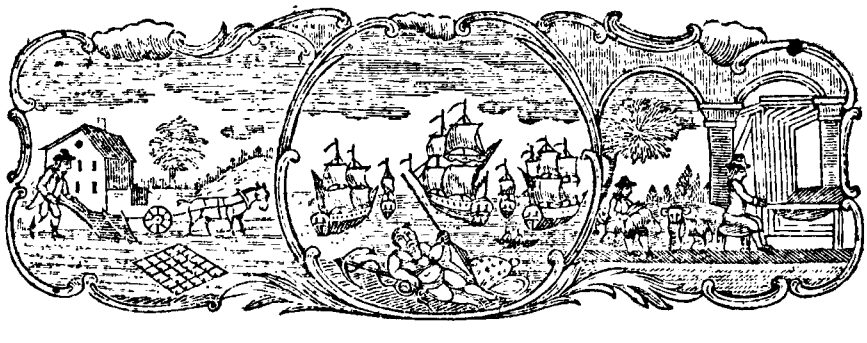


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From *Aug.* 1, 1793, no Veſſel clearing out from *Great Britain*, to carry Slaves from *Africa* in greater Numbers than herein ſpecified.

aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Maſter or other Perſon taking or having the Charge or Command of any Britiſh Ship or Veſſel whatever, which ſhall clear out from any Port of this Kingdom from and after the Firſt Day of Auguſt One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-three, to have on Board at any one Time, or to convey, carry, bring, or tranſport Slaves from the Coaſt of Africa to any Part beyond Sea, in any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, in any greater Number than in the Proportion of Five ſuch Slaves for every Three Tons of the Burthen of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſo far as the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall not exceed Two hundred and One Tons, and moreover of One ſuch Slave for every additional Ton of ſuch Ship or Veſſel over and above the ſaid Burthen of Two hundred and One Tons; or Male Slaves who ſhall exceed Four Feet Four Inches in Height, in any greater Number than in the Proportion of One ſuch Male Slave to every One Ton of the Burthen of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſo far as the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall not exceed Two hundred and one Tons, and moreover of Three ſuch Male Slaves, who ſhall exceed the ſaid Height of Four Feet Four Inches, for every additional Five Tons of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, over and above the ſaid Burthen of Two hundred and one Tons; and every ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be deemed and taken to be of ſuch Tonnage or Burthen as is deſcribed and ſet forth in the reſpective Certificate of the Regiſtry of each and every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, granted in purſuance of an Act made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the further Increaſe and Encouragement of Shipping and Navigation; and if any ſuch Maſter, or other Perſon taking or having the Charge or Command of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall act contrary hereto, ſuch Maſter or other Perſon as aforeſaid ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain for each and every ſuch Slave, exceeding in Number the Proportions herein-before limited; One Moiety whereof ſhall go to his Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, and the

Veſſels to be deemed of the Tonnage ſet forth in their Certificates of Regiſtry.

Maſters of Veſſels to forfeit 30*l.* for every Slave exceeding the limited Number.

other Moiety thereof shall go to any Person or Persons who shall first sue for the same: Provided always, That if there shall be in any such Ship or Vessel any more than Two Fifth Parts of the Slaves who shall be Children, and who shall not exceed Four Feet Four Inches in Height, then every Five such Children over and above the aforesaid Proportion of Two Fifths, shall be deemed and taken to be equal to Four of the said Slaves, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the Case of a Ship taking on Board any Number of Slaves that shall be found shipwrecked, or from on Board any other Ship or Vessel where, by reason of Mutiny or Insurrection among the Slaves, or the Crew, or by Failure of Hands, or by any actual Distress of the Vessel, the Master or Commander shall be disabled from governing the Ship, or continuing the Voyage, the Proof of which shall lie upon the Master or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel so taking on Board such Slaves.

