



# Merchant Shipping Act 1906

## 1906 CHAPTER 48

### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **57 Powers of court in case of unreasonable delay in paying masters' wages**

In any action or other legal proceedings by the master of a ship for the recovery of any sum due to him on account of wages, the court may, if it appears to them that the payment of the sum due has been delayed otherwise than owing to the act or default of the master, or to any reasonable dispute as to liability, or to any other cause not being the wrongful act or default of the person liable to make the payment, order that person to pay, in addition to any sum due on account of wages, such sum as they think just as damages in respect of the delay, without prejudice to any claim which may be made by the master on that account.