

RETURN to the Department of Marine and Fisheries in accordance with the provisions of the Act 36 Vic., chap. 129, by the Shipping Master, or Officer acting in that capacity, at the Port of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1876.

	\$	cts.	Remarks.
1,341 Seamen shipped, paying 50 cents each.....	670	50	During the months of July, August, September and October the wages for seamen ruled at \$19, but the latter two months of this half-year they fell to \$17, for the West Indies and Britain or the continent, with every prospect of them being lower before the Spring trade commences, owing in a great measure to the large number of wrecked seamen who have been landed here this season.
1,687 do discharged, paying 30 cents each.....	326	10	
Amount of fees received.....	996	60	
From which deduct the following expenses, viz. :— Clerk, office rent, fuel and incidental expenses.....	545	00	
Amount reverting to Shipping Master.....	451	60	

JOHN D. CUMMINS,

Shipping Master.

HALIFAX, N.S., 31st December, 1876.