ISLANDERS SHIPPING ENGAGEMENT BILL.

"An Act to protect the Aboriginal Natives of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean from "imposition when engaging as Seamen" returned to the Legislative Council with Message of 8 July, 1879.

STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

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Page 1, preamble, line 1. Omit "it is believed that"
                 line 4.
                          Omit "when being engaged" insert "in their engagements"
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                 line 6. Omit "some measure of"
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                 lines 6, 7. Omit "upon their entering into any such engagements"
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         clause 1, line 12. Omit "1878"
            " 2, line 15.
                          Omit "enter into any agreement with or to"
                 line 18. Omit "agreement or"
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                 line 1. Omit "Provided that" insert "and"
                 line 1. After "no" omit "such"
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                          After "Colony" omit "and"
                 line 2.
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                           Omit "at a Shipping or Consular Office and"
                 line 3.
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                           Omit "as"
                 line 4.
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        clause 4, line 32.
                           Omit "hire or"
                          Omit "within the meaning of this Act"
                 line 33.
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                  line 34.
                           Omit "the second section hereof" insert "either of the
         " preceding sections"
         clause 4, line 36. Omit "shall and"
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                 line 37.
                          Omit "said"
                           Omit "therein"
                 line 38.
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                          Omit "no"
                  line 39.
                 lines 39, 40. Omit "after six calendar" insert "within either six"
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                  line 41. Omit "hiring"
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                 At end of clause add "or within six months from the time of
         " such master's return to the Colony."
         clause 5, line 44. Omit "who are
                           Omit " of New South Wales "
                  line 44.
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                           Omit " said "
                  line 47.
Page 3, Schedule, line 9.
                          Omit " 1878 "
                 line 19.
                           Omit "vessels respectively" insert "vessel"
                           Omit " are " insert " is "
                  line 23.
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                          Omit "masters" insert "master"
                 line 23.
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                 line 25.
                           Omit "and"
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                 line 25.
                           Omit " and on the part of "
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                  line 26.
                           Omit " or either of the abovenamed ships"
                  line 27.
                           Omit "and signed the articles thereof respectively"
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                          After "Wales" insert "to"
                 line 29.
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                           Omit "further"
                 line 30.
                           Omit "duly honestly and faithfully"
                 line 35.
                 line 36.
                           Omit "and agree"
                  lines 36 and 37. Omit "compensation or"
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This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 13th November, 1878. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

The LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 8 July, 1879. STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

STEPHEN W. JONES,

New South Wales.



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to protect the Aboriginal Natives of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean from imposition when engaging as Seamen.

WHEREAS it is believed that the Law at present in force regula- Preamble. ting the engagement of Seamen is insufficient to protect Aboriginal Natives of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean from being imposed upon when being engaged in their engagements as seamen at 5 ports in this Colony and it is expedient to amend the law so as to afford some measure of protection to such persons upon their entering into any such engagements Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament 10 assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Islanders' Shipping Engage- short title of Act.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the "Seamen's Islanders to be Laws Consolidation Act of 1864" it shall not be lawful for any master ping Master.

15 of a ship or other person to enter into any agreement with or to engage as a seaman any Aboriginal Native of any of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean (hereinafter termed "islander") at any port or place in New South Wales unless such agreement or engagement shall be entered into as hereinafter provided before the Shipping Master of such port

or place Provided that And no such agreement with any such islander made out of the Colony and not made and appearing to have been made at a Shipping or Consular Office and before either a Shipping Master or a Consul shall be enforceable as against such islander in any 5 of the Courts of the Colony unless a Shipping Master shall have certified that in his opinion such agreement reasonably provides for the victualling and remuneration of such islander And it shall be the duty of such Shipping Master when applied to for that purpose to express in writing his opinion whether such agreement does or does not so 10 provide.

