

the Master), forfeit out of his Wages to the Master or Owner of such Ship the amount of Two Day's Pay for every Twenty-four Hours of Absence; and in like proportion for any less period of time, or, at the option of the said Master, the amount of such Expences as shall have been necessarily incurred in hiring a Substitute to perform his work; and in case any Seaman while he shall belong to the Ship shall without sufficient cause neglect to perform such his Duty as shall be reasonably required of him by the Master or other person in command of the Ship, he shall be subject to a like Forfeiture for every such offence, and of every Twenty-four hours continuance thereof; and in case any such Seaman, after having signed such Agreement, or after the Ship's arrival at her Port of Delivery, and before her Cargo shall be discharged, shall quit the Ship without a previous discharge or Leave from the Master thereof, he shall forfeit to the Master or Owner One Month's Pay out of his Wages: Provided always, That no such Forfeiture shall be incurred unless the fact of the Seaman's temporary Absence, Neglect of Duty, or quitting the Ship shall be duly entered or recorded in the Ship's Log Book, which Entry shall specify truly the Hour of the Day at which the same shall have occurred, and the Period during which the Seaman was absent or neglected his Duty, the truth of which Entry it shall be incumbent on the Owner or Master in all cases of Dispute to substantiate by the Evidence of the Mate or some other credible Witness.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in all cases where the Seaman shall have contracted for Wages by the Voyage or by the Run, and not by the Month or other stated period of time, the amount of Forfeiture to be incurred by Seamen under this Act shall be ascertained in manner following; (that is to say,) if the whole Time spent in the Voyage agreed upon shall exceed One Calen-

Seamen contracting by voyage or run.