If more than Two Fifths of the Slaves be Children, Five of the Surplus to be deemed equal to Four Slaves, &c.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on the Arrival of any such Ship or Vessel in any Island in the West Indies, belonging to or under the Dominion of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, from the Coast of Africa, carrying or conveying any such Slaves as aforesaid, the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel shall, before any of the said Slaves shall be unshipped or landed from such Ship or Vessel, repair to the nearest Custom House, and there declare, on Oath, before the Collector, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, who is hereby authorized to administer the same, the Burthen of such Ship or Vessel, and shall, at the same Time, shew to such Officer the Certificate of the Registry thereof; and shall also deliver to the said Officer, upon Oath (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same) an exact and true Account of the greatest Number of such Slaves (distinguishing the Number of Males and Females, and specifying the Number of such Slaves as shall exceed the aforesaid Height of Four Feet Four Inches),

Masters of Vessels, before they land any Slaves in the *West Indies*, to declare upon Oath, before the Officer of the Customs, the Burthen of the Vessel, &c.

Inches), who are or shall have been at any One Time in or on Board such Ship or Vessel, before, when, or after such Ship or Vessel quitted or departed from the Coast of Africa for that Voyage; and if such Master, or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall unship or land, or shall cause to be unshipped or landed, or shall wilfully permit or suffer to be unshipped or landed, any such Slaves, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, such Master or other Person as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every such Offence, and One Moiety of the said Forfeiture shall go to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety shall go to the Person or Persons who shall first sue for the same; and it shall and may be lawful for such Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs, and he is hereby required to search, or to cause Search to be made, in every Part of such Ship or Vessel, to see and to take an Account of the Number of such Slaves on Board such Ship or Vessel, and to specify in such Account the Number of Males and Females, and also the Number of Slaves not exceeding Four Feet Four Inches in Height, and without Delay to transmit such Account, attested under his Hand and Seal, to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in London, under the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds: Provided always, That in case the said Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs shall be absent, or that there shall be no such Officer in any such Island where the said Ship shall arrive as aforesaid, or in case there shall be no other Officer of the Revenue, then any Civil Officer in the said Island shall be, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Application as aforesaid, to administer the said Oath to such Master or other Person taking or having the Charge of such Vessel, and to receive the said Declaration of the Burthen of such Ship as aforesaid, and to perform all the other Duties aforesaid, which the said Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs is hereby required to perform.

and if they land Slaves contrary hereto, to forfeit 500 *l.*

Officers of the Customs to take an Account of the Slaves on Board such Vessels, *&c.* on Penalty of 500 *l.*

Where there is no Officer of the Customs, any Civil Officer to receive the Oath of the Master, *&c.*

III. And

No Vessel to carry any Slaves, unless entered for that Purpose at clearing out, and unless the Surgeon give Bond to keep a Journal of the Slaves during the Voyage;

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for the Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, which shall be cleared out from any Port in Great Britain, after the First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, to take or have on Board such Ship or Vessel, or convey, carry, bring, or transport any Slaves from the Coast of Africa to any Parts beyond the Seas, in any such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, unless such Ship or Vessel shall, at the Time of her so clearing out, have been entered for such Purpose at the Custom-house of the Port from whence such Ship or Vessel cleared out, and unless the Surgeon of or belonging to such Ship or Vessel shall have given Bond to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and shall have left the same in the Hands of the Collector or Comptroller of the Customs in the Port from whence such Ship or Vessel shall depart for such Voyage to the Coast of Africa, in the penal Sum of One hundred Pounds, with Condition that such Surgeon shall keep a regular and true Journal, containing an Account of the greatest Number of Slaves which shall have been, at any Time during such Voyage, on Board such Ship or Vessel, from the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel on the Coast of Africa as aforesaid, until her Arrival at the Port of her Delivery, distinguishing the Number of Males and Females, and of the Deaths of any such Slaves or Crew of the said Ship or Vessel, and of the Cause thereof, during the Voyage from the First Departure of the said Ship or Vessel, to her Arrival on the Coast of Africa, during her Stay on the said Coast, and after her Departure from thence to the said Port of Delivery, or during such Time as such Surgeon shall have been on Board such Ship or Vessel; and that the said Surgeon shall deliver such Journal to the Collector or other Officer as aforesaid, at the First British Port where such Ship or Vessel shall arrive after leaving the Coast of Africa, and shall make Oath to the Truth of such Journal, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, before such Collector or other Officer

which Journal is to be delivered to the Officer of the Customs, at the First *British* Port of Arrival, &c.

