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CAP. XCIV.

An Act for eſtabliſhing a more eaſy and expeditious Method for the punctual and frequent Payment of the Wages and Pay of certain Officers belonging to His Majeſty's Navy. [22d *June* 1795.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it would tend greatly to the Comfort and Accommodation of certain Officers in His Majeſty's Navy if a more eaſy and expeditious Mode was eſtabliſhed for Payment of their Wages or Pay; 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for every Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, and Surgeon, in the Naval Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, being on Half Pay, and who ſhall be appointed to command or ſerve on Board any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, after receiving his Commiſſion or Warrant of Appointment, to apply to the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy for an Order from them upon the Treaſurer of the Navy to pay ſuch Officer the Arrears of Half Pay that may be due to him at the Time, providing no Impreſt ſtands againſt him; and the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Navy, or any Three of them, ſhall, upon ſuch Application being made to them, and being ſatisfied

Officers, Maſters, and Surgeons, on Half Pay when appointed to Ships, may receive their Arrears of Half Pay.

that such Officer has been appointed as aforesaid, and that no Impress stands against him, or that such Impress is cleared and satisfied, make out, or cause to be made out, an Order upon the Treasurer of the Navy for the Arrears of Half Pay due to such Officer, and upon such Order being presented, together with the usual Affidavit and other Documents in such Cases required, by the Person in whose Favour the said Order is drawn, or by his lawful Attorney or Assigns, to the Treasurer of the Navy, he shall immediately, if satisfied of the Identity of the Person presenting the same, or of the Authority of the Instruments upon which the same shall be claimed, pay, or cause to be paid, at the Pay Office of the Navy, the Sum in such Order contained.

Officers on Appointment's to Ships may apply for Three Months Pay in Advance, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That any Commissioned Officer in the Naval Service of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, having no Impress standing out against him, a Certificate of which he shall obtain from the Commissioners of the Navy, may apply, if the Ship or Vessel to which he shall have been so appointed as aforesaid shall be in the River *Thames*, to the said Commissioners of the Navy, or to the Resident Commissioner, if such Ship or Vessel shall be at any of the Out Ports where a Commissioner resides, for an Order upon the Treasurer of the Navy, to pay him the Amount of Three Months Personal Wages or Pay in Advance; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners of the Navy, or any Three of them, or for the said Resident Commissioner of the Navy, if satisfied of the Grounds of such Application, to grant such Order upon the Treasurer of the Navy, for Three Months Personal Wages or Pay as aforesaid; and upon such Order being presented to the Treasurer of the Navy at his Office in *London*, or to his Clerks at any of the Out Ports, the same shall be immediately paid to the Person in whose Favour it shall have been so made out as aforesaid: Provided always, that if such Officer appointed as aforesaid shall again be put upon Half Pay, from what Cause soever, and before the End or Expiration of Three Months after his being so appointed, and having received Payment as aforesaid, of Three Months Personal Wages or Pay in Advance, the same shall be placed as an Impress against his growing Half Pay for the Amount of the Sum that may have been so advanced as aforesaid, or for such Part thereof for which he shall not have served upon Full Pay.

Officers, Masters, and Surgeons, on actual Service, may draw Bills for their Pay after certain Periods.

III. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for every Commissioned Officer, Master, and Surgeon, in the Naval Service of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, who shall be upon actual Service, and be entitled to the Full Pay of such Service, at the End and Expiration of every Three Months, or of every Six Months, or of every Twelve Months, or of any longer Period, as to such Commissioned Officer, Master, and Surgeon, shall appear proper, to draw, or cause to be drawn, a Bill, or Set of Bills, of the same Tenor and Date, in Duplicate or Triplicate, as the Case may require, upon the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, for the Net Amount of the Personal Wages or Pay that shall appear to be due to him; which Bill, or Set of Bills, shall state the Rate or Description, and Name, of the Ship or Vessel to which such Officer shall belong, and his Station on Board of the same, and also the full Amount of the Personal Wages or Pay which shall be due to him and the Period for which such Wages or

