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CAP. IX.

An Act for procuring a Supply of Men from the ſeveral Ports of this Kingdom, for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy. [16th *March* 1795.]

Preamble.

HEREAS it is expedient for the Publick Service, at the preſent Conjuncture, that the moſt effectual Meaſures ſhould be adopted for providing a ſpeedy Supply of Men to ſerve in His Majeſty's Navy: And whereas, in order to carry the ſame into Effect, His Majeſty has been pleaſed, by an Order of Council, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, to direct that an Embargo ſhould be laid on all *Britiſh* Ships or Veſſels within the ſeveral Ports of this Kingdom; which is now in force: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 there ſhall be levied within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, in the ſeveral Ports herein-after mentioned, ſuch able-bodied Men to ſerve His Majeſty in the Navy of *Great Britain*, at ſuch Times, and in ſuch Manner, as is herein directed; and that the ſaid Embargo on all *Britiſh* Ships and Veſſels, from Time to Time being within the Limits of ſuch Ports reſpectively, (except as to ſuch Ships or Veſſels as ſhall be, from Time to Time, exempted from ſuch Embargo by any Order or Orders of the Lords of His Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council), ſhall continue and be in

Order of Council of *Feb.* 18, 1795, laying an Embargo on *Britiſh* Veſſels, recited.

Embargo to continue at each Port till its Quota of Men be raiſed.

force at each ſuch Port, according to the Intent and Effect of this Act, until the whole Number of Men by this Act required to be levied at all the ſaid Ports reſpectively ſhall be levied, approved of, and enrolled in His Majeſty's ſaid Service, in the Manner herein directed, and according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or until ſuch Embargo ſhall be declared to be generally taken off by His Majeſty in Council: And that the Number of Men to be levied by virtue of this Act ſhall be as follows; (that is to ſay),

Number of Men to be raiſed, *viz.*

For the Port of *Aberyſtwith*, Sixty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Aldborough*, Nineteen Men.
For the Port of *Arundel*, Thirty-three Men.
For the Port of *Barnſtaple*, Seventy-four Men.
For the Port of *Beaumaris*, One hundred and ninety-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Berwick*, Forty-three Men.
For the Port of *Bideford*, Forty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Blakeney*, Twenty-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Boſton*, Sixty Men.
For the Port of *Bridgewater*, Twenty-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Bridlington*, Fifty Men.
For the Port of *Briſtol*, Six hundred and ſixty-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Cardigan*, One hundred and thirty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Cardiff*, Fourteen Men.
For the Port of *Carliſle*, Ten Men.
For the Port of *Chepſtow*, Thirty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Cheſter*, Twenty-five Men.
For the Port of *Chicheſter*, Fifty-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Colcheſter*, Eighty-four Men.
For the Port of *Cowes*, Fifty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Dartmouth*, Three hundred and ninety-four Men.
For the Port of *Deal*, Ten Men.
For the Port of *Dover*, Two hundred and forty-one Men.
For the Port of *Exeter*, One hundred and eighty-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Falmouth*, Twenty-one Men.
For the Port of *Faverſham*, One hundred and forty-ſeven Men.
For the Port of *Fowey*, Seventy Men.
For the Port of *Glouceſter*, Twenty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Gweek*, Seven Men.
For the Port of *Harwich*, One hundred and forty-four Men.
For the Port of *Hull*, Seven hundred and thirty-one Men.
For the Port of *Ilfracombe*, Forty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Ipſwich*, Fifty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Lancaſter*, One hundred and ſixty-three Men.
For the Port of *Llanelly*, Thirty-two Men.
For the Port of *London*, Five thouſand ſeven hundred and four Men.
For the Port of *Looe*, Sixteen Men.
For the Port of *Liverpool*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eleven Men.
For the Port of *Lyme*, Twenty-three Men.
For the Port of *Lynn*, One hundred and ninety-three Men.
For the Port of *Malden*, Ninety-four Men.
For the Port of *Milford*, Seventy Men.
For the Port of *Minehead*, Eighteen Men.

