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## THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

## SECRETARY'S NOTICE

At the request of the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, the Executive Committee has directed that the following information be circulated among the members of The Maritime Law Association.

R. S. 4450, as amended (46 U. S. C. sec. 239, as amended) requires the Coast Guard to investigate marine casualties and to ascertain whether incompetence or negligence of licensed or certificated personnel has contributed to the casualty. The power of Coast Guard officers to conduct hearings, however, ceased on June 11, 1947, and no such hearings have since been held because funds have not been available for the procurement of civilian examiners.

Funds for that purpose have now been made available. The Coast Guard contemplates appointing about twenty-four civilian examiners in United States ports, of whom two will be Grade P-6 at \$7,102.00 to \$8,060.00 per year, and twenty-two will be Grade P-5 at \$5,905.00 to \$6,862.00 per year.

Any member of the Association who is interested in obtaining further information, or in applying for one of these positions, should write at once to:

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