Pay ſhall have accrued or become due, together with the Amount of the uſual Deductions and Abatements, and other Deductions, which ſhall appear upon the Ship's Muſter Books, to which the ſame ſhall be liable, and the Net Reſidue of the Perſonal Wages or Pay ſo to be drawn for; and which Bill, or Set of Bills, being numbered and dated, ſhall be of the Form and Tenor directed in a Schedule herein contained, or to the like Effect: Provided always, that ſuch Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall not be permitted, under any Authority by this Act given, to draw ſuch Bills upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy for the Firſt Three Months after he ſhall have received the Three Months Advance hereby authorized to be paid to him upon his entering on Board his Ship.

Officers, &c. when they draw for Pay to deduct their Debts from their Bills.

IV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall purchaſe dead Men's Cloaths, or otherwiſe incur any Debt, which ſhall or may be chargeable againſt his Wages or Pay, ſuch Debts or ſuch Charges ſhall not be put or ſtand as a Deduction to be made from his Servants Pay, or from any Pay which may be allowed him as a Compenſation for Servants Pay, but ſhall be put and ſtand as a Deduction, and ſhall be deducted from his own Perſonal Wages or Pay, whenever he ſhall draw as aforeſaid upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy.

Captains to ſubſcribe the Bills of Lieutenants, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if the Officer drawing for his Perſonal Wages or Pay as aforeſaid, ſhall be a Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel to which ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall belong, ſhall, at the Bottom of ſuch Bill, or Set of Bills, ſubſcribe his Name, and alſo the Word 'approved,' in token of his Knowledge of ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, being juſtly entitled to draw for ſuch Net Amount of Perſonal Wages or Pay.

Officers, &c. on Removal from Ships, may draw for their Pay, if Three Months are due.

VI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when and ſo often as any Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, or Surgeon, as aforeſaid, ſhall be removed from any Ship or Veſſel, to any other Ship or Veſſel in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Officer to draw, or cauſe to be drawn, a Bill, or Set of Bills, as aforeſaid, upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, for the Perſonal Wages or Pay that ſhall be due to him for the Time he ſhall have ſerved in the ſaid Ship or Veſſel from which he ſhall be ſo removed, up to the Day of his entering on Board the Ship or Veſſel to which he ſhall be ſo removed, if ſuch Time ſhall amount to the Space of Three Months or more; which Bill, or Set of Bills, ſhall contain the ſame Specifications as herein-before directed in caſes of Officers drawing Bills, and continuing in their Ships; and if ſuch Officer be a Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel to which ſuch Officer ſhall belong, ſhall, at the Bottom of ſuch Bill, or Set of Bills, ſubſcribe his Name, and the Word 'approved,' in token of his Knowledge of ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, being juſtly entitled to draw for ſuch Net Amount of his Perſonal Wages or Pay.

Captains ſent to Sick Quarters, may ſhall draw for their

VII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when and ſo often as any Captain or Commander ſhall be ſent to Sick Quarters, and

Pay at the Expiration of Six Weeks.

ſhall remain in ſuch Quarters for a longer Space than Six Weeks, it ſhall and may be in the Power of ſuch Captain or Commander to draw, or cauſe to be drawn, a Bill, or Set of Bills, as aforeſaid, as the Caſe may be, upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, for the Net Amount of the Perſonal Wages or Pay that ſhall be due to him to the Day of the Expiration of Six Weeks from and after his having been ſent to Sick Quarters as aforeſaid; which Bill, or Set of Bills, ſhall contain the ſame Specifications as are herein-before in other Caſes directed.

