

SEC. 5. If a vessel is sold in a foreign port, the seamen are entitled to one month's extra wages, unless other employment is given them as provided.

SEC. 6. If the desertion of a seaman is caused by cruel treatment, he shall be discharged by the consular officer, and receive one month's extra wages.

SEC. 9. All vessels in foreign ports, and bound to a home port, are required to transport destitute seamen on certain terms.

SEC. 10, as amended. Prohibits the payment of advanced wages to a seaman before leaving the port at which he is engaged: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for any seaman to stipulate in his shipping agreement for an allotment of all or any portion of the wages which he may earn to his wife, mother, or other relative, or to an original creditor, in liquidation of any just debt for board or clothing, which he may have contracted prior to engagement, not exceeding ten dollars per month for each month of the time usually required for the voyage for which the seaman has shipped, under such regulation as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe; but no allotment to any person or corporation shall be lawful. And any master, owner, consignee, or agent of any foreign vessel who has violated this section shall be liable to the same penalty that the master, owner, or agent of a vessel of the United States would be for a similar violation.

SEC. 11. Every vessel is to be provided with a slop chest, containing a suitable complement of clothing, etc., to be sold to the seamen at a stipulated advance on cost. This section does not apply to vessels plying between the United States and Mexico, Central America, and some other countries on the Atlantic seaboard, nor to fishing or whaling vessels.

SEC. 12. Abolishes consular fees for services to vessels and seamen.

SEC. 13. Provides that a master shall require a written statement from the consular officer of all official services rendered by him, and furnish it to the collector of the district at which he shall first arrive.

SEC. 14. Abolishes the old tonnage tax of thirty cents a ton and imposes the tax at the rate of three and six cents, as specified, the total not to exceed fifteen and thirty cents per annum, under certain conditions and stipulations.

SEC. 15. Abolishes the marine hospital tax on seamen.

SEC. 18. Limits the individual liability of a shipowner to the proportion of any or all liabilities that his individual share bears to the whole, and the aggregate liabilities of all the owners of a vessel on account of the same shall not exceed the value of such vessel and freight pending. *Amended* to apply to all sea-going vessels, and also to all vessels used on lakes, rivers, or inland navigation, including canal-boats, barges, and lighters.

SEC. 19. Prohibits the payment of additional fees when a seaman is re-engaged or reshipped on a vessel making regular trips between the United States and foreign countries. It also allows the engagement of a seaman for a vessel in the foreign trade for one or more round trips or for a definite period, whatever the destination of the vessel.

SEC. 20. Permits the similar engagement of a seaman in a foreign port upon a vessel in the foreign trade, and waives the requirement of reshipment of such seaman in a port of the United States, and also waives the requirement to return him to the United States.

SEC. 21. Permits the hailing port of a vessel to be either the port where she is documented, or the place where she is built, or where one or more of the owners resides.

AMENDMENTS OF JUNE 21, 1886.

SEC. 1. On and after July 1, 1886, no fees shall be charged or collected by collectors or other officers of customs, or by inspectors of steam vessels, or shipping commissioners for the following services to vessels of the United States, to wit: Measurement of tonnage and certifying the same; issuing of license or granting of certificate of registry, record, or enrollment, including all indorsements on the same, and bond and oath; indorsement of change of master; certifying and receiving manifest, master's oath, and permit; granting permit to vessels licensed for the fisheries to touch and trade; granting certificate of payment of tonnage dues; recording bill of sale, mortgage, hypothecation, or conveyance, or the discharge of such mortgage or hypothecation; furnishing certificate of title; furnishing the crew list, including bond; certificate of protection to seamen; bill of health; shipping or discharging of seamen, as provided by Title 53 of the Revised Statutes and section 2 of this act; apprenticing boys to the merchant service; inspecting, examining, and licensing steam vessels, including inspection certificate and copies thereof; and licensing of master, engineer, pilot, or mate of a vessel.