as aforesaid, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the said Oath; and such Collector or other Officer as aforesaid shall deliver to such Master, or other Person as aforesaid, and to such Surgeon respectively, Copies of the Oath of such Master or other Person as aforesaid, and also of the said Journal, which Copies shall severally be attested (as true Copies) by such Collector or other Officer as aforesaid under his Hand and Seal; and Duplicates of the said Copies, attested, in like Manner, shall be transmitted by the said Collector, or other Chief Officer, to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in London; and if such Master, or Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall carry his Cargo of Slaves to, and land the Whole or any Part in, any Port or Ports not subject to the Crown of Great Britain, and shall afterwards arrive at any British Island or Port, having delivered the Whole, or any Part of his said Cargo, such Master or other Person, and also the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, shall make the same Declaration, deliver in the same Journal to, and take the same Oaths before the Collectors, or other Chief Officers of the Customs, or Civil Officer of the Island or Port, and receive the same attested Certificate, in like Manner as if he had first arrived at such Island or Port; and if the said Ship or Vessel shall not arrive at any British Island or Port before her Return to Great Britain, then the said Master or other Person, and Surgeon, shall make the said Declaration, deliver in the said Journal to, and take the said Oaths before, the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs of the Port where they shall first land, which the Collector or other Chief Officer is hereby impowered and required to receive and administer, and the said Collector or other Chief Officer shall forthwith transmit the same to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in London; and if such Master or Surgeon shall act contrary hereto, such Master or Surgeon shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, One Moiety whereof shall go to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and

Officer to deliver to the Master a Copy of his Oath, and to the Surgeon a Copy of his Journal, and transmit Duplicates to the Commissioners of the Customs.

Masters or Surgeons acting contrary hereto to forfeit 100 *l.*

the other Moiety thereof shall go to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same.

If Penalty on Masters be not paid within 14 Days, their Vessels may be seized and sold.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall be convicted of any One of the said Offences before mentioned, and shall not, within the Space of Fourteen Days, pay, or cause to be paid, into the Hands of the proper Officer of the Court wherein the Offence shall be prosecuted, in order that the same may be applied in Manner herein directed, the Amount of the Penalty on such Conviction, it shall and may be lawful for any Admiral, or other Commander at Sea, of any of the Ships of War, or other Ship having Commission from His Majesty, or from His Heirs or Successors, or for any Governor of any Island or Plantation to His Majesty belonging in America or the West Indies, or for any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs, to seize and detain the said Ship or Vessel wherever found, and to convey the same to the Custom House nearest to the Place where she shall be found; and the Collector, or other principal Officer of the Customs at such Custom House, shall, and he is hereby required to cause every such Ship or Vessel to be sold publickly by Auction, and the Produce arising by such Sale thereof to apply towards satisfying the said Penalty; and if there shall remain any Overplus, to pay the same over to such Person or Persons as shall prove his, her, or their Property therein, or to his, her, or their lawful Assigns.

On Arrival of Vessels in *America* or the *West Indies*, the Owners to give Bond for Payment of Penalties, &c.

V. And whereas it may happen that the Master or other Person having the Command of such Ship or Vessel so prosecuted and convicted may be unable to pay such Penalty or Penalties incurred; be it enacted, That so soon as such Ship or Vessel shall arrive in any of the said Islands, and due Notice of such Arrival shall have been given at the Custom House thereof, the Owner or Owners of the said Ship or Vessel, or his, her, or their Factor or Agent to whom such Ship and Cargo is consigned, shall give Bond in the Penal Sum of Five thousand Pounds to the Collector or other Officer of the

Customs, for the full and just Payment of such Penalty or Penalties as may be awarded against such Captain, or other Officer, by the Verdict of a Jury: Provided always, That no Suit against such Captain, or other Officer, shall be prosecuted in any Island, unless the same shall be commenced within One Month after due Notice given of the Ship's Arrival, to the Collector or other Officer of the Customs in the said Islands.

Where Penalties may be sued for.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered in any Court of Vice Admiralty in any Part of America, or in any Island in the West Indies, wherein any such Offence shall have been committed, or wherein any such Ship or Vessel shall have disposed of the Whole, or any Part of her Cargo, or in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Exchequer at Edinburgh.

