

dependencies thereof, for the purpose of carrying on the Fishery there, any seamen or fishermen going as passengers, or any seamen or fishermen hired there, without first entering into an agreement or contract with every such seaman or fisherman, declaring what wages or shares such seaman or fisherman is to have, and the time for which he shall serve, and in what manner such wages or shares are to be paid or allowed; and every such agreement or contract shall be made in writing, and shall be signed by all the parties thereto. 5

Employers
not to ad-
vance more
than
of wages
during time
of service;
the balance
at the expira-
tion of agree-
ment.

And be it further Enacted, That no hirer or employer of any such seaman or fisherman shall pay or advance, or cause to be paid or advanced to such seaman or fisherman, in money or goods during the time he shall be in the service of such hirer or employer, more than to the amount of of the wages or shares which by the said contract or agreement shall be agreed to be paid or allowed to such seaman or fisherman; but such hirer or employer shall and is hereby required and directed immediately at or upon the expiration of every such seaman or fisherman's covenanted time of service, to pay either in money or goods (according as may be agreed upon as aforesaid in such contract or agreement in writing) to every such seaman or fisherman, the full balance of part of his stipulated wages or shares aforesaid; and it shall not be lawful for any such hirer or employer to turn away or discharge any such seaman or fisherman, except for wilful neglect of duty or other sufficient cause, before the expiration of his stipulated time of service; and in case the hirer or employer of any such seaman and fisherman shall refuse or neglect to comply with any of the terms hereinbefore mentioned, or shall otherwise offend against this Act, every such person so offending shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of to the use of such person or persons as shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in the supreme court of *Newfoundland*, or by bill plaint or information in any of His Majesty's courts of record at Westminster: Provided always, That every such suit or prosecution, if the same be commenced in *Newfoundland*, shall be commenced within and if commenced in any of His Majesty's courts of record at Westminster within from the time of the commission of such offence. 30 35

Agreements
to be pro-
duced in case
of dispute
concerning
wages.

And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where disputes shall arise concerning the wages of any such seaman or fisherman, the hirer or employer shall be obliged to produce the contract or agreement in writing hereinbefore directed to be entered into with every such seaman or fisherman, and also to give a copy thereof to every such seaman or fisherman, if so required. 40

Fish and Oil
subject in the
first place to
payment of
wages.

And be it further Enacted, That all the Fish and oil which shall be taken and made by the person or persons who shall hire or employ such seaman