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THEREAS it is expedient that the Acts hereinafter Preomble. mentioned should extend to the Seamen of Foreign .Merchant Ships: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That all the provisions and enactments of the Act of the Act of L. C. 5 Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the forty-seventh 47 Geo. 3, c. 9, extended to year of the Reign of King George the Third, and inti-foreign ships. tuled, "An Act to prevent the desertion of Seamen and " others in the sea service, to punish persons encouraging " such Seamen and others to desert, or harbouring or con 10 " cealing them thereafter, and to repeal certain Acts therein "mentioned," shall extend and are hereby extended, and

shall apply to seamen and others legally bound or engaged to serve on board any ship or vessel in the Foreign Merchant Service, and to any such ship or ves-15 sel, as fully and effectually as if it had been expressly provided in the said Act, that the words "any merchant "ship or vessel," or the words "any ship or vessel in the "merchant service," whenever they occur in the said Act, should include and mean any ship or vessel in the 20 Foreign Merchant Service: Provided always, that the Proviso,

oath of the master of any such Foreign Merchant Ship as to proof of or Vessel or of any officer or person amplement. or Vessel, or of any officer or person employed on board thereof, or on board any other ship or vessel of the same country, that to the best of his belief and understanding 25 any such seaman or other person is bound or engaged to serve on board such ship or vessel, according to the law of the country to which such ship or vessel shall belong, or of the place where such seaman or other person shall have been shipped, shall be prima facie evidence that he is legally bound or engaged to serve on 30 board such ship or vessel, within the meaning of the said

Act, although he may not have regularly entered or signed articles of agreement, or is not bound by articles of indenture, in the manner required by law with regard to seamen and others engaged or bound to serve on board

35 British ships.

II. And be it enacted, That in so far as may be consis- Act 10 and 11 tent with any Act of the Parliament of the United King- viet. c. 25, extended to dom in force in this Province, the provisions and enact- foreign ships.

ments of the Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act for regula," ting the shipping of Seamen," shall extend and apply to Foreign Merchant Ships, and to Seamen and others engaged on board the same, as if it had been provided in the said Act that the words "Merchant Ships" should include Foreign Merchant Ships.