For the Port of *Newcaſtle*, One thouſand two hundred and forty Men.
For the Port of *Newhaven*, Seventeen Men.
For the Port of *Padſtow*, Nineteen Men.
For the Port of *Penrhyn*, Eleven Men.
For the Port of *Penzance*, Thirty-five Men.
For the Port of *Plymouth*, Ninety-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Poole*, Two hundred and ſeventy-nine Men.
For the Port of *Portſmouth*, Seventy-five Men.
For the Ports of *Poulton* and *Preſton*, Seventeen Men.
For the Port of *Rocheſter*, One hundred and thirty-four Men.
For the Port of *Rye*, Ninety Men.
For the Port of *Saint Ives*, Thirty-one Men.
For the Port of *Sandwich*, Seventy-four Men.
For the Port of *Scarborough*, Two hundred and ſeventy-five Men.
For the Port of *Scilly*, Three Men.
For the Port of *Shoreham*, Twenty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Southampton*, One hundred and thirty-three Men.
For the Port of *Stockton*, Seventy-three Men.
For the Port of *Sunderland*, Six hundred and ſixty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Southwold*, Twenty-one Men.
For the Port of *Swanſea*, Eighty-five Men.
For the Port of *Truro*, Eleven Men.
For the Port of *Wells*, Fifty Men.
For the Port of *Weymouth*, One hundred and thirty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Whitehaven*, Seven hundred Men.
For the Port of *Whitby*, Five hundred and ſeventy-three Men.
For the Port of *Wiſbeach*, Nineteen Men.
For the Port of *Woodbridge*, Eighteen Men.
For the Port of *Yarmouth*, Five hundred and ſix Men.
For the Port of *Aberdeen*, Two hundred and nineteen Men.
For the Port of *Ayr*, Thirty-three Men.
For the Port of *Alloa*, Ninety-five Men.
For the Port of *Anſtruther*, Fifty-three Men.
For the Port of *Borroſtoneſs*, One hundred and fifty-five Men.
For the Port of *Cambeltown*, One hundred and twenty-five Men.
For the Port of *Dumfries*, Seventeen Men.
For the Port of *Dunbar*, Thirty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Dundee*, One hundred and thirty-nine Men.
For the Port of *Fort William*, Eleven Men.
For the ſeveral Ports of *Clyde*, comprehending *Glaſgow*, *Greenock*, and *Port Glaſgow*, Six hundred and eighty-three Men.
For the Port of *Inverneſs*, Forty Men.
For the Port of *Irvine*, One hundred and thirty-one Men.
For the Port of *Iſle Martin*, Six Men.
For the Port of *Kircaldy*, One hundred and thirty-ſix Men.
For the Port of *Kircudbright*, Nineteen Men.
For the Port of *Kirkwall*, Thirty-one Men.
For the Port of *Leith*, Two hundred and ſix Men.
For the Port of *Lerwick*, Six Men.
For the Port of *Montroſe*, One hundred and ſeven Men.
For the Port of *Oban*, Twenty Men.
For the Port of *Perth*, Thirty-two Men.
For the Port of *Port Patrick*, Nine Men.

For the Port of *Preſton Pans*, Three Men.
For the Port of *Rothſay*, One hundred and ſixty-eight Men.
For the Port of *Stornaway*, Fifty-two Men.
For the Port of *Stranrawer*, Twenty-five Men.
For the Port of *Thurſo*, Twelve Men.
For the Port of *Tobermoray*, Five Men: And
For the Port of *Wigton*, Twenty-five Men.

Every able-bodied Seaman approved, to be eſtimated equal to Two able-bodied Men.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That whenever any able-bodied Seaman ſhall be accepted by the Commiſſioners acting for any ſuch Port, and approved of by the Regulating Officer or Officers appointed for ſuch Service, every ſuch able-bodied Seaman ſhall be taken and eſtimated to be equal to and in lieu of Two able-bodied Men, and ſhall and may be computed as ſuch in the Inſtrument of Diſcharge, herein directed to be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners, of the Number of Men required by this Act to be raiſed for ſuch Port.

Admiralty to appoint Regulating Officers, who are to eſtabliſh Places of Rendezvous.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby required to conſtitute and appoint ſo many Officers to regulate the Admiſſion of Men to be levied under the Authority of this Act, for His Majeſty's Service, for the ſaid Ports herein enumerated, as they ſhall deem neceſſary, who, being ſo reſpectively appointed, ſhall eſtabliſh a convenient Place or Places of Rendezvous in or near to ſuch Ports for the Reception of ſuch Men; and every ſuch Man ſo to be levied ſhall, before his Inrolment, be examined by One ſuch Regulating Officer at the leaſt, as to his Ability to ſerve His Majeſty; and every ſuch Officer ſhall have full Power of approving or of rejecting any Man tendered to ſerve His Majeſty, ſubject nevertheleſs to ſuch Controul and Superintendance as by this Act is particularly directed.

Before Inrolment, Men to be examined by Regulating Officers.

No Rendezvous to be in *London*.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no ſuch Place of Rendezvous ſhall be eſtabliſhed within the City or County of the City of *London*.

Owners or Maſters of Veſſels, except thoſe at the Port of *London*, may elect from amongſt themſelves and the Merchants trading to the Port, Commiſſioners for raiſing Men.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the reſpective Owners of ſuch Ships or Veſſels as aforeſaid, being in any Port herein-before enumerated, except the Port of *London*, or, in the Abſence of any ſuch Owners, for the Maſters or other Perſons having or taking the Charge or Command of ſuch Ships or Veſſels reſpectively, (being aſſembled together purſuant to Notice given in the Names of any Two or more of ſuch Owners or Maſters, and publiſhed in any Newſpaper uſually circulated in or near ſuch Port, Three Days before the Time appointed for ſuch Meeting, containing the Cauſe of calling ſuch Meeting, and the Time and Place of Meeting), to elect, from amongſt themſelves and the Merchants uſually trading to or from ſuch Port, ſuch and ſo many Perſons reſident at or near ſuch Port (not exceeding Twenty-one in any ſuch Port, nor leſs than Five) as the major Part of the ſaid Owners and Maſters there aſſembled ſhall approve; and ſuch Perſons ſo elected, and aſſenting thereunto, may be Commiſſioners for raiſing Men for His Majeſty's Service in the Navy during the Continuance

