

to inquire into the matter, and if he shall see right, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause any such Property or Effects so withheld or detained contrary to this Act to be seized and delivered over to the Seaman.

Payment of Seamen's Wages.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Owner of every Ship shall, and he is hereby required, to pay to every Seaman entering into such Contract as aforesaid his Wages, if the same shall be demanded, within the respective periods following; (that is to say) within Three Days after the Cargo shall have been delivered, or within Ten Days after the Seaman's Discharge, whichever shall first happen; in either of which last mentioned cases of payment being delayed, the Seaman shall, at the time of his Discharge, be entitled to be paid on account a sum equal to One Fourth part of the estimated Balance due to him; and in case any Master or Owner shall neglect or refuse to make payment in manner aforesaid, he shall, for every neglect or refusal, forfeit and pay to the Seaman the amount of Two Days Pay for each day, not exceeding Ten Days, during which payment shall without sufficient cause be delayed beyond the period at which such Wages or part Wages are hereby required to be paid as aforesaid—for the recovery of which Forfeiture the Seaman shall have the same remedies as he is by Law entitled to for the recovery of his Wages: Provided always, that nothing in this clause contained shall extend to the cases of Ships employed on Voyages for which Seamen by the terms of their Agreement are compensated by Shares in the Profits of the Adventure.

Security of Seamen's Wages.

XII. And be it enacted and declared, That every such payment of Wages to a Seaman shall be valid and effectual in Law, notwithstanding any Bill of Sale or Assignment which may have been