

employment of any person for service upon such vessel, and before such person shall be allowed to enter upon such service or employment, to make and execute with such person before a shipping commissioner, a contract as provided and required in section 71; and it shall be further the duty of such master to keep on board of such vessel the shipping contract or agreement of every member of his crew, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the persons interested and the officers of the State fishery force; and the said master shall allow the officers of the State fishery force to board his vessel at all times for that purpose. It shall further be the duty of said master to enter upon said contracts or agreements all amounts of money paid or articles furnished, with the price thereof, to each member of said crew during the period of his service. It shall be the duty of the said master or owner to pay off and discharge his crew or any member thereof before the shipping commissioner of the district named as the place of discharge in the said contract and agreement, and he shall at that time produce and deliver up the said contract or agreement to the said shipping commissioner, to be preserved in his office; and he shall account to said commissioner for any member of the crew who may not be produced at such time.

1888, ch. 513, sec 8.

74. It shall be the duty of the officers of the various vessels of the State fishery force to make from time to time inspections of the various vessels described in sections 67-76, and to examine on such occasions the contracts and agreements hereinbefore mentioned; and if it be found that there have been violations of the provisions of any of said sections upon the part of the master or owner of said vessel, or if said master or owner of said vessel be found guilty of cruelty or brutality to any member of the crew of said vessel, to arrest said offenders and seize such vessel, and bring the offenders before a justice of the peace, or a judge of the court having criminal jurisdiction most convenient or accessible, to be dealt with as to any violations of the provisions of said sections of this article as hereinafter provided, and as to any cruelty or brutality to any member of said crew as it is provided by this code.