nuance of the Embargo at such Port for which they shall be elected, and for putting in Execution the Powers vested in such Commissioners by this Act within such Limits; and that the Justices of the Peace legally qualified to act for every County, Riding, Division, Shire, or Stewartry, and the Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Chief Magistrates of every City, Town, Cinque Port, or Liberty, wherein any such Port herein-before enumerated, or any Member thereof, shall be situate, (except the Port of *London* as aforesaid), and also the Collectors or other principal Officers of the Customs at such Ports respectively, shall and may also, without further Qualification, be Commissioners for the like Purposes within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions; and the Persons so to be elected, or hereby appointed Commissioners, shall have Power to meet and sit, from Time to Time, in such Place or Places as they shall find most convenient; and that Three of the said Commissioners in any of the said Ports (except the Port of *London* as aforesaid) shall be and are hereby empowered to do and execute any Act hereby authorized to be done by such Commissioners, unless the same shall be otherwise specially provided by this Act; and the said Commissioners are hereby respectively required to execute the Powers and Authorities given to them by this Act, without any Fee, Gratuity, Emolument, or Reward whatsoever.

Justices, Mayors, &c. (except in *London*), and principal Officers of the Customs at the Port, to be Commissioners without further Qualification.

Three Commissioners may act.

Commissioners to act without Fee.

VI. Provided always, That in case no such Commissioners shall be elected to act for any such Port herein-before enumerated (except as aforesaid) within Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, that then the Justices of the Peace legally qualified to act for the respective Counties, Ridings, Shires, Stewartries, or Divisions, wherein such Port shall be situate, and also the Mayor, Bailiffs, and other Magistrates, and the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs at such Port, shall be the Commissioners for such Port, and shall act by themselves, and they are hereby required by themselves to put this Act in Execution, until Commissioners shall be elected to act for such Port jointly with such Justices or Magistrates, and Collector or principal Officer of the Customs, at the Port, in the Manner herein directed.

If Commissioners be not elected (except in *London*) within 14 Days after passing this Act, the Justices of the Division, Mayors, &c. and principal Officers of the Customs of the Port, to act till Commissioners are appointed to act with them.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Two of the Persons elected or appointed to be Commissioners by virtue of this Act, for any Port herein enumerated, (except the Port of *London* as aforesaid), before they shall enter upon the Execution of the same, shall take an Oath before any Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Division, Shire, or Stewartry, or before the Mayor or Chief Magistrate of the Place wherein the Port for which such Commissioners shall be elected to act shall be situate (which he or they is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), the Tenor whereof shall be as followeth; (that is to say),

Two Commissioners of the Port (except *London*) to take before a Justice the following Oath;

'I *A. B.* do swear, That, in the Execution of the several Powers vested in me by virtue of an Act, intituled, "An Act [*Here insert the Title of the Act*], I will act faithfully and impartially to the best of my Judgement, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act.'

And every other of the said Commissioners at every such Port (except as aforesaid) shall likewise take the same Oath before the said Two Commissioners,

who shall administer it to the other Commissioners.

miſſioners, who are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter the ſame, after they ſhall themſelves have taken the ſaid Oath as aforeſaid.

Commiſſioners to appoint Aſſiſtants by Authority of the Admiralty, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Commiſſioners acting for any ſuch Port ſhall and may reſpectively appoint and employ a Clerk, or ſuch other Aſſiſtants as they ſhall be authorized to do by the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or any Three or more of them; and ſuch Clerk ſhall, for his Pains and Trouble in the ſame, be allowed, by the Collector or other principal Officer at ſuch Port, ſuch Sum for each Man raiſed for His Majeſty's Service at ſuch Port, as ſhall be fixed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, with the Approbation of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or any Three or more of them.

Commiſſioners for *London*.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That *John William Anderſon*, *James Annen*, *Samuel Boſanquet*, *John Brickwood*, *Thomas Boddington*, *William Boyd*, *Thomas Betteſworth*, *H. M. Bird*, *Abel Chapmen*, *Norriſon Coverdale*, *Robert Curling*, *Henry Coxe*, *Anthony Calvert*, *William Curtis*, *Alexander Champion*, *John Duffel*, *Francis Eaſterby*, *Edward Forſter*, *Thomas Gilleſpy*, *John Hill*, *George Hibbert*, *John Inglis*, *Thomas King*, *George Kendall*, *William Luſhington*, *William Leighton*, *Samuel Long*, *Beeſton Long*, *John Lyall*, *William Ludlam*, *William Money*, *William Manning*, *Richard Miles*, *Richard Neave*, *Abraham Paſſmore*, *Thomas Raikes*, *Gilfred Lewſon Reid*, *James Reed*, *Samuel Thornton*, *William Ward*, *John Whitmore*, and *Robert Wigram*, Eſquires, ſhall be, and are hereby conſtituted Commiſſioners for raiſing the Number of Men required by this Act for the Port of *London*, and for putting in Execution the Powers veſted in Commiſſioners by this Act, within ſuch Limits, in like Manner, and under ſuch Rules and Reſtrictions, (except where other Rules or Reſtrictions are hereby expreſsly provided), as Commiſſioners elected by virtue of this Act are empowered to execute the ſame.