The upper and lower Cabbin, and the Space between Decks, to be allotted to the Slaves, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every such Ship or Vessel, the upper as well as the lower Cabin and the Space between Decks, shall be allotted and properly prepared for the Reception of such Slaves; and that after any such Ship or Vessel shall have taken Two Third Parts of her Complement of Slaves on Board, in the Proportions herein before limited, no Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall ever be stowed or put in any such Cabin or Place, in which any such Slaves shall be.

If any Person take the Command of a Vessel, who is not qualified as herein directed, he and also the Owner shall forfeit 500 *l.*

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, it shall not be lawful for any Person to become a Master, or take or have the Command or Charge of any such Ship or Vessel, at the Time he shall clear out from any Port of Great Britain, for purchasing and carrying Slaves from the Coast of Africa, unless such Master or Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall have made Oath, and delivered in to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs, at the Port where such Ship or Vessel shall clear out, a Certificate,

cate, attested by the respective Owner or Owners, that he has already served in such Capacity during One Voyage, or shall have served as Chief Mate or Surgeon during the Whole of Two Voyages, or either as Chief or other Mate during Three Voyages, in purchasing and carrying Slaves from the Coast of Africa under Pain that such Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, and also the Owner or Owners who shall hire or employ such Person, shall for every such Offence respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

No Insurance to be made against any Loss, except the Perils of the Sea, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, it shall not be lawful for any Owner or Owners of any such Ship or Vessel to insure any Cargo of Slaves, or any Part thereof, on Board the same, against any Loss or Damage, save and except the Perils of the Sea, Piracy, Insurrection, or Capture by the King's Enemies, Barratry of the Master and Crew, and Destruction by Fire; and that all and every Policy of Insurance hereafter made, contrary to this Act, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

No Vessel to be cleared out that has not a Surgeon who has passed his Examination, &c.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no such Ship or Vessel shall be allowed to clear out, unless it shall appear to the Collector, or other principal Officer of the Customs at the Port, that there is One Surgeon at least engaged to proceed on Board such Ship or Vessel, and unless such Surgeon shall have produced and delivered to such Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs, a Certificate or Warrant of his having passed his Examination at Surgeons Hall, or at some Publick or County Hospital, or at the Royal College of Physicians or Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, or shall have served as Surgeon or Surgeon's Mate in His Majesty's Fleet or Armies, of which Certificate or Warrant the said Collector or other principal Officer shall give to the said Surgeon an attested Copy, gratis.

XI. And

If the Officer at the Port of Discharge shall be satisfied that there have not died on the Voyage more than 2 Slaves in the 100, he is to give Certificates to the Master and Surgeon, and on Production thereof to the Commissioners of the Customs, they are to order the Master 100 *l.* and the Surgeon 50 *l.*

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if it shall be made appear, to the Satisfaction of the Collector or other principal Officer of the Port where such Ship or Vessel shall be discharged, that there shall not have died more than in the Proportion of Two Slaves in the Hundred, from the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel on the Coast of Africa to the Time of her Arrival at her Port of Discharge in any of the Islands of the West Indies, belonging to or under the Dominion of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in such Case the Collector or other Principal Officer shall, and he is hereby authorized and required to make out Certificates, specifying the Number of Slaves that appear to have been taken on Board the said Ship or Vessel, and the Number that have died within the Period above mentioned, One of which Certificates shall be delivered to the Master, and the other to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, and on Production of such Certificates, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England and Scotland respectively, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to direct the Sum of One hundred Pounds to be paid to the Master, and the Sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, out of any Money that shall be in the Hands of the Receiver General of the Customs of England and Scotland respectively; or if it shall be made appear to the Collector or other principal Officer as aforesaid, that there shall not have died more than in the Proportion of Three Slaves in the Hundred, from the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel on the Coast of Africa to the Time of her Arrival at her Port of Discharge in any of the said West India Islands, in such Case the Collector or Principal Officer as aforesaid shall, and he is hereby required and authorized to make out like Certificates, and to deliver one to the Master and the other to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, and the Commissioners of the Customs in England and Scotland respectively shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, on Production of such Certificates, to direct the Sum

Like Certificates to be given where the Mortality has not been more than 3 in the 100, which is to entitle the Master to 50 *l.* and the Surgeon to 25 *l.*

of Fifty Pounds to be paid to the Master, and the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds to be paid to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel.