3. The master of any ship of whatever tonnage such ship may How agreements to be and in whatever trade she may be engaged who shall engage any be made with islander as a seaman at any port or place in New South Wales shall enter into an agreement with him in the form of the Schedule hereto

15 And every such agreement shall be so framed as to admit of stipulations being introduced therein at the joint will of the master and islander in each case as to advance and allotment of wages or any other stipulations not contrary to law and shall be prepared and signed in duplicate and be filled up by the Shipping Master and in all cases 20 shall be signed by the master in the presence of and attested by such

Shipping Master And one of such duplicates shall in every case be left with the Shipping Master and be retained by him in his office Provided always that before any such agreement shall be signed by such islander the same shall be read over and explained to him by the

25 Shipping Master or some person authorized by him and the signature (or mark if the islander be unable to write) shall thereupon be attested by the Shipping Master but no islander shall be allowed by the Shipping Master to sign or affix his mark to any such agreement unless in the Shipping Master's opinion such islander shall appear fully to compre-30 hend the nature and effect of such agreement and of the remuneration

whether by wages lay or otherwise therein stipulated for.

4. If any master shall hire or engage or enter into an agreement Penalty. with any islander within the meaning of this Act in contravention of the provisions of the second section hereof either of the preceding sections 35 he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds and not less than five pounds which shall-and may be recovered and applied in the same manner as a penalty under the said "Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864" is therein directed to be recovered and applied Provided always that no proceedings under this section shall be commenced after 40 six calendar within either six months from the expiration or other determination of such hiring engagement or agreement or within six

months from the time of such master's return to the Colony.

5. All islanders being seamen in intercolonial or foreign trade Islanders to receive ships who are discharged in the Colony of New South Wales shall be shipping Master. 45 discharged and receive their wages in the presence of a Shipping Master and any master or owner discharging any such islander or paying him his wages in the said Colony in any other manner shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.
6. In this Act "Master" "Seaman" "Ship" "Owner" "Inter-Interpretation.

50 colonial Ship" "Foreign Trade Ship" and "Shipping Master" shall for the purposes thereof have the like meanings and include the same persons and things respectively as the said words bear and include under the said "Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act."

SCHEDULE.

SHIP'S ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

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5	Name of Ship.	Official No.	Port of Registry.	Port No. and date of Register.	Registered Tonnage.	Nominal horse- power of Engines.										
	Managi	ing Owner.			Master.											
1	Name.	Addr	ess.	Name. No	o. of Certificate.	Address.										
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Scale of Provisions to be served out to the Crew during the Voyage. Flour. 10 Beef. Tea. 1b. qt 1/2 2 daily. daily. ½ daily. 3 daily. · i 15 1 2 1 2 Equivalent substitutes for all or any of the above may be issued at the Master's discretion such as fish or pork for beef yams or potatoes for flour or rice &c. 20

An agreement made in pursuance of the "Islanders' Shipping Engagement Act 1878" between

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all of the Port of Sydney New South Wales of which vessels-respectively vessel

Lime or lemon-juice and sugar or other anti-scorbutics to be issued according to law. are is the present Masters Master and the several persons whose names are subscribed hereto. And It is agreed by and on the part of the said persons and they severally hereby

engage to serve on board the said ship or either of the above named ships for the term of this agreement and signed the articles thereof respectively in the several capacities set against their respective names on Wales to1 voyage from the Port of Sydney New South

And the said crew further engage to conduct themselves in an orderly faithful honest careful and sober manner and to be at all times diligent in their respective duties and to be obedient to the lawful commands of the master in everything relating to the said ship and the materials stores and cargo thereof whether on board such ship or in boats or on shore2

35 In consideration of which services to be duly honestly and faithfully performed the said master doth hereby promise and agree to pay to the said crew by way of compensation or wages the amount expressed against their respective names. And it is hereby agreed that any embezzlement or wilful or negligent loss or destruction of any part of the ship's cargo or stores shall be made good to the owner out of the wages (so far as 40 they will extend) of the seaman guilty of the same And if any seaman shall have entered himself as qualified for a duty to which he shall prove not to be competent he shall be subject to a reduction of the rate of wages hereby agreed for in proportion to his incompetency.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereto subscribed their names on the

45 days mentioned against their respective signatures.

Signed by witnessed by

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Shipping Master.

Name

I Here the intended voyage is to be described as nearly as can be done and the places at which it is intended the ship shall touch or if that cannot be done the nature of the voyage in which she is to be employed and also when practicable the probable duration of the voyage and if a running agreement the several voyages or trips for which the seamen are engaged and the limits as near as may be both of time and place within which such voyages are to be comprised and the final port of discharge.