Two Commiſſioners for *London* to take the Oath, and adminiſter it to the other Commiſſioners.

X. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That any Two of the ſaid Commiſſioners in this Act named for the ſaid Port of *London*, before they enter upon the Execution of this Act, ſhall take the ſaid Oath herein-before ſet forth, before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or the Maſter of the Rolls for the Time being; which they, or either of them, are and is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter; and every other of the ſaid Commiſſioners in this Act named for the ſaid Port of *London*, ſhall likewiſe take the ſame Oath before the ſaid Two Commiſſioners, in the Manner herein-before directed with reſpect to the Commiſſioners elected by virtue of this Act.

Five Commiſſioners may act for *London*, and may meet at the ſame Time at Two Places, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That any Five of the ſaid Commiſſioners herein named for the ſaid Port of *London*, ſhall be and they are hereby empowered to do and execute any Act hereby authorized to be done by Commiſſioners acting in the Execution of this Act (unleſs the ſame ſhall be otherwiſe ſpecially provided by this Act); and that the ſaid Commiſſioners for the ſaid Port of *London* ſhall, for the greater Convenience and Expedition of raiſing the Number of Men appointed to be raiſed for ſuch Port, have Power to meet and ſit at one and the ſame Time, at ſuch Two ſeveral Places within the Limits of their Juriſdiction, as they ſhall find moſt convenient, and to conſtitute Two ſeveral

ſeveral Boards, with full Powers at each ſuch Board to execute the Powers veſted in Commiſſioners by this Act, and at each ſuch Board to appoint and employ a Clerk, with ſuch Allowance as aforeſaid, and ſuch other Aſſiſtants as ſhall be neceſſary for carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of this Act, and as they ſhall be authorized to do by the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or any Three or more of them.

Commiſſioners to conſider of the Amount of Bounties, and report the ſame to the Admiralty, &c.

XII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be after they are elected, and afterwards from Time to Time as they ſhall judge expedient, take into Conſideration the Amount of the Bounties it may be neceſſary to give for raiſing Men, and ſhall report the ſame to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty; and that they ſhall, in no Caſe, be at Liberty to give a Bounty which ſhall exceed the Amount of the Bounty of which the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or any Three or more of them, ſhall have ſignified their Approbation.

Perſons entering to be produced to the Regulating Officer, and if approved, to be brought before the Commiſſioners, who ſhall ſettle the Bounty.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Perſon who ſhall agree to enter himſelf as aforeſaid ſhall be produced before the Regulating Officer at the Place of Rendezvous at or neareſt to the Port where ſuch Perſon ſhall enter, or ſuch other Place as the ſaid Officer, with the Conſent of the Commiſſioners acting for ſuch Port, ſhall appoint; and in caſe the ſaid Officer ſhall, on Examination, approve of ſuch Perſon to ſerve His Majeſty, then ſuch Perſon may forthwith be brought before the ſaid Commiſſioners acting in and for ſuch Port, to be examined, and that upon its appearing to the ſaid Commiſſioners, on Examination, that ſuch Perſon hath voluntarily entered himſelf in ſuch Service, then the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to ſettle with ſuch Perſon the Amount of the Sums to be paid as a Bounty to ſuch Perſon, which in no caſe ſhall exceed the Amount of the Bounty of which the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty ſhall have previouſly ſignified their Approbation to the ſaid Commiſſioners; and the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners acting for any ſuch Port, or any Three or more of them, ſhall forthwith certify under their Hands, that ſuch Perſon hath voluntarily entered himſelf in the Service of His Majeſty's Navy, ſetting forth therein the Place or Places of the Birth or lawful Settlement, Age or Ages, and Calling or Callings, of him or them reſpectively, if the ſame ſhall be known; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall alſo, at the Foot of every ſuch Certificate, enter the Amount of the Sums to be paid as a Bounty to ſuch Perſon on his entering into ſuch Service, and ſhall progreſſively number the Certificates as they ſhall ſeverally be granted; and which Certificates ſhall be directed to the Regulating Officer, (the ſaid Commiſſioners taking the Receipt of ſuch Regulating Officer for the ſame, and which Receipts ſuch Regulating Officer is hereby required to give), and the Regulating Officer ſhall thereupon cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively to be inrolled in His Majeſty's Naval Service; and every Perſon ſo inrolled ſhall forthwith be placed under the Command of ſuch Officer or Officers; and upon the Removal of any Perſons ſo inrolled, in order to be placed under the Command of any other Officer or Officers, either on Shore or on Board any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War, every Certificate of ſuch Commiſſioners, or full and true Copies thereof reſpectively, ſhall be tranſmitted along with ſuch Perſons ſo inrolled, and delivered to the reſpective Commanding

