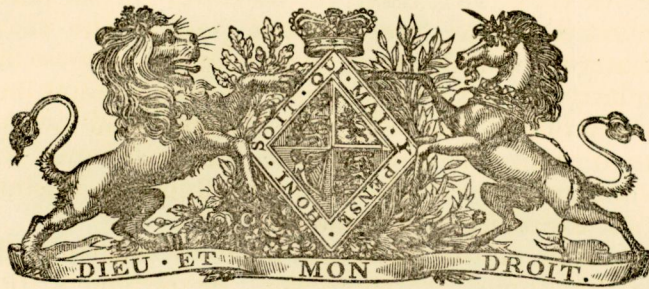


This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber, }
Sydney, 19 December, 1862. }*

CHA. TOMPSON,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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No. .

An Act to amend the Laws relating to Seamen.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Preamble.
engagement and discharge of Seamen and to repeal certain
enactments concerning seamen's lodging houses Be it therefore
enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the
5 advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority
of the same as follows :—

1. So much of the Act seventeenth Victoria number thirty-six Repeal of certain
as relates to seamen's lodging houses comprising sections thirty-one enactments.
10 to thirty-nine both inclusive and the Act nineteenth Victoria
number eight relating to the like matter at Newcastle and other ports
and the forty-fourth section of the Act fourth William the Fourth
number seven relating to the apprehension of Seamen without a pass
are hereby repealed.

15 2. The terms in inverted commas in the forty-sixth section of Interpretation.
the Act seventeenth Victoria number thirty-six when used in this
Act shall bear the same interpretations respectively as are therein
assigned to them.

20 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act seven- Masters relieved
teenth Victoria number thirty-six the attendance of any master or owner from attendance at
at the Shipping Office upon the engagement of a seaman shall be Shipping Office on
dispensed with Provided that such master or owner transmit by the engaging seamen.
seaman so to be engaged by him an application in writing under the
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hand of such master or owner addressed to the Shipping Master stating the name of such seaman and the particulars of such engagement Provided also that if any seamen regularly shipped in any vessel engaged solely in the coasting trade shall on the day of the
 5 proposed sailing of such vessel and after the Shipping Office is closed neglect to join or absent themselves without leave it shall be lawful for the master or owner of the said vessel on his own sole authority to engage in writing for one voyage only seamen having regular discharges in the room of such seamen neglecting to join or absenting
 10 themselves without leave Provided also that the master shall within twenty-four hours after the then next return of the vessel to the port at which such last mentioned seamen were shipped produce the said seamen with their discharges to the Shipping Master for the purpose of such seamen being regularly shipped or discharged or shall account for
 15 not doing so to the satisfaction of the Shipping Master And every master who shall refuse or neglect to comply with this latter proviso shall for such offence on summary complaint by the Shipping Master be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

4. Instead of the sum of two shillings fixed by Schedule B Fee for discharge of seamen reduced.
 20 annexed to the said last mentioned Act there shall be payable at the Shipping Office as the fee for the discharge of seamen separately the sum of one shilling only.

5. Any seaman discharged without his consent and without Compensation for discharge before expiry of engagement.
 25 fault on his part justifying such discharge at any time whatever before the lawful termination of his agreement shall be entitled to receive from the master or owner in addition to any wages due to him compensation for such discharge not exceeding three months wages and may recover such compensation in like manner as if it were wages duly earned Provided that no articles of agreement shall be valid
 30 that would render inoperative the provisions of this Act.

6. If at the expiration of his term of service any seaman should Fresh engagement in same vessel without further charge.
 be desirous with the consent of the master or owner to engage for further service in any ship or vessel belonging to such owner such further engagement may be made by causing such seaman to sign a
 35 new set of articles in the same manner as the primary engagement without any further charge to such seaman.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act twenty-third Period to elapse between two engagements of same seaman.
 Victoria number eleven no seamen having served in a ship or vessel which shall have entered into any port or harbour of the Colony on
 40 completion of a voyage shall be compellable under any agreement or engagement to go on board any other ship or vessel until after the expiration of twenty-four hours from the completion of such voyage.

8. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Seamen's Short title.
 Laws Amendment Act of 1862."