

BILL.

An Act to make better provision for the Collection of claims against the Owners of Vessels.

BE it enacted, &c.,

That whenever a debt amounting to two pounds currency or upwards, shall be contracted by the master, owner, agent or consignee of any ship, vessel or steamboat in Upper Canada for either of the following purposes,
5 viz :—

Certain debts to be a lien on vessels

1. For Mariners' Wages ;

2. For Towing such ship, vessel, or steamboat with any steamboat, horses, cattle or otherwise, or whenever a debt amounting to twelve pounds ten shillings, or upwards, shall be contracted by the master,
10 owner, agent or consignee of any ship or steamboat or vessels within Upper Canada for either of the following purposes, viz :

3. For fuel furnished to any steamboat ;

4. On account of any work done, or materials or articles furnished in Upper Canada, for or towards the building, repairing, fitting, furnishing
15 or equipping such ship or vessel ;

5. For such provisions and stores furnished within Upper Canada as may be fit and proper for the use of such vessel, at the time when the same were furnished ;

6. On account of the wharfage and the expenses of keeping such vessel
20 in port, including the expense incurred in employing persons to watch her.

II. Such debt shall be a lien upon such ship or vessel, her tackle, apparel and furniture, and shall be preferred to all other liens thereon, in the order above specified.

Above debts to be a lien.

25 III. Any person having due to him the sum aforesaid or upwards, upon any debt contracted for any of the purposes hereinbefore specified, may make application to any Justice of the Peace, or to the Judge of the County Court in the County within which such ship or vessel shall then be, for a warrant to enforce the lien of such debt, and to collect the
30 amount thereof.

Warrant to enforce lien; how obtained.