

It shall be the duty of the said Chief Officer of the Customs to make an entry of all the claims filed in consequence of such notice, on the page where the entry of the vessel's registration shall have been made, when the vessel shall have been registered in his port, and when registered elsewhere, then in a book to be kept for that purpose.

The said entries shall contain the name, occupation and residence of the claimant, the amount for which the privilege and *lien* shall be claimed, and for what the debt has been created, which entries the said Chief Officer of the Customs shall sign :

It shall be the duty of the said Chief Officer of the Customs to indorse a copy of the said entries, signed by him on the back of the register of the vessel in question, and if no application be made he shall certify the same in the said books and on the back of the ship's register, under his hand and signature.

The statement or certificate on the back of the ship's register shall be final, and no *lien* or privilege for the causes aforesaid shall attach or exist, excepting those mentioned in the said indorsement on the ship's register, up to the day limited in the said advertisement for the filing of the claims for *lien* and privilege.

III And be it enacted, That in case any difficulty or difference should exist between the debtor and the creditor as to the amount of the said *lien*, the debtor or his representative, upon filing an affidavit sworn to by him before any Justice of the Peace, that he does not owe the amount claimed, may require the said Chief Officer of the Customs to make an entry of the same in the book where the claim shall have been entered, in which case such claim shall be designated as a contested claim, and in this case the *lien* and privilege shall only exist for the amount which may be thereafter agreed upon between the parties, or determined by the judg-

Proceedings in case of difficulty between debtor and creditor as to amount of *lien*.