

Made of proceeding where Owner or Master of Vessel believes Seamen deserters to be harboured.

Duty of Justice of the Peace on complaint made.

Duty of Constable on Warrant directed to him.

Duty of Justice on apprehension of Seamen Deserters.

Penalty on persons obstructing Constable in searching for Deserters.

Mode of recovery of penalty.

Penalty on persons harbouring Seamen Deserters.

II. And be it enacted, That if proof be made upon Oath by the Owner, Agent, or Master of any Ship or Vessel, before any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in this Island, that any Seaman or Mariner belonging to such Ship or Vessel, and who may have deserted or absented himself from the same, be kept or concealed on board of any other Ship or Vessel within any of the Harbours of this Island, or in any Tavern, Pot-house, or other House or place within the County for which such Justice shall be appointed; or if Oath be made that such Owner, Agent, or Master hath good reason to suspect, and doth verily believe that such Seaman or Mariner is so concealed as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to issue his Warrant to any of the Constables or Peace Officers within the County, to make search on board such Ship or Vessel, or in such Tavern, Pot-house, or other place; and if such Seaman shall be found in such suspected place, that such Justice shall cause such Seaman to be brought before him, and upon conviction of his having so deserted or absented himself, shall cause such Seaman to be delivered over to the Owner or Master of the Ship or Vessel to which such Seaman shall belong, to be carried on board such Ship or Vessel, or to be committed to Prison as directed in the Sixth Section of the before-recited Act; and any person or persons refusing to allow, or in any way obstructing any Constable or other Officer in the execution of his duty, in making a search for any Seaman in any Vessel, House, or other place, shall pay a Fine not exceeding Fifty Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as directed in the Twenty-fifth Section of the before-recited Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall, either on ship-board, or on shore, harbour or secrete a Seaman who shall have signed an Agreement to proceed on a voyage to parts