

Definition of terms.

XXI. In this chapter "vessels" shall include ships; and "harbors" shall include ports, bays and creeks.

Suspension of the first eighteen sections.

XXII. The first eighteen sections are suspended as regards citizens and inhabitants of the United States of America, and shall continue so suspended and not in force so long as the treaty between Her Majesty and that country, signed on the fifth day of June, 1854, shall continue and be in force.

Agreement to be entered into between master and crew.

XXIII. The master of any vessel registered and belonging to this province, and bound from any port therein, to be employed in the deep sea fishery, shall before proceeding on such fishing voyage, enter into an agreement in writing with every person on board, apprentices excepted; which agreement shall express whether the same is to continue for one voyage or for the fishing season; and shall also express that the fish or the proceeds of such fishing voyage or voyages which may appertain to the crew of such vessel, shall be divided among them in proportion to the quantity or number of fish which they may respectively have caught; which agreement in addition to the signatures of the master and crew shall be countersigned by the owner of such fishing vessel, or his agent, and shall be as nearly as possible in the form given in the annexed schedule.

Terms of agreement.

Penalties for desertion.

XXIV. Any person having engaged for a voyage or for the fishing season, as before provided, who shall while the agreement therefor continues in force, desert or absent himself from the vessel in which he shipped, without leave of the master, shall be liable to the same penalties and forfeitures imposed on the like offences under chapter seventy-five; and every master of a fishing vessel taking any person on a deep sea voyage without entering into the before required agreement, shall be liable to the penalty imposed on that offence by the same chapter.

*Schedule in this chapter referred to.*

Form of agreement.

An agreement made in pursuance of chapter ninety-four of an Act of the general assembly of Nova Scotia, passed in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act for revising and consolidating the general statutes of Nova Scotia," between——, master of the ship——, of the port of——, of the burthen of——tons, and the several persons whose names are subscribed hereto.

It is agreed by and on the part of the said persons, and they severally hereby engage to serve on board said ship in the capacities set opposite their respective names, on a fishing voyage from the port——to——, [*here the intended voyage is to be described, and the duration of the same, and the nature of the same as nearly as can be done, and if the same is to continue for the fishing season.*] and back to the port of——; and the said crew agree to conduct themselves in an orderly, faithful, honest, careful and sober manner, and to be at all times diligent in their respective duties and stations, and to be obedient to the lawful commands of the master in every thing relating to the said ship, and the materials, stores and cargo thereof; in consideration of which