

dar Month, the Forfeiture of One Month's Pay, expressed in this Act, shall be accounted and taken to be a Forfeiture of a Sum of Money bearing the same proportion to the whole Wages as a Calendar Month shall bear to the whole time spent in the Voyage; and in like manner a Forfeiture of Two Day's Pay or less shall be accounted and taken to be a Forfeiture of a Sum bearing the same proportion to the whole Wages as the same period of time shall bear to the whole time spent in the Voyage; and if the whole time spent in the Voyage shall not exceed One Calendar Month, the Forfeiture of One Month's Pay shall be accounted and taken to be a Forfeiture of the whole Wages contracted for; and if such time shall not exceed Two Days, the Forfeiture of Two Day's Pay shall be accounted and taken to be a Forfeiture of the whole Wages contracted for; and the Master is hereby authorized to abate the amount of all Forfeitures herein-before enacted out of the Wages of any Seaman incurring the same.

Forfeiture by Seamen deserting ship.

IX. And be it further enacted, That every Seaman who shall absolutely desert the Ship to which he shall belong, shall forfeit to the Owner or Master thereof all his Clothes and Effects which he may leave on board, and all Wages and Emoluments to which he might otherwise be entitled, provided the circumstances attending such Desertion be entered in the Log Book at the time and certified by the Signature of the Master and Mate, or other credible Witness; and that an Absence of a Seaman from the Ship for any time within the space of Twenty-four Hours immediately preceding the sailing of the Ship, without permission from the Master thereof, or for any period however short, under circumstances plainly showing that it was his intention not to return thereto, shall be deemed an absolute Desertion; and in case any such Desertion shall take place in parts beyond