XII. And for the better Regulation, Encouragement, and Preservation of the Health of the Officers and Seamen, employed in Ships or Vessels trading to the Coast of Africa, for Slaves, and from thence to the West Indies, and America; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, before any Ship or Vessel shall proceed to Sea, the Master, Officers, and Mariners shall sign and execute Articles of Agreement, and a Muster-roll, in the Presence of, and witnessed by the Clearing Officer and One of the Tidesmen of the Port from whence the Ship departs; and a Duplicate of the Articles of Agreement and Muster-roll, duly signed and executed, shall be delivered to the aforesaid Clearing Officer, in order to its being lodged with the proper Officer in the Custom House, according to the Forms hereunto annexed; which Agreement shall be conclusive to all Parties for the Time contracted for; and no other Form whatsoever of Articles of Agreement, or Muster-roll, shall be used, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, One half to be paid to the Use of Greenwich Hospital, and the other half to the Informer, or other Person who shall sue for the same, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record.

Before any Vessel is cleared Outwards, the Master, Officers, and Mariners, to execute Articles of Agreement in the Forms hereunto annexed; and no other Form to be used on Penalty of 50*l.*

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Continuation of the Muster-roll shall be regularly and duly kept during the Voyage; also a Log Book, wherein all Penalties, Forfeitures and Charges against any Officer or Seaman shall be regularly entered and signed by the Master, Chief Mate, and Surgeon, and delivered in upon Oath, together with the Muster-roll, on the Arrival of the Ship or Vessel at her discharging Port in Great Britain, to the Collector or other Chief Officer thereof; and if any Master, Chief Mate, or Surgeon, shall be convicted of signing false Muster-rolls, Articles of Agreement, or Log Book, he or they shall

Muster Roll to be regularly kept, &c.

Penalty for signing false Muster Rolls, &c.

shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and shall also suffer Six Months Imprisonment.

No Officer, &c. to be turned over or discharged, but under the Circumstances herein mentioned.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Officer, Mariner, or Seaman shall be turned over or discharged, upon any Pretence whatsoever, unless into his Majesty's Ships of War, or to assist a Ship in actual Distress, which is to be certified by the principal Officers of both Ships concerned, and an Agreement made in Writing with the said Officers or Men so lent, or, upon Preferment, or under ill State of Health, with the Consent of the Party, for which a Certificate shall be given from the Captain of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels, if any are present, or, in their Absence, Two Justices of the Peace, or the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Place or Port where such Ship or Vessel shall be, or shall first arrive, which Certificate shall be returned with the Muster Roll and Log Book, on the Arrival of the Ship at her delivering Port in Great Britain.

No Slops, &c. to be supplied beyond One Fourth of the Monthly Wages.

XV. And be it further enacted, That no Master, Commander, or other Person, shall supply the Officers or Mariners, Seamen, or Seafaring Men, with more Slops, Tobacco, Spirits, or any other Article whatsoever, than to the Amount of One Fourth Part of the Monthly Wages of such Officer, Mariner, Seaman, or Seafaring Man.

Regulations with regard to Officers, &c. behaving in a riotous, seditious, or mutinous Manner.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer, Mariner, or Seaman, shall behave in a riotous, seditious, or mutinous Manner, it shall be lawful for the Commander or Commanding Officer to put such Officer, Mariner, or Seaman, into Confinement, for a Time not exceeding Twenty-four Hours, before the same is reported to the Captain or Commander of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels (being present, or within a convenient Distance), who is hereby authorised to enquire into the Cause of such Complaint, and to examine upon Oath, if found necessary, and to grant such Relief and Remedy therein as the Circumstances of the Case may require; and in case none of his Majesty's Ships are present, the Cause of Complaint shall be fully examined into by the Master and Two Officers, in the Presence of the Ship's Company;

Company; and if it shall be judged necessary, for the Safety of the Ship and Cargo, to continue the Offender or Offenders in Confinement, such Determination shall be drawn up in Writing, with the Reasons for coming to such Resolution stated at large, and signed by the Master and Two Officers, which they are hereby enjoined, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, to report, without Delay, to the Captain or Commander of the First Ship or Vessel belonging to his Majesty they may fall in with, and in Default thereof to report the same to the Governor or Chief Officer of any British Fort on the Coast of Africa, or to the Governor of any of the West India Islands, on their Arrival at any Port or Road therein, that such Measures may be taken to bring the Offender or Offenders to Justice as the Nature of the Case will admit.