² Here may be inserted any other clauses which the parties may think proper to be introduced into the agreement provided that the same be not contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of this Act.

Time at which he is to be on board.

Particulars of Engagement.

Master.

Date and place of joining this Ship.

Year. Date. Place. Place. On the place of joining this Ship.

Ship in which he last served.

State name and official No. or port she

belonged to.

or country where born. Name of Ship

Release (late M).

Balance of wages paid on discharge.

Wethe undersigned members of the crew of this ship and the master and owner or owners thereof from all claims for wages or otherwise in respect of this voyage.

Signatures or contentiate in respect of this voyage.

Signatures or contentiate or initials of Super-intendent Consul or officer of Customs before whom the balance of wages are to the initial so for super-intendent Consul or of officer of Customs before whom the balance of wages are to the signed in col. 1).

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Particulars of Discharge &c.
To be filled in by the master
upon the discharge death or
desertion of any member
of his crew.

Date place and cause of leaving this ship or of death.

Cause. Date. Place.

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Signature or initials of Superintendent Consul or officer of Customs.

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Amount of weekly or monthly allotment.

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mount of wages advanced on entry.

If any member of the crew enters Her Majesty's Service th	e name of the Queen's ship into which he enters is to be briefly stated thus "d	be stated under the head of "Cause of leaving t scharged" "deserted" "left sick" "died."	he ship" thus H.M.S. "Revenge" and the other causes of leaving the ship sho

Certificates or indorsements made by Consuls or by Officers in British Possessions abroad.

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Signatures of Crew.

Master to sign first.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. VI.

An Act to protect the Aboriginal Natives of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean from imposition when engaging as Seamen. [Assented to, 17th July, 1879.]

HEREAS the Law at present in force regulating the engagement Preamble. of Seamen is insufficient to protect Aboriginal Natives of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean from being imposed upon in their engagements as seamen at ports in this Colony and it is expedient to amend the law so as to afford protection to such persons. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the 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. This Act may be cited as the "Islanders' Shipping Engage- Short title of Act. ments Act."

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the "Seamen's Islanders to be Laws Consolidation Act of 1864" it shall not be lawful for any master engaged before Ship-of a ship or other person to engage as a seaman any Aboriginal Native of any of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean (hereinafter termed "islander") at any port or place in New South Wales unless such engagement shall be entered into as hereinafter provided before the Shipping Master

of such port or place And no agreement with any such islander made out of the Colony not made and appearing to have been made before either a Shipping Master or a Consul shall be enforceable against such islander in any of the Courts of the Colony unless a Shipping Master shall have certified that in his opinion such agreement reasonably provides for the victualling and remuneration of such islander And it shall be the duty of such Shipping Master when applied to for that purpose to express in writing his opinion whether such agreement does or does not so provide.

How agreements to be made with Islanders.

3. The master of any ship of whatever tonnage such ship may be and in whatever trade she may be engaged who shall engage any islander as a seaman at any port or place in New South Wales shall enter into an agreement with him in the form of the Schedule hereto And every such agreement shall be so framed as to admit of stipulations being introduced therein at the joint will of the master and islander in each case as to advance and allotment of wages or any other stipulations not contrary to law and shall be prepared and signed in duplicate and be filled up by the Shipping Master and in all cases shall be signed by the master in the presence of and attested by such Shipping Master And one of such duplicates shall in every case be left with the Shipping Master and be retained by him in his office Provided always that before any such agreement shall be signed by such islander the same shall be read over and explained to him by the Shipping Master or some person authorized by him and the signature (or mark if the islander be unable to write) shall thereupon be attested by the Shipping Master but no islander shall be allowed by the Shipping Master to sign or affix his mark to any such agreement unless in the Shipping Master's opinion such islander shall appear fully to comprehend the nature and effect of such agreement and of the remuneration whether by wages lay or otherwise therein stipulated for.

4. If any master shall engage or enter into an agreement with any islander in contravention of the provisions of either of the preceding sections he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds and not less than five pounds which may be recovered and applied in the same manner as a penalty under the "Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864" is directed to be recovered and applied Provided always that proceedings under this section shall be commenced within either six months from the expiration or other determination of such engagement or agreement or within six months from the time of such master's return to the Colony.