When Lieutenants, &c. are ſent to Sick Quarters, Captains to make out an Extract from Ship's Books in the following Form,

VIII. And be it enacted, That if a Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, be ſent to Sick Quarters, the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel to which he ſhall belong ſhall make out, or cauſe to be made out, an Extract from the Books of the ſame, ſpecifying the Name and Rate or Deſcription of ſuch Ship or Veſſel from which ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall be ſo ſent to Sick Quarters, with his Station on Board, and the Amount of the Perſonal Wages or Pay due to him at the Time, and alſo the Deductions to which the ſame are liable, and the Date of his leaving the ſaid Ship or Veſſel; which Extract the ſaid Captain or Commander ſhall ſign and certify, and the ſame, being written or printed, ſhall be of the Form and Tenor following, or to the like Effect:

'1ſt Rate, [*Britannia*, Lieutenant *Thomas Bowling*] ſent to Sick Quarters 1ſt *July* 1794.

'Full Pay from 1ſt *May* to 1ſt *July* 1794 — — £.

'Amount of Deductions per Ship's Books — — £.

Net Pay £.

'Certified by

'*A. B.* Captain of the

'[*Britannia.*]'

to be delivered to the Officer.

And the ſaid Extract, being ſo made out, ſigned, and certified, ſhall be delivered to ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſent to Sick Quarters as aforeſaid.

If the Officer remain in Sick Quarters more than Six Weeks, the Phyſician or Surgeon to indorſe on the Extract a Certificate in the following Form.

IX. And, if ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall remain in Sick Quarters for a longer Time than Six Weeks, be it enacted, That the Phyſician or Surgeon having Superintendance of the Sick Quarters to which the ſaid Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall have been ſo diſcharged as aforeſaid, ſhall, on the Back of ſuch Extract from the Ship's Books, make out, or cauſe to be made out, at the End of the ſaid Six Weeks from and after the Time that ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall have been ſo diſcharged from his Ship, a Certificate which ſhall ſpecify the Time that he ſhall have been under the Care of ſuch Phyſician or Surgeon at Sick Quarters; which Certificate, being written or printed, dated and ſigned, ſhall be of the Form and Tenor following, or to the like Effect:

'[*Haſlar*], 12th *April* 1795.

'Theſe are to certify, that (Lieutenant *Thomas Bowling*) of His 'Majeſty's Ship the [*Britannia*] was received into this Hoſpital on 'the Day of , and not being cured, ſtill re- 'mains under my Care.

'*C. D.* {Phyſician / Surgeon} of ,

X. And

X. And be it enacted, That ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, having obtained ſuch Certificate on the Back of the Extract herein-before directed, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for him, at the End of the ſaid Period of Six Weeks, to draw, or cauſe to be drawn, a Bill, or Set of Bills, as aforeſaid, upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, for the Net Perſonal Wages or Pay due to him for the Time he belonged to the Ship or Veſſel from which he was diſcharged to Sick Quarters, to the Day of the Expiration of Six Weeks from and after his having been ſent to Sick Quarters as aforeſaid; which Bill, or Set of Bills, ſhall be dated from Sick Quarters, and ſhall contain the ſame Specifications herein-before directed in Caſes of Officers drawing Bills, and continuing in their Ships; and the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel to which ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, laſt belonged, if ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall ſtill remain upon the ſame Station, ſhall, at the Bottom of the ſaid Bill, or Set of Bills, as the Caſe may be, ſubſcribe his Name, and alſo the Word 'approved,' in token of his Knowledge of ſuch Officer being juſtly entitled to draw for ſuch Net Amount of Perſonal Wages or Pay; but if ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall have left the ſaid Station, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Captain or Commander of any Ship or Veſſel in His Majeſty's Navy to ſubſcribe his Name, and the Word 'approved' as aforeſaid, at the Bottom of the ſaid Bill, or Set of Bills, in token of his having examined the Extract from the Ship's Books, and Certificate of the Phyſician or Surgeon, herein-before directed to be made out, and of his Belief that ſuch Officer is juſtly intitled to draw for ſuch Net Amount of his Perſonal Wages or Pay.

Such Officer at the End of Six Weeks may draw for his Pay, his Bills being ſubſcribed as herein mentioned.

