

SEC. 2. Shipping commissioners may ship and discharge crews for any vessel engaged in the coastwise trade, or the trade between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, or Newfoundland, or the West Indies, or the Republic of Mexico, at the request of the master or owner of such vessel, the shipping and discharging fees in such cases to be one-half those prescribed by section 4612 of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 5. Provides that upon every documented vessel of the United States, the number denoting her net tonnage shall be deeply carved, or otherwise permanently marked on her main beam, and shall be so continued, under penalty of thirty dollars on every arrival in a port of the United States.

SEC. 7. Imposes a fine of thirty dollars on each arrival at port of a vessel of twenty tons or upwards, trading from district to district, or between different places in the same district, or carrying on the fishery if entitled to be documented, and not so enrolled or licensed.

SEC. 8. Foreign vessels are liable to a fine of two dollars for each passenger transported from a port in the United States to any other port in the United States.

SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH CABLES IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND KARQUINEZ STRAIT—PENALTIES FOR DAMAGES.

The termini and routes of the different submarine telegraph cables in the Bay of San Francisco liable to be disturbed by vessels' anchors are indicated as follows:

Western Union Telegraph Company.—Two cables from Market Street wharf to the long wharf or pier on the Oakland side, are laid as nearly as practicable in the one thousand feet wide passageway reserved by law for the protection of the ferry-boats. The termini are indicated by large signs: "Telegraph Cable Crossing."

Another cable has been laid from the Government wharf, near Fort Point, and runs northwardly five thousand feet, thence northwestwardly to the embankment in Horse Shoe Bay, joining the Needles to the main land. These termini are indicated by notices.

Another cable has been laid in the Karquinez Strait from the pier of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company on the north side of the street at Benicia, across the strait to a small ravine or cove on the south or Contra Costa shore. Both termini are indicated by large signs: "Telegraph Cable crosses here."

Sunset Telephone-Telegraph Company.—A cable is laid from Market Street wharf to the southwest shore of Yerba Buena, or Goat Island, and from the easterly shore of this island to the railway shipping pier of the Southern Pacific Company on the Oakland side. The termini are indicated by large-sized notices.

A cable has been laid from the coal-bunkers of the Southern Pacific Company at Port Costa, across the Strait of Karquinez, to the northerly pier of the railroad company on the Benicia side. The termini are indicated by large-sized signs.

Another cable has been laid across the Strait of Karquinez from the northerly end of the Granger's wharf, which is about one mile westward from Port Costa, to a point directly opposite on the northern or Benicia shore. The termini are indicated by large signs, "Telegraph Cable Crossing."

Pacific Postal-Telegraph Cable Company.—A cable has been laid from the narrow-gauge ferry slip, situated between Market and Mission streets, to the westerly end of the south shipping pier of the railway company on the Oakland side of the bay. This terminus is indicated by a large white sign: "Pacific Postal-Telegraph Cable Crossing."

In the Karquinez Strait a cable has been laid from the westerly end of the Nevada dock warehouse, on the south shore, about half a mile east of Port Costa, to the Martinez and Benicia ferry landing on the north shore at Benicia. It is indicated by a sign: "Pacific Postal-Telegraph Cable Crossing."

PENALTIES FOR DAMAGING CABLES.

These signs denote the landing points of all telegraphic cables, as required by law, and persons or vessels breaking or damaging the cables, whether by dragging anchors or otherwise, are liable to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars or more than ten thousand dollars in addition to full damages arising from injury done to the cable. The law has been enforced in several cases, and damages amounting to fifteen hundred dollars and twenty-two hundred dollars have been obtained from different vessels.