

AMENDMENT OF ADMIRALTY RULES.*

ORDER, MAY 31, 1932.

The rules of practice in admiralty heretofore promulgated by this Court (254 U. S., Appendix) are amended by including therein a new rule numbered 43½ and reading as follows:

“In all references to commissioners or assessors, by consent or otherwise, whether the reference be of all issues of law and fact, or only particular issues either of law or fact or both, the report of the commissioners or assessors shall be treated as presumptively correct, but shall be subject to review by the court, and the court may adopt the same, or may modify or reject the same in whole or in part when the court in the exercise of its judgment is fully satisfied that error has been committed: *Provided*, That when a case or any issue is referred by consent and the intention is plainly expressed in the consent order that the submission is to the commissioners or assessors as arbitrators, the court may review the same only in accordance with the principles governing a review of an award and decision by an arbitrator.”

* The Admiralty Rules now in force were promulgated December 6, 1920, effective March 7, 1921. See 254 U. S., appendix.

For another amendment, see 281 U. S. 773.