

the Seas, or out of this Island, and the Master of the Ship shall be under the necessity of engaging any Seaman as a substitute for the Deserter at a higher rate of Wages than that stipulated in the Agreement to be paid to the Seaman deserting, the Owner or Master of the Ship shall be entitled to recover from the Deserter by summary proceeding, in the same manner as Wages are by this Act made recoverable, any excess of Wages which such Owner or Master shall pay to such Substitute beyond the amount which would have been payable to the Deserter in case he had duly performed his Service pursuant to his Agreement.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall, either on Shipboard or on Shore, harbour or secrete a Seaman who shall have signed an Agreement to proceed on a Voyage to parts beyond the Seas, and shall have deserted or absented himself without leave from his Ship, knowing or having reason to believe him to be a Deserter, or to be absent without leave, every person so offending shall, for every such Seaman so harboured or secreted, forfeit and pay the sum of Five Pounds; and that no Debt exceeding in amount Five Shillings, incurred by any Seaman after he shall have signed any such Agreement as aforesaid, shall be recoverable until the Voyage agreed for shall have been concluded; nor shall it be lawful for any Keeper of a Public House or of a Lodging House for Seamen to withhold or detain any Chest, Bed or Bedding, Clothes, Tools, or other Effects of any Seaman, for any pretended Debt alleged to have been contracted by any such Seaman; and in case any such Chest, Bed, Bedding, Clothes, Tools, or Effects as aforesaid, shall be withheld or detained contrary to this Act, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace in any part of this Island, upon complaint upon Oath to be made by any such Seaman, or on his behalf,

Secreting Seamen.