

## (Voyage.)

2. The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873, permits of any agreement with a seaman under the section 149 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, stating the maximum period of the voyage or engagement, and the places or parts of the world (if any) to which the voyage is not to extend instead of stating the nature and duration of the intended voyage or engagement, as by that section required. 2 Stuart, 328.

## WAGES.

1. Summary tribunal for the trial of seamen's suits for the recovery of their wages, by complaint to a justice of the peace, under the 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 19, s. 15. *The Agnes*, 1 Stuart, 58.

2. No suit or proceeding for the recovery of wages under the sum of fifty pounds shall be instituted by or on behalf of any seaman or apprentice in any Court of Admiralty or Vice-Admiralty, or in the Court of Session of Scotland, or in any Superior Court of Record in Her Majesty's dominions, unless the owner of the ship is adjudged bankrupt or declared insolvent, or unless the ship is under arrest or is sold by the authority of such Court as aforesaid, or unless any justices acting under the authority of this Act refer the case to be adjudged by such Court, or unless neither the owner nor master is or resides within twenty miles of the place where the seaman or apprentice is discharged or put ashore (17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, s. 189). 1 Stuart, 358.

This is now changed by the Imp. Act of 1861.

3. Summary tribunal for the trial of seamen's suits for the recovery of their wages, for any amount not exceeding fifty pounds, before any two justices of the peace acting in or near to the place at which the service has terminated. *ibid*, s. 188.

4. It is a good defence to a suit for wages by a seaman, that he could neither steer, furl, nor reef. *The Venus*, 1 Stuart, 92.

5. Discharge and wages demanded on the ground that the vessel was not properly supplied with provisions on the voyage to Quebec, whereby seamen's health had been impaired, and they were unable to return. The circumstances of the case examined, and the master dismissed from the suit, the seamen returning to their duty. *The Recovery*, 1 Stuart, 128.

6. Imprisonment of a seaman by a stranger for assault does not entitle him to recover wages during the voyage and before its termination. *The General Hewitt*, 1 Stuart, 186.

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