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No. 24. Read the following Notification of the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, dated Calcutta, 31st January 1873, No. 15 :—

Commerce and Trade.

The following regulations for assessing the tonnage of foreign vessels for payment of tonnage dues at British Indian ports have been sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, and are published for general information :—

1. Where fees are charged for measuring British ships, fees may be charged for the measurement of foreign ships.

2. Where the difficulties of measuring are great, an estimated equivalent or approximate measurement for the purpose of levying dues at the port may be taken from the particulars shown in the ship's papers or otherwise.

If this approximation be objected to, the objector (whether ship-owner or receiver of dues) may demand measurement, but, in such case, he must pay the fees and expenses.

3. A measurement certificate, if issued by the authorized measurers in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, United Kingdom, or abroad, upon actual measurement, to remain in force for two years from the date of its issue, and will, while it is in force, be valid in all parts of the British dominions; provided (1) that the vessel to which it relates is not altered during the period to an extent interfering with her original capacity, and (2) that stores, cargo, or passengers are *not* carried in any spaces which have not been included in, or which have been deducted from, the gross tonnage. A measurement certificate thus given to be renewable at the end of the two years without re-measurement, if the vessel, upon survey, is found to have been unaltered, and if stores, cargo, or passengers have not been carried in any unmeasured or exempted spaces.

4. The tonnage of ships belonging to nations who have adopted the rules in force in the United Kingdom to be accepted as on their national papers in so far as the arrangement goes.

The only country at present whose Government has adopted the British rules in their entirety is Denmark, but the following countries (*viz.*, America and the Austro-Hungarian Empire) have accepted the principle of the gross tonnage. To arrive at the registered tonnage in ships of these countries, it will only be necessary to make such deduction from the gross tonnage as is allowed on compliance with British law. It will, of course, be open to any local Government to decline to accept the statement of tonnage given on any papers if it should appear that any part of the ship—notably closed-in freight-earning spaces in the uppermost decks—has been omitted from measurement in the national papers.

5. The local Governments to provide and remunerate proper measuring surveyors, and no other surveyors to be recognized.

6. Travelling expenses incurred by the surveyors through vessels lying at a distance from the head port to be borne by the ship.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
18th February 1873.

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Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to its communication, No. 298, dated the 16th ultimo.

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1873, No. 60.

Communicated to the Revenue Board and to the Master Attendant.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Master Attendant, Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Revenue Dept.
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To

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