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An Act to extend certain Provincial Acts to Foreign Merchant Vessels, when within this Province.

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

That all the provisions and enactments of the Act of the  
 5 Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the forty-seventh  
 year of the Reign of King George the Third, and inti-  
 tuled, "*An Act to prevent the desertion of Seamen and*  
*others in the sea service, to punish persons encouraging*  
 10 "*such Seamen and others to desert, or harbouring or con-*  
 "*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  
 15 engaged to serve on board any ship or vessel in the  
 Foreign Merchant Service, and to any such ship or ves-  
 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  
 20 Act, should include and mean any ship or vessel in the  
 Foreign Merchant Service: Provided always, that the Proviso,  
as to proof of  
engagement.  
 oath of the master of any such Foreign Merchant Ship  
 or Vessel, or of any officer or person employed on board  
 thereof, or on board any other ship or vessel of the same  
 25 country, that to the best of his belief and understanding  
 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 per-  
 son shall have been shipped, shall be *prima facie* evi-  
 30 dence that he is legally bound or engaged to serve on  
 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  
Vict. c. 25,  
extended to  
foreign ships.  
 tent with any Act of the Parliament of the United King-  
 dom in force in this Province, the provisions and enact-

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 regulating 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. 5