Commiſſioners to certify that Men have voluntarily entered, and certain Particulars, to the Regulating Officer, who ſhall cauſe them to be inrolled, and forthwith they ſhall be placed under his Command;

and on their Removal, the Certificates, or Copies, to be tranſmitted with them, and delivered to the Commanding Officers of the Veſſels in

which they ſhall be entered.

manding Officers of the Ships or Veſſels of War on Board which ſuch Perſons ſhall be entered to ſerve.

Commiſſioners may give Orders on the principal Officers of the Cuſtoms for a Third of Bounties.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners, before whom any Perſon ſhall be brought to be examined touching his Conſent to enter into the ſaid Service, by any Draft, Bill, or Order, under the Hands of any Three or more of them, to direct the Collector or other principal Officer of the Cuſtoms at ſuch Port, to pay to ſuch Perſon any Sum not exceeding One-third Part of the Bounty agreed to be paid to him on his engaging to ſerve, to be advanced to ſuch Perſon, or to ſuch of his Family, and in ſuch Proportions, as he ſhall requeſt at the Time of his Inrolment; and ſuch Drafts, Bills, or Orders reſpectively, ſhall aſcertain the Names and Deſcriptions of the Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be made payable; and ſuch Collector or other principal Officer aforeſaid, ſhall, and they are hereby reſpectively required to pay the ſame out of any Duties of Cuſtoms then in their Hands, or otherwiſe out of the Firſt Monies that ſhall come to their Hands of the ſaid Duties.

Certificates, or Copies ſigned by Regulating Officers, to be tranſmitted with the Perſons enrolled, and delivered to the Commanding Officers of the Veſſels in which they ſhall be entered, who ſhall make out Tickets for Payment of Bounty Money due, as for Arrears of Wages, which may be paid, agreeably to 31 *Geo.* II, Cap. 10, *&c.*

XV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every ſuch Certificate ſo granted, or a full and true Copy thereof, ſigned by ſuch Regulating Officer or Officers, ſhall in all Caſes where any ſuch Perſon inrolled by virtue of this Act ſhall be placed under the Command of any other Officer or Officers, either on Shore or on Board any Ship or Veſſel, be tranſmitted along with ſuch Perſon ſo inrolled, and delivered to the Commanding Officer of the Ship or Veſſel on Board which ſuch Perſon ſhall be entered to ſerve; and ſuch Commanding Officer ſhall, within Four Days from the Time of ſuch Perſon being muſtered and rated on Board ſuch Ship, and before ſuch Ship or Veſſel of War ſhall proceed to Sea, make out a Ticket or Tickets for the Payment of the Bounty Money agreed to be paid to ſuch Perſon on his engaging to ſerve and then remaining due, and which ſhall be expreſſed in the Certificate granted on that Behalf, or in ſuch Copy thereof as aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as if ſuch Bounty Money had become due to ſuch Perſon on Account of Arrears of Wages as a Seaman on Board ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and ſuch Bounty Money ſhall and may be paid to ſuch Perſon, or to ſuch Perſon's Family, and in ſuch Proportions, as ſuch Perſon ſhall requeſt, in the Manner directed by an Act, made in the Thirty-firſt Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen employed in the Royal Navy, and for eſtabliſhing a regular Method for the punctual, frequent, and certain Payment of their Wages, and for enabling them more eaſily and readily to remit the ſame for the Support of their Wives and Families, and for preventing Frauds and Abuſes attending ſuch Payments*, or by any other Act relating to the Payment of ſuch Wages: Provided always, that where ſuch Perſon ſhall deſire any Portion of the ſaid Bounty Money then remaining due to be paid to his Family, the Liſt required to be made out in ſuch Caſe by the Captain or Commander of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be made out in the Manner required by the ſaid Act of the Thirty-firſt Year of His late Majeſty aforeſaid, except that in ſuch Liſt the Collector or other principal Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port where ſuch Man was raiſed, ſhall be ſpecified inſtead of the reſpective Officers directed by the ſaid Act to pay any Part of the Arrears of Wages due to Seamen in the Navy; and that the Bills to be made out thereupon ſhall be made out by ſuch Captain and Commander, and directed to ſuch Collector or other principal

How Liſts and Bills ſhall be made out where Perſons deſire to have Part of their Bounty paid to their Families.

