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Die Beneral . Ronfuln . Ronfuln. Rize Ronfuln und Ronfular - Mgenten fonnen fich in Merfon an Borb ber gum freien Rorfehr maelaffenen Schiffe ihrer Rationalitat begeben ober einen Bepollmachtigten an Borb ichiden, um bie Offiziere und Mannichaften zu pernehmen. bie Schiffspapiere einzuseben, Die Erflarungen über ibre Reife, ihren Beftimmungeort und bie Smifchenfälle mab. rend ber Reife entgegenzunehmen, Pabungeverzeichniffe (Manifefte) aufzuneh. men, ben Gingang und bie Rlarirung ibrer Schiffe ju forbern, enblich mit ben gehachten Offizieren und Mannichaften por ben Berichte. ober Bermaltunge. beborben bes Panbes ju ericheinen, um ihnen ale Dolmeticher ober Mgenten ju bienen.

Die Berichtsbehörben und Rollbeamten burfen in feinem Stalle gur Befichtigung ober Durchsuchung von Sanbeleichiffen ichreiten, ohne ben Ronfular-Beamten ber Ration, melder bie gebach. ten Schiffe angehoren, behufe ihrer etwaigen Begenwart porber Rachricht gegeben zu baben.

Ebenfo muffen bie gebachten Ronfular-Beamten behufe ibrer Unmefenbeit rechtzeitig benachrichtigt merben, menn bie Offiziere ober jur Schiffsmann. fchaft geborige Berfonen por ben Gerichten ober Beborben bes Orte Musfagen ober Erflärungen abzugeben haben, bamit iebes Dikverstandnik und ieber Arrthum, welche einer geordneten Rechts. pflege Gintrag thun fonnten, vermieben Die bezügliche Mittheilung an bie Ronfuln, Bige-Ronfuln ober Ronfular-Mgenten foll bie fur bas Berfahren bestimmte Stunde enthalten. Beim Richtericbeinen ber gebachten Beamten ober ibrer Bertreter fann in ibrer Abmefenbeit in ber Sache porgegangen merben.

Art. XII.

Consuls general Consuls Vice-Consuls and Consular-Agents shall be at liberty to go either in person or hy proxy on hoard vessels of their nation admitted to entry and to examine the officers and crews to examine the ships papers, to receive declarations concerning their voyage their destination and the incidents of the voyage, also to draw up manifests and lists of freight, to facilitate the entry and clearance of their vessels, and finally to accompany the said officers or crews before the judicial or administrative authorities of the country, to assist them as their interpreters or agents.

The judicial authorities and custom house officials shall in no case proceed to the examination or search of merchant vessels without having given previous notice to the consular officers of the nation to which the said vessels belong, in order to enable the said consular officers to

be present.

They shall also give due notice to the said consular officers in order to enable them to be present at any depositions or statements to be made in courts of law or before local magistrates, by officers or persons belonging to the crew, thus to prevent errors or false interpretations which might impede the correct administration of iustice. The notice to Consuls. Vice-Consuls or Consular-Agents shall name the hour fixed for such proceedings. Upon the non-appearance of the said officers or their representatives, the case may be proceeded with in their absence.