Master to cause a printed Abstract of this Act, &c. to be hung up in the most publick Place in his Vessel, on Penalty of 20 *l.*

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, shall cause a printed Abstract of this Act, and also a Copy of the Schedule (A) and of the Muster Roll, respectively annexed to this Act, to be hung up and affixed to the most publick Place of such Ship or Vessel, and shall cause the same to be constantly kept and renewed, so that at all Times they may be accessible to the Officers and Seamen on Board of such Ship or Vessel, upon Pain that every such Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, who shall neglect to affix and renew the same, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

If mutinous Officers, &c. be taken into Custody in *Africa* or the *West Indies*, a Statement, upon Oath, to be lodged with the Governor, &c. and if the Witnesses do not appear at the Trial, they shall incur a Penalty.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer, Mariner, or Seaman, charged with Mutiny or Sedition, shall be delivered over or taken into Custody by the Order of the Governor or Chief Officer of any Fort on the Coast of Africa, or the Governor of any of the Islands in the British West Indies, a full Statement, upon Oath, which they are hereby impowered to administer, shall be made out and lodged with the said Governor, together with the Names of the Witnesses who are to support the

Charge alledged against the Prisoner or Prisoners, in order to their being sent home for Trial at the next Admiralty Sessions, for the Offence or Offences alledged against him or them; and in case the said Witness or Witnesses shall neglect to appear at the Trial, upon being duly summoned, he or they shall incur such Penalty as the Court shall adjudge.

Officers, &c. to continue in Pay till the Vessel is cleared Inwards.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Arrival of every Ship or Vessel at her discharging Port in Great Britain, the Officers and Seamen therein shall be continued in full Pay and Provisions until the Ship is cleared Inwards, or their Accounts are settled and paid; and that all Wages due to Run Men shall be forfeited and paid, One Half to the Use of Greenwich Hospital, and the other Half to the Merchants Hospital of the Port to which such Ship belongs; and all other Forfeitures shall be applied as is specified in the Articles of Agreement; any Custom, Law, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Wages of Run Men to go to *Greenwich Hospital*, &c.

Where Offences may be tried, and Penalties sued for.

XX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Offence committed in Breach or Violation of this Act, may be tried in any Court of Oyer and Terminer, in any County in England wherein any such Offence shall have been committed, or, in case any such Offence shall have been committed on the Seas, or in Parts beyond the Seas, then in such County within which the Ship on Board which such Offence shall have been committed shall have cleared out, or in the County of Middlesex; and any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted by this Act, may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered in any Court of Record in Great Britain, and in every such Action or Suit the Party against whom Judgement shall be given (whether Plaintiff or Defendant) shall pay Double Costs of Suit; and every such Action shall and may be brought at any Time within Three Years after the Offence committed, and not afterwards, and every such Action shall be carried on without wilful Delay.

Limitation of Actions.

Delivery of Writs on Board Vessels, to be deemed legal Service.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Master or other Person, having or taking the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel, shall be prosecuted on Ac-

count of any Offence committed against this Act, and the Officer, whose Business it shall be to serve the Writ or Process issuing out of the Court in which such Master or other Person shall be prosecuted, shall not be able to find the said Master or other Person so prosecuted either on Board the said Vessel, or on Shore or elsewhere, of which such Officer shall give publick Notice in such Court, then, and in all such Cases, the Delivery of the said Writ or Process on Board the said Ship or Vessel, of which the said Person shall have had the Charge or Command, shall be deemed due and legal Service of the said Writ or Process.

