

fo shipping himself, being under the obligation of a former contract shall forfeit and pay the value of one months wages that he shall so agree for to be deducted from such wages, as he may have due or may afterwards be due unto him for the use of the party aggrieved.

IV. *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, and 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 absentsing himself as aforesaid, to commit to prison that he may be secured, and forth-coming, 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.

Seamen neglecting their attendance and duty when engaged.

Penalty.

V. *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 for which such seaman was shipped, any thing herein before to the contrary notwithstanding.

Seamen not bound unless agreement in writing.

CAP. LIV

An ACT to enable the CORPORATION of the CITY of ST. JOHN to raise a sum of money, not exceeding THREE HUNDRED pounds in the whole nor more than ONE HUNDRED pounds in any one year, to pay off their debts already incurred and to defray the necessary contingent expenses arising within the said city.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly,*

THAT in order to enable the corporation of the city of Saint John, to pay off their debts already incurred and to defray

Common Council of the city of St. John to raise