§3859. Offer of default; admission of sum due

The defendant may offer to be defaulted as in other cases. The owners of the vessel may admit, in writing filed with the clerk, that a certain sum is due the plaintiff as a lien on the vessel. If the plaintiff does not recover a greater sum as lien, he recovers no costs against such owner or the vessel or its proceeds after the admission is filed; but such owner recovers costs thereafter.

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