

Fund for ex-
penses of
Board and dis-
abled Steve-
dores.

Per centage
payable by
Stevedore.

Penalty for
neglect to pay
the same.

XIII. And whereas it is expedient and desirable to provide a fund to defray the necessary expenses of the said Board, and also for the relief of sick or disabled Stevedores and their wives and children, who may stand in need of the same; Be it therefore enacted, That every licensed Stevedore shall be held and bound within ten days after the clearance at the Custom House of any vessel in which he may have been employed as a Stevedore, to pay into the hands of the said Superintendent, at the rate of 5
for every pound by him received, or which he may be entitled to receive for stowing the cargo of such ship as aforesaid; and in every 10
case in which any Stevedore shall have contracted to stow any such ship and bear the expenses of labourers, timber-towers or other subordinate persons employed therein, without specifying any particular sum for the 20
personal services of such Stevedore apart from the other expenses incurred therein, the said Stevedore shall be held and bound, within the period aforesaid, to pay into the hands of the said Superintendent, for every ship so 25
stowed by him of and under the burthen of one hundred and fifty tons, the sum of
currency, and for every vessel over one hundred and fifty tons and under two hundred tons the sum of 30
currency, and so on in the ratio
of
currency for every increase of fifty tons; and every such Stevedore failing to pay the said several sums into the hands of the said 35
Superintendent within the period aforesaid, shall be liable to pay double the said rates for every period of ten days during which he shall have failed to comply with this provision; and all the moneys accruing 40
from the said rates and increased rates shall be at the disposal of the said Board for the purposes of this Act, and may be recovered from all persons in default to pay the same, by suit or action in the name of the Super- 45
intendent or Superintendent *ad interim*, be-