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CAP. LXXX.

An Act to continue, for a limited Time, and to amend an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to continue, for a limited Time, and to amend several Acts of Parliament for regulating the shipping and carrying Slaves in* British *Vessels from the Coast of* Africa.

[7th *July* 1794.]

Preamble. 33 *Geo.* III, Cap. 73, recited.

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to continue, for a limited Time, and to amend several Acts of Parliament for regulating the shipping and carrying Slaves in* British *Vessels from the Coast of* Africa: And whereas it is expedient to continue, for a limited Time, and to amend the said Act; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament 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-four, 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

From *Aug.* 1, 1794, no Vessel clearing out from *Great Britain*, to carry Slaves from *Africa* in greater Numbers than herein specified.

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.

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

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 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.

Maſters of Veſſels, before they land any Slaves in the *Weſt Indies*, to give in a written Declaration to the Officer of the Cuſtoms of the Burthen of the Veſſel, *&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 give in a written Declaration to the Collector, or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms, who is hereby required to accept and preſerve the ſame, of 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 give in a written Declaration to the ſaid Officer, (who is hereby required to accept and preſerve the ſame), containing 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), 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

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

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 receive and preſerve 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.

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 Declaration of the Maſter, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon making any Declaration, by this Act authorized or required to be made, ſhall therein be guilty of wilful Falſehood, or if any Perſon ſhall procure or ſuborn any Perſon to become guilty of ſuch wilful Falſehood, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be deemed guilty of a Miſdemeanour, and ſhall be puniſhed by ſuch Fine as the Court, before whom ſuch Offender ſhall have been tried and convicted, ſhall think fit to order or adjudge, and alſo by Impriſonment for any Time not exceeding Twelve nor leſs than Three Calendar Months from the Time of ſuch Sentence.

Penalty on making falſe Declaration.

IV. 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-four, 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

No Veſſel to carry any Slaves, unleſs entered for that Purpoſe at clearing out, nor unleſs the Surgeon give Bond to keep a Journal of the Slaves during the Voyage;

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 deliver in a written Declaration of the Truth of ſuch Journal, to the beſt of his Knowledge and Belief, to ſuch Collector or other Officer as aforeſaid, who is hereby required to accept and preſerve the ſame, 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 Declaration of ſuch Maſter or other Perſon, and of ſuch Surgeon 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 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 the other Moiety thereof ſhall go to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

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

Officer to deliver to the Maſter a Copy of his Declaration 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.*

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

V. 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 Ships having Commiſſion from His Majeſty, or from His Heirs or Succeſſors, or for any Governor of any Iſland or Plantation to His Majeſty belonging

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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 of 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.

VI. 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 as 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.

VII. 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 Cabin, and the Space between Decks, to be allotted to the Slaves, &c.

VIII. 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.*

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-four, 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,

ficate, 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.

Former Acts, recited,

X. And whereas by the said Act of the Thirty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, and the several preceding Acts, it is enacted, That, from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, it should not be lawful for any Owner or Owners of any 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 thereafter made contrary to the said Act should be, and the same are thereby declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: And whereas the Owners of Ships and others concerned in the Trade to *Africa*, understanding that it was merely intended by the above-mentioned Provision of the said Act, to prescribe and specify the particular Kinds of Loss and Damage for which alone an Indemnity should thereafter be recoverable in respect to Cargoes of Slaves, and not to interfere with or vary the particular Forms of the Policies of Insurance, whereby such Insurances had been theretofore effected, have continued to make Insurances on the Perils and Dangers allowed to be insured by the said Act, in the same general Terms as are contained in the common Policies theretofore used in other Insurances on Ships and Goods: And whereas Doubts have arisen respecting the Validity of such Insurances so made on Cargoes of Slaves, on Account of the Policies whereby the same are effected, not being expressly restrained to the particular Peril and Dangers which are by the said Provision of the said Act alone saved and excepted as the Subjects of lawful Insurance: For Remedy whereof, and for the more effectual Security of such Persons, be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in the said Act, or any former Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to make void any Insurance already made, or which hereafter shall be made, upon Ships, Slaves, Goods, and Merchandize, in the same general Terms with the Policies now commonly made use of in all other Insurances on Ships and Goods; (that is to say), on Account of their expressing to be made, "against the Risks and Perils of the Seas, Men of War, Fire, Enemies, Pirates, Rovers, Thieves, Jettizons, Letters of Mart and Countermart, Surprizals, Takings at Sea, Arrests, Restraints, and Detainments of Kings, Princes, and People, of what Nation, Condition, or Quality soever, Barratry of the Master and Mariners, and of all other Perils, Losses, and Misfortunes, that have or shall come to the Detriment or Damage thereof:" Provided nevertheless that under such Policies of Assurance so made, or to be made, no Loss or Damage shall be hereafter recoverable on Account of the Mortality of Slaves by natural Death or ill Treatment, or against Loss, by throwing overboard of Slaves, on any Account whatsoever, or against Loss or Damage by Restraints

and nothing therein to make void Insurances made in the same general Terms as other Insurances, but under them no Damages shall be recoverable in certain Cases.

Reſtraints and Detainments by Kings, Princes, People, or Inhabitants of *Africa*, where it ſhall be made appear that ſuch Loſs or Damage has been occaſioned through any Aggreſſion for the Purpoſe of procuring Slaves, and committed by the Maſter of any ſuch Ship, or by any Perſon or Perſons commanding any Boat or Boats, or Party or Parties of Men belonging to any ſuch Ship, or by any Perſon or Perſons acting by the Direction of any ſuch Maſter or Commander reſpectively.

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

XI. 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 at *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*.

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.*

XII. 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 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.

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.*

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, 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-four, 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.

Muſter Roll to be regularly kept, &c.

XIV. 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, which ſaid Log Book and the ſaid Muſter-roll ſhall, on the Arrival of the Ship or Veſſel at her diſcharging Port in *Great Britain*, be delivered in to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms, together with the written Declaration of the Truth thereof, which Declaration the Collector or other Chief Officer as aforeſaid, is hereby required to accept and preſerve; 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 forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and ſhall alſo ſuffer Six Months Impriſonment.

Penalty for ſigning falſe Muſter Rolls, &c.

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

XV. 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.

XVI. 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.

XVII. And

XVII. 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 authorized 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; 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.

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

XVIII. 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.

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.*

XIX. 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.

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.

XX. 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*,

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

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.

XXI. 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.

XXII. 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 Account 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.

XXIII. 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.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in Force till the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, 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

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,	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 Halfpenny *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 on 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 Careleſſneſs, 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

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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