Islanders to receive wages before Shipping Master.

Penalty.

5. All islanders being seamen in intercolonial or foreign trade ships discharged in the Colony shall be discharged and receive their wages in the presence of a Shipping Master and any master or owner discharging any such islander or paying him his wages in the Colony in any other manner shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

Interpretation.

any other manner shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.
6. In this Act "Master" "Seaman" "Ship" "Owner" "Intercolonial Ship" "Foreign Trade Ship" and "Shipping Master" shall for the purposes thereof have the like meanings and include the same persons and things respectively as the said words bear and include under the said "Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act."

SCHEDULE.

SHIP'S ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Intercolonial and (or) Foreign-going.

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Managing	Owner.				Master.	Part House Tax
Name.	Address	s	Name.	Address.		

Scale of Provisions to be served out to the Crew during the Voyage. Flour. Beef. 10. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 th. 1b. oz. oz. qts. Monday Tuesday Wednesda Thursday Friday . . Saturday 1 2 4 daily. 1 2 1 daily. 2 daily. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1/2

rice &c.

Lime or lemon-juice and sugar or other antiscorbutics to be issued according to law.

An agreement made in pursuance of the "Islanders' Shipping Engagement Act" between

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all of the Port of Sydney New South Wales of which vessel

is the present Master and the several persons whose names are subscribed hereto.

It is agreed by the said persons and they severally hereby engage to serve on board the said ship for the term of this agreement in the several capacities set against their respective names on voyage from the Port of Sydney New South Wales to¹

And the said crew engage to conduct themselves in an orderly faithful honest careful and sober manner and to be at all times diligent in their respective duties and to be obedient to the lawful commands of the master in everything relating to the said ship and the materials stores and cargo thereof whether on board such ship or in boats or on shore²

In consideration of which services to be performed the said master doth hereby promise to pay to the said crew by way of wages the amount expressed against their respective names. And it is hereby agreed that any embezzlement or wilful or negligent loss or destruction of any part of the ship's cargo or stores shall be made good to the owner out of the wages (so far as they will extend) of the seaman guilty of the same. And if any seaman shall have entered himself as qualified for a duty to which he shall prove not to be competent he shall be subject to a reduction of the rate of wages hereby agreed for in proportion to his incompetency.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereto subscribed their names on the days mentioned against their respective signatures.

Signed by

witnessed by

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Shipping Master.

Name

¹ Here the intended voyage is to be described as nearly as can be done and the places at which it is intended the ship shall touch or if that cannot be done the nature of the voyage in which she is to be employed and also when practicable the probable duration of the voyage and if a running agreement the several voyages or trips for which the seamen are engaged and the limits as near as may be both of time and place within which such voyages are to be comprised and the final port of discharge.

² Here may be inserted any other clauses which the parties may think proper to be introduced into the agreement provided that the same be not contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of this Act.

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															Particulars of Discharge &c. To be filled in by the master upon the discharge death or desertion of any member of his crew.					Release (late M).														
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Ref	Refe Sign	atures (tures of Crew.	or country where born.						State name and official No. or port she belonged to.	Year.	Date.	Place.	gaged and mate or No. of his	Time at whi to be on l	Amount of per calend	cases of ration by	such share	Amount of wages advanced on entry	Amount of weekly or monthly allotment.	Signature or initials of Superintendent Consul or officer of Customs.	Cause.*	Date.	Place.	wages paid on discharge	on	for wages or otherwise in respect of this voyage. Signatures of crew (each to was paid an	Customs before whom the balance of wages was paid and release signed.	Rei					
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^{*} If any member of the crew enters Her Majesty's Ser ce the name of the Queen's ship into which he enters is to be stated under the head of "Cause of leaving the ship" thus H.M.S. "Revenge" and the other causes of leaving the ship should be briefly stated thus "discharged" "deserted" "left sick" "died."

Certificates or indorsements made by Consuls or by Officers in British Possessions abroad.

By Authority: THOMAS RICHARDS, Government Printer, Sydney, 1879.