

wages by reason of goods, &c. furnished to Plaintiff.

against his employer for the recovery of any sum of money due to any such artificer as the wages of his labor in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated, the Defendant shall not be allowed to make any set-off nor to claim any reduction of the Plaintiff's demand by reason or in respect of any goods; wares or merchandize had or received by the Plaintiff as or on account of his wages, or in reward for his labor, or by reason or in respect of any goods, wares or merchandize sold, delivered or supplied to such artificer, at any shop or warehouse kept by or belonging to such employer, or in the profits of which such employer shall have any share or interest.

No Employer to have action for goods supplied on account of wages.

VI. And be it enacted, That no employer of any artificer in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated shall have or be entitled to maintain any suit or action in any Court of Law or Equity against any such artificer for or in respect of any goods, wares or merchandize sold, delivered or supplied to any such artificer by any such employer whilst in his employment, as or on account of his wages or reward for his labor, or for or in respect of any goods, wares or merchandize sold, delivered or supplied to any such artificer at any shop or warehouse kept by or belonging to such employer, or in the profits of which such employer shall have any share or interest.

But payment may be in Bank notes if artificer consents.

VII. Provided always and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent or to render invalid any contract for the payment, or any actual payment, to any such artificer as aforesaid of the whole or any part of his wages either in the notes of any of the chartered banks of this Province, or in the notes of any person or persons carrying on the business of a banker, duly authorized to issue such notes, or in drafts or orders for the payment of money to the bearer, on demand, drawn upon any person or persons carrying on the business of a banker, being duly authorized as aforesaid, within fifteen miles of the place where such draft or orders shall be so paid, if such artificer shall be freely consenting to receive such drafts or orders as aforesaid, but all payments so made with such consent as aforesaid, in any such notes, drafts or orders as aforesaid, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be as valid and effectual as if such payments had been made in current money of this Province.

Penalties on Employers entering into contracts hereby declared illegal.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any employer or any artificer in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated, who shall, by himself or by the agency of any other person or persons, directly or indirectly enter into any contract or make any payment hereby declared illegal, shall for the first offence forfeit a sum not exceeding *ten pounds* nor less than *five pounds*, and for the second offence any sum not exceeding *twenty pounds* nor less than *ten pounds*, and in case of a third offence, any such employer shall be and be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and being thereof convicted shall be punished by fine only at the discretion of the Court, so that the fines shall not in any case exceed *one hundred pounds*.

Penalties how to be recovered.

IX. And be it enacted, That all offences committed against this Act, and not hereinbefore declared a misdemeanor, shall be enquired of and determined, and that all fines and penalties for such offences shall be