

place abroad, either on Shore or at Sea, any person of his crew as aforesaid, on the plea of such person not being in a condition to proceed on the Voyage, or having deserted from the Ship, or otherwise disappeared, unless upon a previous Certificate in Writing of one of such Functionaries or Merchants as aforesaid, if there be any such at or within a reasonable distance from the place where the Ship shall then be, if there be time to procure the same, certifying that such person is not in such condition, or has deserted or disappeared, and cannot be brought back; and all such Functionaries and Merchants as aforesaid are hereby authorized and required, on the application of any such Master, to inquire, by Examination on Oath, into the circumstance, and to give or refuse such Certificate according to the result of such Examination.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any such Master shall leave behind any one of his Crew as aforesaid, contrary to this Act, in any Suit, Action, Indictment or Proceeding, the Proof of his having obtained such Sanction or Certificate as aforesaid shall be upon him—it being the intention hereof that, except in the case of entering into His Majesty's Naval Service, no person of the Crew shall be discharged, either with or without his consent, in any place abroad where such Functionaries or Merchants can be found, unless he or they shall have given such sanction thereto.

*Proof of the necessity of leaving Seamen abroad, to be given by Master.*

*Seamen may enter His Majesty's Naval service.*

XXI. And be it further enacted, That every such Master who shall leave any person of his Crew as aforesaid on Shore at any place abroad, under a Certificate of his not being in a condition to proceed on the Voyage, shall deliver to one of the said Functionaries, or if there be none such, to any Two respectable Merchants there, or if there be but One, then to such One Merchant, a just

*Duty of Master on leaving Seamen on shore abroad.*