

provisions and articles served out, and shall allow the same to be used at the time of serving out such provisions and articles, in the presence of a witness, whenever any dispute arises about such quantities, and in default shall, for every offence, incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars. And every vessel bound on any foreign port shall also be provided with at least one suit of woollen clothing for each seaman for use during the winter months, and every such vessel shall be provided with fuel and a safe and suitable room in which a fire can be kept for the use of seamen.

used in presence of a witness, if dispute as to quantity arises.

Woollen clothing and fuel.

SEC. 43. That whenever any seaman or apprentice belonging to or sent home on any merchant ship, whether a foreign-going ship or home-trade ship, employed on a voyage which is to terminate in the United States, dies during such voyage, the master shall take charge of all moneys, clothes, and effects which he leaves on board, and shall, if he thinks fit, cause all or any of the said clothes and effects to be sold by auction at the mast or other public auction, and shall thereupon sign an entry in the official log-book, containing the following particulars, that is to say: First, a statement of the amount of money so left by the deceased; secondly, in case of a sale, a description of each article sold, and the sum received for each; thirdly, a statement of the sum due to deceased as wages, and the total amount of deductions, if any, to be made therefrom; and shall cause such entry to be attested by the mate and one of the crew.

Effects of seamen dying on board, how to be cared for and disposed of;

entry in log-book;

SEC. 44. That in cases provided for by the last preceding section, the following rules shall be observed: First, if the ship proceeds at once to any port in the United States, the master shall, within forty-eight hours after his arrival, deliver any such effects as aforesaid remaining unsold, and pay any money which he has taken charge of, or received from such sale as aforesaid, and also the balance of wages due to the deceased, to the shipping-commissioner at the port of destination in the United States; secondly, if the ship touches and remains at some foreign port before coming to any port in the United States, the master shall report the case to the United States consular officer there, and shall give to such officer any information he requires as to the destination of the ship and probable length of the voyage; and such officer may, if he considers it expedient so to do, require the said effects, money, and wages to be delivered and paid to him, and shall, upon such delivery and payment, give to the master a receipt; and the master shall within forty-eight hours after his arrival at his port of destination in the United States produce the same to the shipping-commissioner there; and such consular officer shall in such case indorse and certify upon the agreement with the crew, the particulars with respect to such delivery and payment; thirdly, if such officer as aforesaid does not require such payment and delivery to be made to him, the master shall take charge of the said effects, money, and wages, and shall, within forty-eight hours after his arrival at his port of destination in the United States, deliver and pay the same to the shipping-commissioner there; fourthly, the master shall in all cases in which any seaman or apprentice dies during the progress of the voyage or engagement, give to such officer or shipping-commissioner as aforesaid an account, in such form as they may respectively require, of the effects, money, and wages so to be delivered and paid, and no deductions claimed in such account shall be allowed unless verified, if there is any official log-book, by such entry therein as hereinbefore required; and also by such other vouchers (if any) as may be reasonably required by the officer or shipping-commissioner to whom the account is rendered; fifthly, upon due compliance with such of the provisions of this section as relates to acts to be done at the port of destination in the United States, the shipping-commissioner shall grant to the master a certificate to that effect, and no officer of customs shall clear inward any foreign-going ship without the production of such certificate.

duty of master, if vessel arrives at a home port;

if in a foreign port;

upon arrival at port of destination in the United States.

Master to give an account to shipping-commissioner, &c.

Commissioner to give master certificate, &c.

SEC. 45. That if any master fails to take such charge of the money or

Penalty upon