

II. And be it enacted, That the said Shipping Master shall be, and is hereby empowered to appoint such and so many deputies for the said Port, as shall be necessary, which said deputy or deputies shall have the power and authority given to him or them by this Act, and shall take and subscribe the above oath before any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and the same shall be filed in the Office of the Provincial Secretary; and any deputy so appointed, shall himself with two responsible sureties, enter into bonds to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the penal sum of two hundred pounds each, for the faithful discharge of his duties, which bond shall enure to the benefit of all parties who may be damnified by misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance of the said deputy; all parties damnified shall be entitled to recover from the said deputy and his sureties, before any Court of competent jurisdiction, upon such bond, by suit or action, to the amount to which they may have been so damnified.

Empowered to appoint deputies who are also to give security.

III. And be it enacted, That no person selling or vending any spirituous liquors, tavern keepers, or boarding house keepers, or bailiffs, shall be eligible to the situation of Shipping Master or Deputy.

Certain employments to disqualify for the office of Shipping Master or Deputy.

IV. And be it enacted, That for each seaman shipped the Shipping Master shall be entitled to take and receive the sum of two shillings and six pence currency, from the Master of the Ship or Vessel on board of which such seaman shall be shipped, or to which he shall belong.

Fee of 2s. 6d. allowed for each seaman shipped, payable by the Ship Master.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Shipping Master shall keep a registry of all seamen shipped, which shall be open for public inspection.

Open Registry of seamen shipped to be kept.

VI. And be it enacted, That every seaman desirous of shipping shall first exhibit his Registry Ticket to the Shipping Master or Deputy, previously to being shipped; and unless the seaman shall exhibit such ticket, or shew to the satisfaction of the said Shipping Master or Deputy why he does not exhibit the same, such seaman shall not be shipped.

Seamen previous to shipping to exhibit registry ticket.

VII. And be it enacted, That no person, not being such Shipping Master or Deputy as aforesaid, or not being the owner, part owner, master, or person in charge of a merchant ship, or the ship's husband, shall hire, engage, supply or provide a seaman to be entered on board any merchant ship; and no person whatever, other than the owner, part owner, master, or other person in charge of a merchant ship, or ship's husband, shall demand or obtain the Register Ticket of any seaman, for the purpose or under the pretence of engaging him on board of any merchant ship.

No person other than the Shipping Master, &c. to supply seamen for vessels, nor obtain the registry tickets.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no owner, part owner, master, or person in charge of any merchant ship, or ship's husband, shall knowingly receive or accept to be entered on board the said ship any seaman who has been hired, engaged, supplied or provided to be entered on board thereof contrary to the provisions of this Act.

No seaman hired contrary to this Act to be received on ship-board.

IX. And be it enacted, That every person guilty of any of the offences above described shall forfeit and pay for each and every seaman hired, engaged, supplied or provided to be entered on board, and for every Registry Ticket demanded or obtained contrary to the provisions of this Act, or for every seaman knowingly received or accepted to be entered on board contrary to the provisions of this Act, any sum of money not exceeding ten pounds, upon conviction thereof, for each offence, although several seamen may be included in the same contract, or several tickets may be obtained, or several seamen may be received, or permitted, or remain at the same time.

Penalty for foregoing offences.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, other than such Shipping Master or Deputy, to be employed for the purpose of engaging or providing seamen to be entered on board merchant ships; and that any such Shipping Master or Deputy knowingly employing any other person for the purpose aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten pounds currency, and in addition thereto, shall forfeit and lose his office; for every day any seaman shall be absent without leave he shall forfeit to the ship two days pay; and every seaman absent when unmooring or getting the ship ready for sea, shall forfeit to the ship one pound.

No person other than Shipping Master or Deputy to be employed to procure seamen.

Penalty.

Penalty on seamen for absence from duty.

XI. And be it enacted, That the owner, part owner, master, or person in charge of any merchant ship, or ship's husband, shall not pay in advance, nor give any note in writing, or otherwise in the nature of and purporting to be an advance note for any part of the wages for the seaman hired, engaged, supplied or provided to be entered on board the said ship, until three days after the sailing of the ship or vessel, with the men certified by the master of said ship or vessel to be on board at the time of sailing.

No advance of pay to be made for seamen's wages.