Persons taking false Oaths, to incur the Pains of Perjury, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, taking any Oath by this Act authorized or required to be taken, shall thereby commit wilful Perjury, or if any Person shall unlawfully procure or suborn any Person to take any Oath, by this Act authorized or required to be taken, whereby such Person shall commit wilful Perjury, every such Person shall incur and suffer the like Pains and Penalties as are by Law inflicted upon Persons committing wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of Perjury.

Continuance of this Act.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in Force till the First Day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and no longer, except for the Purpose of trying or suing any Person in consequence of any Offence or Offences committed in Breach or Violation of this Act.

SCHEDULE (A.)

ARTICLES of Agreement between the Maſter, Officers, Mariners, Seamen, and Seafaring Men of the Ship bound from the Port of upon an intended Voyage to the Coaſt of *Africa* for from thence to the *Weſt Indies*, or *America*, and afterwards to in *Great Britain*, or to her delivering Port in *Europe*.

FIRST, The Maſter does hereby covenant, agree, and engage with the ſaid Officers, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landſmen, and Boys, That he will pay, or cauſe to be paid, to each and every of them, at the Rate of the Wages *per* Month, Sterling Value, as againſt each Perſon's Name is expreſſed in the Muſter Roll.

Secondly, The ſaid Maſter does further agree and engage with the ſaid Officers, Mariners, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landſmen, and Boys, that they ſhall be daily and regularly ſupplied with good wholeſome Victuals, and a Portion of Wine or Spirits, as hereafter ſpecified; the ſaid Proviſions to be iſſued and dreſſed in the uſual Manner in which it is done on Board His Majeſty's Ships of War, and ſerved out to the Ship's Company in the Manner following; *videlicet*:

Sunday, -	One Pound and an Half of Beef, containing Sixteen Ounces to the Pound, and a Pint of Flour.
Monday, -	One Pound of Pork, containing Sixteen Ounces to the Pound, and Half a Pint of Peaſe.
Tueſday, -	One Pint of Oatmeal, and Two Ounces of Butter, and Four Ounces of Cheeſe; or, One Pound of Stock Fiſh, with One-eighth of a Pint of Oil, and a Quarter of a Pint of Vinegar, in lieu of Butter and Cheeſe.

Wedneſday,

Wednesday, - The same as Monday.
Thursday, - The same as Sunday.
Friday, - The same as Tuesday.
Saturday, - The same as Monday.

Each Person, besides, to have Six Pounds of Bread *per* Week; and a Quarter of a Pint of Spirits, or Half a Pint of Wine, together with of Water, *per* Day, during the Voyage.

In lieu of Pease and Oatmeal may be served Rice, Indian Corn, Yams, or Calavances.

In case of being put to Short Allowance, the Master, Officers, and Seamen are to be at the same Allowance of Provisions and Water, and to be allowed Short Allowance Money, at the Rate of Three-pence *per* Day if at Two-thirds Allowance, and Four-pence Half-penny *per* Day, *per* Man, if at Half Allowance, and to be paid their Short Allowance Money Ten Days before the Vessel sails from the *West Indies* or *America*.

And it is hereby further covenanted and agreed by and between the said Parties, That the Master of the said Ship, at his or the Owners proper Cost and Charge, will hire and employ the Natives in their Craft, to wood and Water the said Ship, during her Continuance on the Coast of *Africa*, if such Natives can be procured, under the Direction of a Patroon belonging to the said Ship.

And it is further agreed on the Part of the said Master, That whenever the Officers and Seamen are employed trading in Craft up the Rivers, that the said Master will, on the Part of the Owners, furnish the Parties so employed with a sufficient Quantity of painted Canvas, or Tarpawling, for an Awning, and Provisions for the Time, in the Proportion, *per Diem*, as is set forth in the foregoing Article, with proper Utensils and Fire to dress the same, and upon Failure thereof, for every such Neglect he shall forfeit Double the Value of Provisions.

The said Master does further agree and engage, That there shall be a Space reserved for Half the Ship's Company to shelter themselves, while the Slaves are on Board; if a Frigate-built Ship, it shall be under the Half Deck; or in the Steerage, or under a standing Awning of Wood, well caulked, in any other Ship or Vessel.

