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**Ports Act, 1908**

**Section 42 - Distraint and sale on refusal to pay port-charges If the master of any vessel in respect of which any port-dues, fees**

a) [a] Inserted by Indian Ports (Amendment) Act (23 of 1992), S. 7 (12-8-1992). [Provided that where such vessel or other thing is already arrested under the order of a court or other authority, the authority appointed to receive port-dues, fees or other charges, may sell the vessel or other thing only with the prior permission of such court or other authority and satisfy the port- dues, fees or other charges and the costs including costs of sale remaining unpaid, and disburse the surplus, if any, in accordance with the orders or directions of such court or other authority : Provided further that the person to whom the vessel or other thing is sold under this section, shall be deemed to be the owner thereof and registered as such under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.1