Officer aforeſaid, and to no other; and that all the Rules, Forms, Directions, and Methods, uſed for the Payment of Wages due to Seamen, or payable to their Families, in purſuance of the ſaid Act of the Thirty-firſt Year aforeſaid, or by any ſuch other Act of Parliament, (except as aforeſaid), ſhall be uſed in like Manner for the Payment of ſuch Bounty Money to all and every the Men who ſhall be entered into His Majeſty's Service in purſuance of this Act, or to their reſpective Families, and in as full and ample a Manner as if the ſaid Acts, and every Clauſe therein contained, had been extended and applied particularly by this Act to ſuch Caſes, and the ſaid Collector, or other principal Officer aforeſaid, ſhall pay the Reſidue of the ſaid Bounty, according to the Directions herein-before given for Payment of ſuch Portion thereof as aforeſaid.

Rules for Payment of Wages to be uſed for Payment of Bounty.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon ſhall be received or inrolled in His Majeſty's Service by virtue of this Act, who is not, in the Opinion of the Regulating Officer or Officers, ſuch an able-bodied Man as is fit to ſerve His Majeſty, and is free from Ruptures, and every other Diſtemper, or bodily Weakneſs or Infirmity, which may render him unfit to perform his Duty in the Navy, or who, in the Opinion of ſuch Officer or Officers, ſhall appear to be under the Age of Sixteen Years, or above the Age of Forty-five Years if a Landman, or of Fifty Years if a Seaman.

Perſons diſqualified for Inrolment.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to appoint certain Officers, of the Rank of Poſt Captains, or Commanders in His Majeſty's Navy, to ſuperintend within ſuch Diſtricts, near the Coaſts of this Kingdom, as ſhall be allotted to them reſpectively, the Admiſſion and Entry of Men into the Service of the Navy in purſuance of this Act, under ſuch Regulations and Rules as the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Admiralty ſhall, from Time to Time, conſtitute; and if any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been tendered to ſerve His Majeſty in purſuance of this Act ſhall have been rejected by the ordinary Regulating Officer, and the Commiſſioners acting for the Port where ſuch Man ſhall be tendered ſhall think themſelves aggrieved thereby, ſuch Commiſſioners may appeal to the ſuperintending Officer or Officers, of the Rank above-mentioned, within the Diſtrict where ſuch Port ſhall be ſituate, who ſhall forthwith proceed to examine ſuch rejected Perſon, and to hear and determine the Matter of Complaint, and to make ſuch Order therein as to him or them ſhall ſeem reaſonable, which Determination and Order ſhall be final and concluſive to all Parties; and in caſe ſuch ſuperintending Officer ſhall order ſuch rejected Perſon to be inrolled in His Majeſty's Navy, then ſuch ordinary Regulating Officer ſhall, without Delay, on Receipt of ſuch Perſon, cauſe him to be inrolled in Manner herein-before directed.

Admiralty to appoint Officers to ſuperintend the Admiſſion and Entry of Men,

who ſhall determine Appeals of Commiſſioners againſt Rejection of Men by the ordinary Regulating Officers, &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That whenever any ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall have cauſed ſuch Number of Men to be inrolled in ſuch Service at any ſuch Port, as to complete the Number of Men required by this Act in reſpect of ſuch Port, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required, by an Inſtrument in Writing under their Hands and Seals, to certify the ſame to the ſuperintending Officer or Officers appointed for the Diſtrict where

When the complete Number of Men has been inrolled for any Port, the Commiſſioners ſhall certify the ſame to the ſuperintend-

ing Officer, who shall transmit the Certificate to the Admiralty.

where such Port shall be situate; and every such Instrument shall specify the Port where such Men were so raised, and the Names, Ages, Places of Birth or lawful Settlement, and Callings of them respectively, in such Manner as they shall respectively be described in the Certificates of the Commissioners aforesaid, granted at the Time of inrolling such Men; and such Officer or Officers shall, on Receipt thereof, forthwith cause the same to be transmitted to the said Commissioners of the Admiralty, to be laid before His Majesty in Council.

Commissioners to enter Certificates in a Book, and to give a Copy when required by the principal Officer of the Customs, who shall transmit it to the Commissioners of the Customs, on Penalty of 100 *l.*

XIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners at every Port where Men shall be raised in pursuance of this Act, shall cause to be entered an exact Copy of every Certificate granted by them respectively on the Inrolment of such Men as shall have been raised, with the respective Numbers thereof, as by this Act directed, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and shall, when thereunto required by the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs at such Port, cause to be made out and delivered a true and exact Copy thereof, stating the Number of every such Certificate; and such Collector or other principal Officer shall forthwith, or within One Month at the farthest, transmit the same to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *London* and *Edinburgh*, under whom they respectively act, or a true and exact Copy thereof, stating the Number of every Certificate so granted; and that if any such Officer or Officers shall neglect or refuse so to do, he or they so offending shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Persons after being mustered on Board, to be entitled to Wages from Day of Inrolment, and to all Emoluments, as other Volunteers.

