

or contract with every such seaman or fisherman, declaring what wages or shares such seaman or fisherman is to have, and the time for which he shall serve, and in what manner such wages or shares are to be paid or allowed; and every such agreement or contract shall be made in writing, and shall be signed by all the parties thereto. 5

Employers to pay to fishermen, &c. only three-fourths of their wages, and the other fourth in bills, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That no hirer or employer of any such seaman or fisherman, shall pay or advance, or cause to be paid or advanced, to such seaman or fisherman, in money or goods, during the time he shall be in the service of such hirer or employer, 10 more than to the amount of of the wages or shares which by the said contract or agreement shall be agreed to be paid or allowed to such seaman or fisherman, but such hirer or employer shall, and is hereby required and directed, immediately at or upon the expiration of every such seaman or fisherman's covenanted time of service, to pay, either in money or goods 15 (according as may be agreed upon as aforesaid in such contract or agreement in writing) to every such seaman or fisherman, the full balance of part of his stipulated wages or shares aforesaid, and it shall not be lawful for any such 20 hirer or employer to turn away or discharge any such seaman or fisherman, except for wilful neglect of duty, or other sufficient cause, before the expiration of his stipulated time of service, and in case the hirer or employer of any such seaman or fisherman shall refuse or neglect to comply with any of the terms hereinbefore 25 mentioned, or shall otherwise offend against this Act, every such person so offending, shall forfeit for every such offence, the sum of to the use of such person or persons as shall inform or sue for the same.

Penalty on employer neglecting to comply.

If any dispute arise, employers obliged to produce the contract.

And be it further Enacted, That in all cases where disputes 30 shall arise concerning the wages of any such seaman or fisherman, the hirer or employer shall be obliged to produce the contract or agreement, in writing, hereinbefore directed to be entered into with every such seaman or fisherman.

All fish and oil liable to the payment of wages and bait.

And be it further Enacted, That all the fish and oil which shall 35 be taken and made by the person or persons who shall hire or employ such seaman or fisherman, shall be subject and liable, in the first place, to the payment of the wages or shares of every such seaman or fisherman; and of the demands of such person or persons as shall *bonâ fide* supply bait to such seamen or fishermen, 40 for the use and benefit of the hirer or employer of such seaman or fisherman.

Penalty on seamen and fishermen absenting themselves from their employers without leave.

And be it further Enacted, That in case any such seaman or fisherman shall at any time wilfully absent himself from his duty or employ, without the leave and consent of his hirer or employer, 45 or shall wilfully neglect or refuse to work according to the true intent and meaning of his said contract or agreement, such seaman or fisherman shall, for every day he shall so absent himself, or neglect