

TONNAGE DUTIES ON VESSELS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Paris, November 13th, 1916

EXCELLENCY:

By a Note under date of September 13th last, relative to the remeasurement of American vessels calling at French ports, for the proper calculation of tonnage dues, Your Excellency was pleased to propose a reciprocal agreement between the United States and France, whereby the French authorities would accept the measurement of American vessels at French ports, provided a similar privilege were accorded to French registered vessels calling at American ports.

The Department of State, to whom a copy of the above mentioned letter was duly transmitted, has now replied that the matter was referred to the Secretary of Commerce who, by Section 2 of the Act of August 5th 1882,¹ is authorized to accept the measurement of foreign vessels in ports of the United States when the measurement laws of foreign countries and of the United States are substantially similar. The Secretary of Commerce states that his Department understands that for some time past the admeasurement

¹ 22 Stat. 300.