

tion or judgment made or obtained under the authority of the same, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, and any contravention of the said Acts or provisions of Acts heretofore committed, may be prosecuted to conviction, judgment and execution, the same as if this Act had not been passed ; Provided **5** always, that immediately after this Act shall come into force all Shipping Masters and their Deputies shall take the oath and enter into the bonds herein required.

Interpretation
clause. **XLIV.** The words " Merchant Ships," inserted in this Act, shall be understood to include any description of Sea going, **10** trading or passage Vessel, or Steamer lying and being in any part of the River St. Lawrence within the jurisdiction of this Province.

Commence-
ment of Act. **XLV.** And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect upon, from and after the day of , and not before. **15**