
BILL.

An Act to extend certain Provincial Acts to Foreign Merchant Vessels, when within this Province.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Acts hereinafter mentioned should extend to the Seamen of Foreign Merchant Ships: Be it therefore enacted, &c. Preamble.

That all the provisions and enactments of the Act of the
 5 Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the forty-seventh
 year of the Reign of King George the Third, and inti-
 tuled, "*An Act to prevent the desertion of Seamen and*
others in the sea service, to punish persons encouraging
such Seamen and others to desert, or harbouring or con-
 10 *cealing them thereafter, and to repeal certain Acts therein*
mentioned," shall extend and are hereby extended, and
 shall apply to seamen and others legally bound or
 engaged to serve on board any ship or vessel in the
 Foreign Merchant Service, and to any such ship or ves-
 15 sel, as fully and effectually as if it had been expressly
 provided in the said Act, that the words "any merchant
 ship or vessel," or the words "any ship or vessel in the
 merchant service," whenever they occur in the said
 Act, should include and mean any ship or vessel in the
 20 Foreign Merchant Service: Provided always, that the
 oath of the master of any such Foreign Merchant Ship
 or Vessel, or of any officer or person employed on board
 thereof, or on board any other ship or vessel of the same
 country, that to the best of his belief and understanding
 25 any such seaman or other person is bound or engaged
 to serve on board such ship or vessel, according to the
 law of the country to which such ship or vessel shall
 belong, or of the place where such seaman or other per-
 son shall have been shipped, shall be *prima facie* evi-
 30 dence that he is legally bound or engaged to serve on
 board such ship or vessel, within the meaning of the said
 Act, although he may not have regularly entered or
 signed articles of agreement, or is not bound by articles
 of indenture, in the manner required by law with regard
 to seamen and others engaged or bound to serve on board
 35 British ships.

Act of L. C.
47 Geo. 3, c. 9,
extended to
foreign ships.

Proviso,
as to proof of
engagement.

II. And be it enacted, That in so far as may be consis-
 tent with any Act of the Parliament of the United King-
 dom in force in this Province, the provisions and enact-
 ments of the said Act shall extend to foreign ships.

Act 10 and 11
Vict. c. 25,
extended to
foreign ships.