

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

PATRIOTIC SONG.
Tune—"RULE BRITANNIA."

Hail great Republic of the world,
The rising Empire of the west,
Where fumed Columbus, of mighty
mind inspir'd.

Beneath thy spreading mantling vine,
Beside thy flowery groves and springs,
And on thy lofty, thy lofty, mountain's
brow,

From thee may hated discord fly
With all her dark, her dreary train.
And whilst thy mighty, thy mighty
waters roll

Far as the vast Atlantic pours
Its loaded wave to human sight,
There may thy storied, thy storied, stand-
ard shine,

May ages as they rise, proclaim
The glories of thy natal day.
And restless Europe from thy example
learn

Let Laureats sing their birth-day odes,
Or how their death-like thunders
har'd,

'Tis ours the Charter, the Charter,
ours alone
To sing the BIRTH-DAY OF
THE WORLD!

AN ACT

Supplementary to the Act concerning
Consuls & Vice-Consuls, and for the fur-
ther protection of American Sea-
men.

port, to deposit his register, sea-letter,
and Mediterranean passport with the
consul, vice-consul, commercial agent,
or vice-commercial agent, (if any there
be at such port;) that in case of refusal
or neglect of the said master or com-
mander, to deposit the said papers as
aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay five
hundred dollars, to be recovered by the
said consul, vice-consul, commercial
agent, or vice-commercial agent, in
his own name, for the benefit of the
United States, in any court of com-
petent jurisdiction; and it shall be
the duty of such consul, vice-con-
sul, commercial agent or vice-com-
mercial agent, on such master or com-
mander producing to him a clearance
from the proper officer of the port,
where his ship or vessel may be, to deli-
ver to the said master or comman-
der all of his said papers: Provided,
such master or commander shall have
complied with the provisions contain-
ed in this act and those of the act to
which this is a supplement.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That
whenever a ship or vessel belonging to
a citizen of the United States, shall
be sold in a foreign country, and her
company discharged, or when a sea-
man or mariner, a citizen of the Uni-
ted States, shall with his own consent
be discharged in a foreign country, it
shall be the duty of the master or
commander to produce to the consul,
vice-consul, commercial agent or vice-
commercial agent, the list of his ship's
company, certified as aforesaid; and
pay to such consul, vice-consul, com-
mercial agent or vice-commercial a-
gent, for every seaman or mariner so
discharged, being designated on such
list as a citizen of the United States,
three months pay over and above the
wages which may then be due to such
mariner or seaman, two thirds thereof
to be paid by such consul, or commer-
cial agent, to each seaman or mariner
so discharged, upon his engagement
on board of any vessel to return to the
United States, and the other remain-
ing third to be retained for the pur-
pose of creating a fund for the pay-
ment of the passages of seamen or ma-
riners, citizens of the United States
who may be desirous of returning to
the United States, and for the mainte-
nance of American seamen who may
be destitute, and may be in such for-
eign port, and the several sums re-
tained for such fund shall be accounted
for with the treasury every six months
by the persons receiving the same.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That
it shall be the duty of the consuls, vice-
consuls, commercial agents, or vice-
commercial agents of the U. States
from time to time to provide for the
marines and seamen of the U. States,
who may be found destitute within
their districts respectively, sufficient
subsistence and passages to some port
in the United States, in the most rea-
sonable manner, at the expense of the
United States, subject to such instruc-
tions as the Secretary of State shall
give; and that all masters or com-
manders of vessels belonging to citi-
zens of the United States, and bound
to some port of the same, are hereby
required and enjoined to take such
mariners or seamen on board of their
ships or vessels, at the request of the
said consuls, vice-consuls, commercial
agents or vice-commercial agents res-
pectively, and to transport them to the
port in the United States to which such
ships or vessels may be bound, on such
terms not exceeding ten dollars for
each person, as may be agreed be-
tween the said master and consul, or
commercial agent. And the said ma-
riners or seamen, shall, if able, be
bound to do duty on board such ship,
or vessel according to their general a-
bilities; Provided, That no master or
captain of any ship or vessel shall be
obliged to take a greater number than
two men to every one hundred tons
burthen of the said ship or vessel, on
any one voyage; and if any such cap-
tain or master shall refuse the same on
the request or order of the consul,
vice-consul, commercial agent or vice-
commercial agent, such captain or
master shall forfeit and pay the sum of
one hundred dollars for each mariner
or seaman so refused, to be recovered
for the benefit of the United States in
any court of competent jurisdiction.—
And the certificate of any such consul
or commercial agent, given under his
hand and official seal, shall be prima
facie evidence of such refusal in any
court of law having jurisdiction for the
recovery of the penalty aforesaid.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That
the seventh and eighth section of the
act, entitled "An act concerning
consuls and vice-consuls," be and the
same are hereby repealed; and that
the secretary of state be authorized to
reimburse the consuls, vice-consuls,
commercial agents or vice-commer-
cial agents, such reasonable sums as
they may heretofore have advanced for
the relief of seamen, though the same
should exceed the rate of 12 cents a
man per diem.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That
it shall and may be lawful for every
consul, vice-consul, commercial agent
and vice-commercial agent of the Uni-
ted States, to take and receive for every
certificate of discharge of any sea-
man or mariner in a foreign port, fifty
cents; and for commission on paying
and receiving the amount of wages
payable on the discharge of seamen in
foreign ports, two and a half per cen-
tum.

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