

MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on the 3d day of May, 1907, at 3 P. M.

Present: Honorable Addison Brown, Messrs. Henry G. Ward, Everett P. Wheeler, Lawrence Kneeland, Joseph Larocque, Jr., Lorenzo Ullo, and Harrington Putnam.

In the absence of the President and Secretary, Honorable Addison Brown was elected Chairman, and Harrington Putnam was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting on May 4, 1906, were read and approved.

A letter of President Robert D. Benedict, dated April 29, 1907, embodying suggestions for the future action of the Association, was read; also a portion of a letter from Honorable Frederic Dodge, regretting his inability to attend on account of a jury trial.

By reason of the absence of the secretary and treasurer the presentation of his report for the year was omitted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, with the following result:

President, Hon. Addison Brown; Executive Committee: Everett P. Wheeler, Hon. Frederic Dodge, H. Putnam; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward Grenville Benedict.

It was voted that the secretary be requested to ascertain and report to the Executive Committee the present status of the proposals of the Comité Maritime; also what future meetings are now proposed to be held, with a view to requesting a meeting of this Association, if deemed desirable by the Executive Committee.

Also voted that the secretary be requested to correspond with Mr. Watson, Chairman of the Revision Commission of the Laws of the United States, with a view to bringing to his attention the various bills recommended by this Association,

and, if possible, securing the favorable consideration of them by his commission.

In accordance with the recommendation of the ex-President, voted that the employment of a person at Washington to look after the Congressional Record and the introduction of measures relating to shipping, and generally to advise this Association of the proceedings of Congress, be referred to the Executive Committee and the secretary, with power.

Also voted that the secretary *pro tem.* annex to the minutes of the meeting a memorial note with reference to the deaths during the year of Wilhelmus Mynderse and ex-Judge William W. Goodrich.

The meeting then adjourned.

HARRINGTON PUTNAM,
Secretary pro tem.

EDWARD GRENVILLE BENEDICT,
Secretary,
79 Wall St., New York.

MEMORIAL NOTE APPENDED TO THE MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 3, 1907.

This Association deploras the death, during the past year, of two of its original members, namely, Mr. Wilhelmus Mynderse and ex-Judge William W. Goodrich.

Mr. Mynderse was an active and influential participant in the deliberations and work of this Association, and, together with our ambassador, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, represented this Association in 1899, at the London Conference, on the Law of Collisions at Sea and Shipowners' Liability.

In all committee deliberations, his skill and wise judgment were given to the subjects he undertook. He was especially active in the reports and proposed legislation regarding remedies for loss of life at sea.

In his reports in this Association, as in all his work at the Bar, he was master of a style of singular clearness, brevity and distinction, which gave a charm and interest to all products of his pen.

His sudden death in the prime of his activities is a great loss to our branch of the legal profession, and to the work of this Association.

The death of ex-Judge Goodrich, following so soon that of Mr. Mynderse, removed from this Association a distinguished member, who had taken an unique part in forming the Rules of the Road at Sea and in the many public conferences for revision and advancement of the maritime law. Always ready to devote himself to public and unselfish labors, he had been a conspicuous participant in the Washington Marine Conference in 1889-90, to which he was appointed by President Cleveland; he also served as one of the committee who drafted and presented the Inland Rules of 1897, a fitting supplement to his work in the preparation of the Rules for the High Seas. More recently he acted as the official delegate of the United States at the International Diplomatic Maritime Conference held at Brussels in 1905.

This Association records this note of Judge Goodrich's inspiring interest in all movements to improve the law of the sea, of his cheerful alacrity in any service that he was able to render, and of the loss to us, individually, as well as to the Association, by his death.