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An Act to further amend the Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen at the Port of Quebec.

WHEREAS it has become necessary for the purpose of checking desertion from Merchant Ships at the Port of Quebec, further to amend and extend the provisions of the Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen at the said Port: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That the seventh, tenth, eleventh and twelfth Sections of the Act of the Legislature passed in the Session thereof held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen,*" shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sect. 7, 10, 11 and 12 of 10 and 11 V. c. 25.

II. And be it enacted, That whoever shall employ any person other than the Shipping Master for the said Port or his Deputy, for the purpose of engaging or providing Seamen to be entered on board any Merchant Ship, shall thereby incur a penalty not exceeding ten pounds currency, for every offence.

Penalty on persons employing others than the Shipping Master for shipping seamen.

III. And be it enacted, That the Master of every Merchant Ship shall, previously to clearing outwards from the Port of Quebec, exhibit to the Shipping Master or his Deputy, the agreement made with the crew of such Merchant Ship for the voyage from the said Port to the Port of destination, and enregister at the office of the said Shipping Master, the names of the said crew; and the said Shipping Master or his Deputy shall, thereupon, grant a certificate in the form in the Schedule to this Act contained, that such agreement has been produced and exhibited to him, and the names of the crew enregistered; and for every such certificate the said Shipping Master is hereby authorized to demand and receive the sum of *two shillings and sixpence* currency.

Certificate to be obtained from Shipping Master before any vessel is cleared outwards.

IV. And be it enacted; That no Officer of Customs shall grant a clearance outwards to any Merchant Ship, or allow any Merchant Ship to proceed to sea until the Master thereof shall produce the certificate of the Shipping Master or his Deputy, required by the next preceding Section of this Act.

Vessel not to proceed to sea without such certificate.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be construed as if its provisions made part of the Act hereby amended, and all words

Interpretation Clause.