

and true Account of the Wages due to such person, and pay the same to the Seaman, either in Money or by a Bill drawn upon the Owner of his Ship; and if by Bill, then such Functionary or Merchant, according to the case, is hereby authorized and required, by Certificate indorsed on such Bill, to testify that the same is drawn according to this Act for Money due on account of Wages of a Seaman, or to that effect; and any such Master who shall deliver a false Account, or refuse or neglect to deliver a just and true Account of the Wages due to such person, and to pay the amount thereof in Money, or by Bill as aforesaid, shall, for such every Offence, forfeit and pay, in addition to the Wages due, the penal sum of Twenty-five Pounds.

Not to prevent
Seamen from
entering H. M.
Naval Service.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act or in any Agreement contained, shall be deemed to extend to prevent any Seaman or Person belonging to any Merchant Ship whatever, from entering or being received into the Naval Service of His Majesty, nor shall any such Entry be deemed a Desertion from the Merchant Ship, nor incur any Penalty or Forfeiture whatever, either of Wages, Clothes, or Effects, or other matter or thing, notwithstanding any Agreement made to the contrary hereof; and all Masters and Owners of Ships are strictly prohibited from introducing into any Ship's Articles or Agreement with the Crew any Clause or Matter by which any Penalty or Forfeiture of any kind is agreed to be incurred by a Seaman upon his Entry into His Majesty's Service.

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men to be entitled
Wages, Clothes,
&c.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Seaman shall quit a Merchant Ship in order to enter His Majesty's Naval Service, and shall thereupon be actually received into such Service, not having previously committed any act amount-