

(b) for payment of the expenses of medical attendance, maintenance, burial and repatriation in case of injury or illness of seamen;

(c) for dealing with the effects and wages of seamen who are left behind or die in a port outside the Part of the Commonwealth to which they belong;

(d) for the recovery from the owner of the ship in proper cases of any expenses incurred by the Administration of any Part of the Commonwealth in the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

PART IX

Offences on Board Ship

Article 23.—Reciprocal arrangements shall be made for conferring jurisdiction on the lines of Section 686 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, with respect to offences committed on board ships registered in any Part of the Commonwealth.

PART X

General

Article 24.—The present Agreement shall come into operation on the tenth day of December, 1931, and shall continue in full force for a period of five years and thereafter until the Government of any Part of the Commonwealth gives notice of intention to withdraw therefrom or from any Article thereof. A notice of withdrawal, if sent to the Governments of every other Part of the Commonwealth, shall take effect as regards the Part giving the notice to the extent therein specified at the expiration of twelve months from the date of its despatch, but shall not otherwise affect the continuance in full force of the present Agreement.

Article 25.—The present Agreement may be varied at any time during the continuance thereof by common accord. Proposals for variation shall be sent by the Government of the Part proposing the variation, to the Government of the United Kingdom, to be circulated to the Governments of the other Parts of the Commonwealth, who will consider the proposals and endeavour to agree upon the acceptance of the variation with or without amendment. If a common accord is reached with respect to any proposed variation the present Agreement shall be varied accordingly.

Article 26.—A conference to consider any matter the subject of the present Agreement or any other matter relating to Merchant Shipping which the Government of any Part of the Commonwealth considers to be of common interest, may be called at any time at the instance of the Governments of any three Parts of the Commonwealth.

Article 27.—This Agreement shall apply to all territories administered under the authority of the Government of any Part of the Commonwealth and to ships registered there, or in any foreign port of registry, and fulfilling the requirements as to ownership set out in Article 2 (1).