

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall not be lawful for any Master of any Ship or Vessel Registered in and belonging to this Island, of the Burthen of Sixty Tons or upwards, trading to Parts beyond the Seas, or out of this Island, to carry to Sea on any Voyage, either from this Island, or from any other place, any Seaman or other Person as one of his Crew or Complement (Apprentices excepted), without first entering into an Agreement in Writing with every such Seaman, specifying what monthly or other Wages each such Seaman is to be paid, the capacity in which he is to act, and the Nature of the Voyage in which the Ship is intended to be employed, so that the Seaman may have some means of judging of the probable period for which he is likely to be engaged; and the said Agreement shall contain the Day of the Month and Year in which the same shall be made, and shall be signed by the Master in the first instance, and by the Seamen respectively at the port or place where such Seamen shall be respectively shipped; and the Master shall cause the same to be, by, or in the presence of the party who is to attest their respective Signatures thereto, truly and distinctly read over to every such Seaman before he shall be required to sign the same, in order that he may be enabled to understand the purport and meaning of the engagement he enters into and the terms to which he is bound.

Articles of agreement to be entered into between Ship Masters and Seamen.

II. And be it further enacted, That every such Agreement shall be in the Form and shall contain true Entries under their respective heads of the several particulars set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, so far as the same can be ascertained; and that the Owner and the Master of every such Ship, or one of them, shall, on reporting his Ship's arrival at her Port of Destination in this Island, deposit or cause to be deposited with the Collector of the Customs at such Port, a true Copy of such Agreement, attested by the Signature of the Mas-

Articles of agreement to be deposited with Collector of Customs at Port of arrival.