

Any Seaman deserting during the Voyage to forfeit over and above the penalties, all the Wages he may be entitled to during that Voyage, to the use of the Owners.

Seamen neglecting their attendance and duty when engaged,

Penalty.

Proviso.

Seaman not bound unless Agreement in writing.

Repealing Clause.

Limitation of Action.

tion or Suit the Defendant or Defendants may be held to Special Bail on an Affidavit being duly made and filed of the cause of Action, and such Seaman, Mariner, or other Person, who shall desert at any time during the Voyage on which he is engaged by written Contract, or Articles, shall over and above all Penalties and Forfeitures to which he is now by Law subject, forfeit all the Wages he may have agreed for, or be entitled to during the Voyage, from the Master or Owner of the Ship or Vessel on board of which he shall have entered after such Desertion, to the use of the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Vessel as he shall have deserted from.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Mariner or Seaman having shipped himself on board any Ship or Vessel which hath been Launched or is actually preparing for Sea, to proceed on any Voyage and under pay, shall neglect his attendance and duty on board, or absent himself from his said service, upon complaint thereof made on Oath by the Owner, Master, or other Officer of the said Ship or Vessel, to any Justice of the Peace within the same County, such Justice is hereby empowered to cause such Mariner or Seaman to be forthwith brought before him by Warrant, and upon conviction of his absenting himself as aforesaid, to commit to prison, that he may be secured and forthcoming to proceed on the Voyage he has so agreed to, and to be delivered by order of the Justice that committed him, or some other Justice in the same County, and all necessary charges, attending his being so secured, and which have been actually paid by the said Owner or Master, may be deducted from such Mariner or Seaman's Wages, as the same becomes due.

IV. *Provided always*, That no Seaman shall be bound by entering or shipping himself on board of any Ship or Vessel, unless the Agreement shall be in writing, and declare what Wages such Seaman is to have for so long a time as he shall Ship himself for, and also express the Voyage or Time for which such Seaman was shipped, any thing herein before to the contrary notwithstanding.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That so much and such part of an Act of Assembly of this Island, made and passed in the Fiftieth year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to prevent the Harbours Deserters from his Majesty's Navy or Army, and for giving a reward for apprehending Deserters; and to prevent Harbours Deserters from Ships in the Merchant Service," as relates to Merchant Seamen be and the same is hereby repealed.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That no Action or Suit for any Penalty inflicted by this Act, shall be commenced after the expiration of Two Years from the time when the offence was committed.

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