner or owners shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each name omitted: Provided, however, That the names on each bow may be marked within the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one.”

Sec. 2. The draught of every registered vessel shall be marked upon the stem and stern post, in English feet or decimeters, in either Arabic or Roman numerals. The bottom of each numeral shall indicate the draught to that line.

The owner, agent, or master of every inspected sea-going steam or sail vessel shall indicate the draught of water at which he shall deem his vessel safe to be loaded for the trade she is engaged in, which limit as indicated shall be stated in the vessel’s certificate of inspection, and it shall be unlawful for such vessel to be loaded deeper than stated in said certificate.

Approved, February 21, 1891.

February 21, 1891. CHAP. 251.—An act to constitute Nashville, Tennessee, a port of delivery, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery; and that the privileges of immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise, conferred by the act of June the tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled “An act to amend the Statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes,” be, and the same are, extended to said port, and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs for said port, to reside at such port, who shall receive a salary, to be determined in amount by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Approved, February 21, 1891.

February 21, 1891. CHAP. 252.—An act to facilitate the collection of commercial statistics required by section two of the river and harbor appropriation acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-six and eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That owners, agents, masters, and clerks of vessels arriving at or departing from localities where works of river and harbor improvement are carried on shall furnish, on application of the persons in local charge of the works, a comprehensive statement of vessels, passengers, freight, and tonnage.

Sec. 2. That every person or persons offending against the provisions of this act shall, for each and every offense, be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding two months, to be enforced in any district court in the United States within whose territorial jurisdiction such offense may have been committed.

Approved, February 21, 1891.