

fo shipping himself, being under the obligation of a former contract shall forfeit and pay the value of one months wages that he shall so agree for to be deducted from such wages, as he may have due or may afterwards be due unto him for the use of the party aggrieved.

IV. *Be it further enacted*, That if any mariner or seaman having shipped himself on board any ship or vessel which hath been launched or is actually preparing for sea, to proceed on any voyage and under pay, shall neglect his attendance and duty on board, and absent himself from his said service, upon complaint thereof made on oath, by the owner, master, or other officer of the said ship or vessel, to any justice of the peace within the same county, such justice is hereby empowered to cause such mariner or seaman to be forthwith brought before him by warrant, and upon conviction of his absenting himself as aforesaid, to commit to prison that he may be secured, and forth-coming, to proceed on the voyage he has so agreed to, and to be delivered by order of the justice that committed him, or some other justice in the same county, and all necessary charges attending his being so secured, and which have been actually paid by the said owner or master, may be deducted from such mariner or seaman's wages, as the same becomes due.

Seamen neglecting their attendance and duty when engaged.

Penalty.

V. *Provided always*, That no seaman shall be bound by entering or shipping himself on board of any ship or vessel, unless the agreement shall be in writing, and declare what wages such seaman is to have for so long a time as he shall ship himself for, and also express the voyage for which such seaman was shipped, any thing herein before to the contrary notwithstanding.

Seamen not bound unless agreement in writing.

CAPLIV

An ACT to enable the CORPORATION of the CITY of ST. JOHN to raise a sum of money, not exceeding THREE HUNDRED pounds in the whole nor more than ONE HUNDRED pounds in any one year, to pay off their debts already incurred and to defray the necessary contingent expenses arising within the said city.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly,*

THAT in order to enable the corporation of the city of Saint John, to pay off their debts already incurred and to defray

Common Council of the city of St. John to raise

by assessments
on the freehold-
ers &c. £300.
in sums of £100
a year.

the necessary contingent expenses arising within the said city, it shall and may be lawful for the common council of the said city to raise a sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds in the whole, nor more than one hundred pounds in any one year, by rates or assessments upon the freeholders and inhabitants of the said city by just and equal proportions to be assessed by the said common council or by three or more assessors to be by them for that purpose appointed and levied upon and paid by the said freeholders and inhabitants in such manner, and under such rules, regulations, restrictions and penalties as the said common council shall direct and appoint.

Common Coun-
cil to appoint
assessors and col-
lectors.

II. *And be it further enacted*, that it shall and may be lawful for the said common council to appoint so many assessors and collectors as they in their discretion shall think fit to carry this or any other act or law into execution and that the monies to be raised and paid by virtue hereof shall be to the use of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the said city to be disposed of and appropriated by the said common council in the same manner as any other monies belonging to the said corporation are or can be disposed of and appropriated.

CAP. LV.

An ACT for RAISING a REVENUE in this Province.

Presamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary that a revenue should be raised for the support of this government,

Duty on import-
ation every pun-
cheon of rum or
other distilled
spirits, ten shil-
lings: every
hoghead of
malt liquors, not
directly from
Great Britain,
two shillings
and six pence.

I. *Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly*, That there shall be, and hereby are granted to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, the duties and impositions herein after mentioned; on the several goods and merchandizes, herein particularly enumerated; which shall be imported into this province, from and after the first day of April. That is to say, for every puncheon of rum, brandy or other distilled spirits, and likewise for every puncheon of shrub, or any other liquors of which the greater part is distilled spirits from all places from whence the same may be imported, shall be paid on importation of the same into this province the sum of ten shillings for each puncheon so imported. And for every tierce so imported, shall be paid the sum of five shillings, and for every barrel the sum of two shillings and six-pence. For every hoghead of porter, or other malt liquors, not imported directly from Great-Britain or Ireland, shall be paid the sum of two shillings and six-pence.