

## MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

A Special Meeting of the Association was called for October 2d, 1911, to answer the following question, which is to be considered at the Paris Conference of the International Committee to be held in October:

“Should the liability of ship-owners, in respect of personal injuries, be limited to a fixed amount, such liability to be independent of the liability in respect to material damage, and such amount to be calculated at £7 per ton gross register.”

The attendance at the meeting was so small that the members present did not feel justified in binding the Association by any definite answer.

On motion, it was resolved by those present that it was the sense of the meeting that if the liability of ship-owners is to be measured in pounds sterling per ton, such liability should be materially greater than eight pounds in case of property damage, and seven pounds in case of claims for personal injury or loss of life, and further, that if the ship-owner elects to limit his liability by a surrender of the ship, or the payment of the appraised value, such owner should not be liable for any sum in excess thereof by reason of any personal injury or death claim, which, in that event, should participate with property claims.

Mr. Frederick M. Brown was chosen as delegate to represent the Association at the Paris Conference, and sailed for this purpose on October 3d.

EDWARD GRENVILLE BENEDICT,  
*Secretary.*