

office shall be kept open by him on every day, Sundays excepted, from the hour of six in the morning until the hour of six in the evening during the season of Navigation, and during ordinary office hours at other seasons of the year, and the reasonable expenses of such office shall be paid out of the moneys at the disposal of the said Board under the provisions of this Act. 5

Fund for expenses of Board and disabled Stevedores.

Percentage payable by Stevedore.

Penalty for neglect to pay the same.

Salary of Superintendent.

Accounts to be laid before the Legislature.

XIII. And whereas it is expedient and desirable to provide a fund to defray the necessary expenses of the said Board, and also for the relief of sick or disabled Stevedores and their wives and children, who may stand in need of the same; Be it therefore enacted, That every licensed Stevedore shall be held and bound within ten days after the clearance at the Custom-House of any vessel in which he may have been employed as a Stevedore, to pay into the hands of the said Superintendent, at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ for every pound by him received, or which he may be entitled to receive for stowing the cargo of such ship as aforesaid; and in every case in which any Stevedore shall have contracted to stow any such ship and bear the expenses of labourers, timber-towers, or other subordinate persons employed therein; without specifying any particular sum for the personal services of such Stevedore apart from the other expenses incurred therein, the said Stevedore shall be held and bound, within the period aforesaid, to pay into the hands of the said Superintendent, for every ship so stowed by him of and under the burthen of one hundred and fifty tons, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency, and for every vessel over one hundred and fifty tons and under two hundred tons the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency, and so on in the ratio of \_\_\_\_\_ currency for every increase of fifty tons; and every such Stevedore failing to pay the said several sums into the hands of the said Superintendent within the period aforesaid, shall be liable to pay double the said rates for every period of ten days during which he shall have failed to comply with this provision; and all the moneys accruing from the said rates and increased rates shall be at the disposal of the said Board for the purposes of this Act, and may be recovered from all persons in default to pay the same, by suit or action, in the name of the Superintendent, or Superintendent *ad interim*, before any Court of competent jurisdiction; and every Stevedore in default to pay the same during one calendar month, shall be liable, in the discretion of the said Board, to be reported to the Governor as such defaulter, and to be suspended as a licensed Stevedore, until the amount due by him, and all the expenses incurred by reason of such default, shall have been duly paid. 40

XIV. And be it enacted, that the said Superintendent and Chairman shall be entitled to receive from and out of the funds aforesaid, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ annually as a remuneration for his services as such Superintendent and Chairman; And the balance remaining undistributed after the payment of the necessary and unavoidable contingencies and expenses of the said Board, shall be appropriated for the relief of sick and disabled Stevedores, and their wives and children, under the provision hereinafter next mentioned: And the said Superintendent shall be held annually on or before the first day of January to transmit in duplicate to the Governor, and for the use of the Legislature, a detailed 50