

This measurement is required to obtain a standard for levying light, tonnage, and beacon dues, described by Art. 2 of the law of the 13th of August, 1849 (Staatsblad, No. 40).

The tonnage of *loaded vessels putting into a harbour*, and recognized as such by the law on the import, export, and transit duties, when such vessels depart without breaking bulk, is to be rated by the government meters, allowing the owner, captain, or commander, the right, in case of dispute, to demand a measurement, the expense of which is to be borne by the party who shall be found in error.

ART. III.—Every ton of a sea ship is considered to equal one thousand Netherland pounds, or one and a half cubic ells.

Fractions, beneath a quarter of a Netherland cubic ell, are not calculated in the measurement, and those of or above a quarter of an ell are considered as half an ell.

ART. IV.—A duly signed certificate of measurement, in duplicate, is to be given by the meter to the captain or commander, specifying, besides the flag which the vessel bears and any other particulars necessary to distinguish the same, her measured length, breadth, depth, and tonnage.

ART. V.—The owners, captains, or commanders of sea vessels can demand a remeasurement by two other officials, or competent impartial persons, at the cost of the party found to be in error, within three times twenty-four hours after the delivery of the certificate of measurement.

ART. VI.—Every officer appointed for measuring vessels is authorized to verify, either by re-measurement or otherwise, all measurements made by others, after the vessel shall be unloaded, free of expense to the masters, and, in case of variance, to note such on the certificate of measurement.

The right granted by Art. 5 to owners, captains, or commanders, admits likewise of such verification.

ART. VII.—No vessels will be allowed to depart, nor will be provided with a direct or indirect certificate of adjustment, until their certificate of measurement shall have been exhibited at the office of the port of discharging or loading, as a proof of which the same will have to be signed there.

ART. VIII.—The certificate of measurement, when thus signed, must be kept on board of the ships clearing outwards, on a penalty of twenty-five florins, and must be exhibited to the searching officers at their request.

ART. IX.—In Art. 8 of the Law of the 8th of August, 1850 (Staatsblad, No. 47), in the sentence "*Either by subjecting those vessels to an increased tonnage due,*" the word "*increased*" is to be erased, and the words "*to be fixed by us,*" to be inserted in its stead.

This manner of levying the tonnage dues fixed by us will be regulated by the same Decree, which was passed according to Art. 8 of the Law of 8th August, 1850.

ART. X.—This law comes into operation on the 1st of January, 1856.

We order and command that the present be inserted in the Staatsblad, and that all ministerial departments, authorities, colleges, and officials, interested thereby, shall attend to the exact execution thereof.

Given at the Loo, the 14th of July, 1855.

(Signed) WILLIAM.

The Minister of Finance,

(Signed) VROLIK.

Issued the 24th of July, 1855.

The Director of the King's Cabinet,

(Signed) DE KOCK.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln.*

*Royal South Lincoln Militia.*

William Hervey Woodhouse, Esq., to be Captain, vice Johnson, deceased. Dated 24th October, 1855.

Montagu Stephen Williams, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Woodhouse, promoted. Dated 24th October, 1855.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.*

*Queen's Own Light Infantry Regiment of Tower Hamlets Militia.*

James Henry Neilson, Esq., to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st November, 1855.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland.*

*Royal Cumberland Regiment of Militia.*

Assistant-Surgeon Thomas Delamain Wheatley to be Surgeon, vice Fidler, resigned. Dated 31st October, 1855.

*Commission signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York, and the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.*

*East York Regiment of Militia.*

Captain John William Fleming Sandwith, late 3rd European Bombay Regiment, to be Paymaster, vice Ramsay, Acting Paymaster. Dated 2nd November, 1855.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Leicester.*

*Leicestershire Regiment of Militia.*

Lieutenant John Mathew to be Captain. Dated 12th October, 1855.

Edward Joseph Crane, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 12th October, 1855.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh or Mid-Lothian.*

*Edinburgh (County) Regiment of Militia.*

Ensign Sinclair to be Lieutenant, vice Innes, resigned. Dated 26th October, 1855.

Ensign Pott to be Lieutenant, vice Murray, appointed to the 72nd Foot. Dated 26th October, 1855.

[This Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Friday the 26th October last.]

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham.*

*Royal Sherwood Foresters or Nottinghamshire Regiment of Militia.*

Edward a'Wood Tayler, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 19th October, 1855.

NOTICE.—NAVAL MEDALS FOR THE CRIMEA.

*Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, 1st November, 1855.*

HER Majesty having been graciously pleased to grant a medal to Officers, Seamen, and Marines