

ing to and treated by the Master as a total Desertion, he shall be entitled immediately upon such Entry to the delivery up of all his Clothes and Effects on board such Merchant Ship, and (in case the Ship shall have earned Freight) to receive from the Master the payment of the proportionate Amount of his Wages up to the Period of such Entry, either in Money or by a Bill on the Owner thereof; all which Clothes, Effects, Money, and Bill such Master is hereby required to deliver up to him accordingly, under a Penalty of Twenty-five Pounds for every refusal or neglect: Provided always, that if no Freight shall have been earned at the time of such Entry, then the Master shall and he is hereby required to give the Seaman so entering a Bill upon the Owner for his Wages to the Period of such Entry, payable on the Ship's safe arrival at her destined Port; but in case the Master shall have no Means of ascertaining the Balance justly due, he shall make out and deliver to such Seaman a Certificate of the Period of his Services and the Rate of Wages he is entitled to, producing at the same time to the Commanding or other Officer of His Majesty's Ship the Agreement entered into with the Seaman for the Voyage; and every such Master, upon the delivery up of such Clothes and Effects, and the Settlement of such Wages in manner herein mentioned, shall be entitled to receive from the Officer in command of the Ship of His Majesty into which such Seaman shall have entered, a Certificate signed by the said Officer, which such Officer is hereby required to give upon the Request of the Master, testifying that such Seaman has entered into such Ship of His Majesty, to serve as proof that the Master had not parted with the Seaman contrary to the Provisions of this Act.

Wages how to  
be paid.

XXIV. And to avoid doubts in the construction of this Act, be it further enacted, That every person

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