It is hereby further agreed by the ſaid Maſter, That he will not, upon any Pretence whatſoever, turn over or diſcharge any of the Officers or Ship's Company belonging to the ſaid Ship, unleſs on Promotion, or to aſſiſt a Ship actually in Diſtreſs, and not then, unleſs properly certified as before expreſſed in this Act: And the ſaid Maſter does hereby further agree to advance One Month's Pay to the Officers and Ship's Company before the ſaid Ship departs from *Great Britain*, at the Time of ſettling the River or Harbour Pay; and that the Monthly Wages ſhall commence from that Period: And it is further agreed by the ſaid Maſter, That he will pay, or cauſe to be paid, One Month's Pay after the Landing of the Slaves in the *Weſt Indies* or *America*, Ten Days before the Sailing of the ſaid Ship in her Homeward-bound Paſſage: And alſo the ſaid Maſter engages to make the General Signal for ſailing Twenty-four Hours before the Departure of the ſaid Ship; *videlicet*, by looſing the Fore Top Sail and firing a Gun.

And we the Officers, Mariners, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landſmen, and Boys, in conſideration of the Monthly or other Wages, foregoing Stipulations, and Engagements, do ſeverally promiſe and agree, and bind ourſelves, by theſe Preſents to behave with due Subordination and Reſpect, and to obey the lawful Commands of our Commander or ſuperior Officers on Board the ſaid Ship, or Boats thereunto belonging, as becomes good and faithful Seamen and Mariners, and at all Places where the ſaid Ship ſhall touch at, put into, or anchor, during the ſaid Voyage, to do our utmoſt Endeavours for the Preſervation of the ſaid Ship and Cargo; and not to neglect or refuſe doing our Duty, by Night or by Day; nor go out of the ſaid Ship on Board any other Veſſel, or be on Shore, under any Pretence whatſoever, without Leave firſt obtained of our Commander or Commanding Officer on Board: And further, That we will, on no Account whatſoever, leave or deſert the ſaid Ship without the Maſter's Conſent (unleſs to ſerve on Board any of His Majeſty's Ships) till the aboveſaid Voyage be ended, and the ſaid Ship diſcharged, under the Forfeiture of our Wages: And we do further agree, That, when abſent upon Leave, we will immediately repair on Board, when required ſo to do by our Commander or any of our ſuperior Officers, on Failure thereof to forfeit for

ſuch Diſobedience Seven Days Pay, to be charged againſt our Wages, for every ſuch Offence: And we do further agree and acknowledge, That Forty-eight Hours Abſence, without Leave, ſhall be deemed a total Deſertion from the ſaid Ship, and our Wages forfeited as above agreed on, unleſs good and ſufficient Cauſe can be aſſigned for ſuch Abſence.

And it is further agreed by us, the ſaid Officers and Mariners belonging to the ſaid Ship, That we will not demand our Wages, or any Part thereof, except the Value of a Fourth Part of our Wages to be ſupplied in Slops or other Neceſſaries, and One Month's Pay, with our Short Allowance Money then due, in the *Weſt Indies* or *America*, until the Arrival of the ſaid Ship at her delivering Port, except we ſhould be impreſſed, or enter on Board any of His Majeſty's Ships, or be diſcharged by mutual Conſent, agreeable to the foregoing Certificate, as ſpecified in the Act.

And it is hereby further agreed by us the ſaid Officers, Mariners, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landſmen, and Boys, That whatever Stores, Furniture, or Apparel each or any of us receive into our Charge belonging to the ſaid Ship, ſhall be accounted for; and in caſe any Thing ſhould be loſt or damaged by our Negligence or Careleſneſs, it ſhall be made good to the Maſters or Owners out of the Wages of ſuch Officers or Seamen by whoſe Negligence it has happened.

SCHEDULE (B).

MUSTER ROLL.

Officers and Men's Names.	Quality.	Where born.	Age.	Years at Sea.	Time of Entry, and Place where.	Time when, and Place where discharged, died, run, or drowned.	Cause of Discharge, Death, or drowned.	Number of Months and Days on Board.	Wages per Month.	Advance Money.	Hospital Duty.	Amount of Slops supplied.	Amount of Dead Men's Cloaths.	Amount of Short Allowance Money.	Total Amount of Wages due when discharged, &c. &c.	Amount of Run Men's Pay.
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