XX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall be brought on Board any of His Majesty's Ships of War in pursuance of this Act, shall be rated therein after passing a Muster on Board the same; and that, after being so rated, every such Person shall be and is hereby declared to be entitled to Wages from the Day of his Inrolment in His Majesty's Service, as herein-before is directed; and shall also, over and above the Bounty Money agreed upon at the Time of his Inrolment, be entitled to such other Bounty, Emoluments, and Advantages, as any other Person voluntarily entering himself to serve on Board any of His Majesty's Ships of War is by Law entitled unto.

Act not to extend to Vessels of His Majesty or the Royal Family, or used solely in Rivers or Inland Navigation.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Ship or Vessel of War or other Vessel, of whatever Built the same may be, or under whatever Description the same may fall, being the Property of His Majesty or the Royal Family, or any of them, or any Lighters, Barges, Boats, or Vessels, of any Built or Description whatever, used solely in Rivers or Inland Navigation.

No Fee to be paid on Removal of Embargo.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Charge or Fee whatever shall be demanded, paid, or received, by any Person or Persons, by reason of or on the Removal of the Embargo laid on any Ship or Vessel during the Continuance of this Act; any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Treasury to issue Money to the Commissioners out of the Duties of Customs

XXIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, are hereby authorized to issue and cause to be advanced all such Sums of Money to such respective Commissioners, in such Manner, and in such Proportions,

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as the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, if in *London*, or Three or more of them if in any other Port, ſhall by Writing under their Hands from Time to Time deſire, out of any Part of the Duties of Cuſtoms then in the Hands of the Collector or other principal Officer of the Cuſtoms, or otherwiſe out of the firſt Monies which ſhall afterwards come to the Hands of ſuch Collector or other principal Officer of the ſaid Duties; which Sums ſo to be advanced ſhall be employed for the Payment of ſuch Allowances, and in defraying ſuch neceſſary Charges and Expences in or about the Execution of this Act, as the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhall direct or allow, and which Money ſo to be advanced ſhall not be ſubject to any Tax, Duty, Rate, or Aſſeſſment whatſoever, impoſed by Authority of Parliament, but that an Account of the ſaid Charges and Expences ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament within Two Months after the Expiration of the Commiſſion, if Parliament ſhall be then ſitting, and if Parliament ſhall not be ſitting, then within Fourteen Days after the Commencement of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

for Payment of Charges, an Account of which ſhall be laid before Parliament within Two Months if Sitting, and if not, within 14 Days after Commencement of the next Seſſion.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any of the ſaid Commiſſioners named in this Act, or elected Commiſſioners by virtue thereof, ſhall decline to act in the Execution of the Powers hereof, or having begun to act ſhall decline to act any further therein, or ſhall depart this Life during the Continuance of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the remaining Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, acting as aforeſaid at or for any ſuch Port, or conſtituting a Board of Commiſſioners at ſuch Port, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the LordsCommiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, to conſtitute and appoint ſuch Perſon or Perſons to be a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners at ſuch Port for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, in the Place of the Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners ſo refuſing to act, or declining further to act, or dying as aforeſaid, as the ſaid acting Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, with ſuch Conſent and Approbation as aforeſaid, ſhall think fit, and ſo often as ſuch Caſe ſhall happen; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo conſtituted and appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, with ſuch Conſent and Approbation as aforeſaid, having firſt qualified to act by taking and ſubſcribing the Oath herein-before provided and directed, ſhall be inveſted with the ſame Powers and Authorities as are given or delegated by this Act unto the ſaid Commiſſioners named or conſtituted by this Act reſpectively.

Majority of Commiſſioners, with the Approbation of the Treaſury, to elect Succeſſors to Commiſſioners declining to act, or dying.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, ſhall not be deemed or conſtrued to be a Precedent, on any future Occaſion, to diminiſh or be prejudicial to the Rights, Liberties, Cuſtoms, Privileges, Immunities, and Exemptions, to which the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or the Freemen, Citizens, or Inhabitants of the ſaid City, are entitled to enjoy by Preſcription, Act of Parliament, Charter, Uſage, or otherwiſe howſoever.

This Act not to be a Precedent for diminiſhing the Rights of the City of *London*.

XXVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted and incurred by this Act ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered, in ſuch Courts, and be diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted, or which may be incurred

Penalties to be recovered and applied as thoſe for Offences againſt the Laws of Cuſtoms.

curred for any Offence committed againſt the Laws of Cuſtoms may now legally be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of; and that the Officer or Officers concerned in Proſecutions under this Act ſhall be entitled to and receive ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from any pecuniary Fine or Penalty for any Offence againſt this Act, as any Officer or Officers is or are now, by any Laws or Regulations relative to the Cuſtoms, entitled to upon Proſecutions for pecuniary Penalties.

Limitation of Actions.

XXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons acting as a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners, for any Thing done by virtue of or in purſuance of this Act, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof in Writing ſhall have been given to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, nor after a ſufficient Satisfaction, or a Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every ſuch Action ſhall be brought in One of the Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, as the Caſe may require, and ſhall be laid in the County where the Cauſe of Action ſhall ariſe, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the ſame ſhall appear ſo to be done, or if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought without Fourteen Days Notice thereof, or ſhall be brought in any other County or Place, or after a ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforeſaid, that then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for recovering the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in any other Caſes by Law.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act, or any of the Proviſions thereof, may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Commiſſioners to give a written Account of their Proceedings to the Admiralty.

XXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the reſpective Commiſſioners acting under the Authority of this Act ſhall from Time to Time, at their Diſcretion, or as often as they ſhall be thereunto required by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or any Three or more of them, during their carrying on any Proceedings under this Act, and as ſoon as poſſible after the Determination of ſuch Proceedings, without any further Requiſition, give an Account of their Proceedings, in Writing, to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Admiralty.

Perſons accuſed of Offences punithable by Law to be delivered over to the Civil Magiſtrate.

XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon inrolled in His Majeſty's Service by virtue of this Act ſhall be accuſed of any Capital Crime, or of any Violence or Offence againſt the Perſon, Eſtate, or Property, of any of His Majeſty's

jeſty's Subjects, which is puniſhable by the known Laws of the Land, the Officer or Officers having the Command of ſuch Party is and are hereby required to uſe his and their utmoſt Endeavours to deliver over ſuch accuſed Perſon to the Civil Magiſtrate, and ſhall alſo be aiding and aſſiſting to the Officers of Juſtice in the ſeizing and apprehending ſuch Offender, in order to bring him to Trial; and if any ſuch Officer ſhall wilfully neglect or refuſe, upon Application made to him for that Purpoſe, to deliver over ſuch accuſed Perſon to the Civil Magiſtrate, or to be aiding and aſſiſting to the Officers of Juſtice in the apprehending ſuch Offender, every ſuch Officer ſo offending, and being thereof convicted before any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Shire, Stewartry, or Diviſion, where the Fact is committed, by the Oath of Two credible Witneſſes, ſhall be utterly diſabled to have or hold any Civil or Military Office or Employment within this Kingdom, or in His Majeſty's Service; provided the ſaid Conviction be affirmed at the next Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County, and a Certificate thereof be tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty for the Time being.

Penalty on Officers for not delivering over ſuch Offenders, &c.

XXXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon who ſhall be inrolled in His Majeſty's Service by virtue of this Act, ſhall be liable to be taken out of His Majeſty's Service by any Proceſs whatever, other than by ſome Criminal Proceſs, for ſome Criminal Matter puniſhable by the known Laws of the Land.

No Perſon inrolled to be taken out of the Service but for a Criminal Matter.

XXXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Inſtrument hereby directed to be made out by ſuch Commiſſioners for the Diſcharge of Ships or Veſſels from the Requiſitions of this Act, and the Certificates to be given on the Inrolment of any Man in His Majeſty's Service, in purſuance of this Act reſpectively, may be in the Form following; *(videlicet)*,

Inſtruments for the Diſcharge of Veſſels from the Requiſitions of this Act, and Certificates on the Inrolment of Men, may be in the following Form.

'To the Superintending Officer acting for the Diſtrict of the
'Port of We the underwritten, being of the
'Commiſſioners acting for the Port of under the Authority
'of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His
'preſent Majeſty, intituled, [*Here ſet forth the Title of the Act*], having, in pur-
'ſuance of the ſaid Act, raiſed for His Majeſty's Service the Men herein-after
'deſcribed, being the full Proportion of Men required by the ſaid Act to be
'raiſed to ſerve in His Majeſty's Navy at the ſaid Port of
'do, by this our Inſtrument, certify the ſame to be in Diſcharge of the ſeveral
'Ships or Veſſels belonging to the ſaid Port of

Numbers of the Certificates.	Names of Men.	Ages.	Callings.	Places of Birth, or lawful Settlement.	Capacities, whether as Seamen or Landmen.	Bounty ſettled by Commiſſioners.		
						Sum paid on Inrolment.	Sum due	Total.

'For

'For the Port of

'(N°)

'In pursuance of an Act, passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present 'Majesty's Reign, intituled, [*Here set forth the Title of the Act*], 'We the underwritten, being of the Commissioners 'acting under the Authority of the said Act, do certify, that the 'Person herein-after described hath voluntarily agreed to enter into 'His Majesty's Navy.

Name of the Man inrolled.	Age.	Calling.	Place of Birth, or lawful Settlement.	Capacity, whether Seaman or Landman.

'And we do further certify, That the Amount of the Bounty settled 'by us to be given to the Person before described is 'of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; [*and if any Sum is to be paid 'to him on Inrolment, add as follows*] and we do hereby direct, that 'the Sum of Part thereof, shall be paid to the 'said [*or*, to the Wife, Child, Father, or Mother, '*at his Request*] at the Time of his Inrolment, for which Sum we 'have directed our Draft [Bill *or* Order] to the Collector [*or* other 'principal Officer] of the Customs at the Port of

'Dated this Day of

} Commissioners, &c.'

FINIS.