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PORTS ACT, 1908 PORTS ACT, 1908 15 OF 1908 STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS This is a pure consolidating Bill. The Indian Ports Act, 1889, has been amended by no less than five other Acts. The object of the present Bill is to collect the provisions of these six Acts and to incorporate them into one Act. The result will be that the law will be more easily ascertainable and that one Act will take the place of six on the Statute book. The fact that the General Clauses Act, 1897, will apply to Bill when passed has rendered it unnecessary to retain some provisions of the existing Act. The opportunity has been taken to incorporate alterations of a formal character intended merely to improve and simplify the language of the existing Act. The numbering of the Sections of the Act of 1889 has been preserved. The only clause which in any way alters the law at present in force is clause 43(b). That clause corresponds to S. 43(b) of the Act, which enacts that the owner or master of a vessel must pay all expenses, required by S. 228 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854 to be borne by him, before the grant of a port-clearance. The Statute of 1854 has been repealed by the present Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vict.. Cap. 60).