XI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when any Captain or Commander ſhall leave any Ship or Veſſel in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and remove or be removed to another Ship or Veſſel, Ships or Veſſels, when there ſhall be leſs than Three Months Pay due to ſuch Captain or Commander, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Captain or Commander, at the End or Expiration of the Period of Time which will complete the Space of Three Months from the Time that he ſhall have been laſt paid, or have drawn for his Perſonal Wages or Pay as aforeſaid, to draw a Bill, or Set of Bills, upon the Commiſſioners of the Navy, for the Perſonal Wages or Pay that ſhall be due to him for the Period of his Service on Board of the Ship or Veſſel from which he had been firſt removed, as well as for the Period which he ſhall have ſerved on Board the Ship or Veſſel, Ships or Veſſels, into which he ſhall have been ſo removed as aforeſaid; which Bill, or Set of Bills, ſhall diſtinguiſh the Periods of Time that ſuch Captain or Commander ſhall have ſerved on Board of each of the aforeſaid Ships or Veſſels, and ſhall contain the ſame Specifications as are herein-before in other Caſes directed.

Captains removed to another Ship, before Three Months Pay are due, may draw Bills at the Expiration of Three Months from laſt Payment.

XII. And be it further enacted, That when any Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall be removed from any Ship or Veſſel in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to another Ship or Veſſel, Ships or Veſſels, when leſs Perſonal Wages or Pay ſhall be due to him than for the Space of Three Months, the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel from which he ſhall be ſo removed as aforeſaid, ſhall make out, or cauſe to be made out, an Extract from the Books of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, which ſhall contain ſimilar Specifications with the Extracts herein-

When Lieutenants, &c. are ſo removed, Captains to make out an Extract, as in Caſe of being ſent to Sick Quarters, and at the End of Three Months from

each Payment, the Officer may draw for his Pay.

herein-before directed to be made out with reſpect to Lieutenants, Maſters, or Surgeons, when ſent to Sick Quarters; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, at the End and Expiration of the Period of Time which ſhall complete the Space of Three Months from the Time that he ſhall have been laſt paid, or ſhall have drawn for his Perſonal Wages or Pay as aforeſaid, to draw, or cauſe to be drawn, a Bill, or Set of Bills, as aforeſaid, upon the Commiſſioners of the Navy, for the Perſonal Wages or Pay that ſhall be due to him, as well for the Period of his Service on Board the Ship or Veſſel from which he had been firſt removed, as for the Period which he ſhall have ſerved on Board the Ship or Veſſel, Ships or Veſſels, to which he ſhall have been ſo removed; which Bill, or Set of Bills, ſhall ſpecify the Period of Time that ſuch Lieutenant, Maſter, or Surgeon, ſhall have ſerved on Board of each of the aforeſaid Ships or Veſſels, and ſhall contain the ſame Specifications as are herein-before in other Caſes directed; and the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Veſſel to which ſuch Officer ſhall have been laſt removed, ſhall ſubſcribe his Name, and the Word 'approved,' to ſuch Bill, or Set of Bills, in token of his having examined the Extract or Extracts herein-before directed to be made out, and otherwiſe approving ſuch Lieutenant's, Maſter's, or Surgeon's, having drawn ſuch Bill, or Set of Bills, as aforeſaid.

Penalty for drawing for Pay not due.

XIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, and Surgeon, ſhall knowingly and wittingly, with an Intent to injure and defraud the Publick, draw, in Manner as is herein-before ſpecified, for his Perſonal Wages or Pay, when Perſonal Wages or Pay to the Amount of the Sum ſo drawn for ſhall not be due and owing to him, every ſuch Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, and Surgeon, knowingly and wittingly drawing for his Perſonal Wages or Pay without being juſtly entitled ſo to do by having ſo much Perſonal Wages or Pay due to him, ſhall forfeit all his Compenſation Pay, and ſhall moreover be caſhiered, and be rendered ever after incapable of holding an Office, Civil or Military, under His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors.

Bills to be drawn at 10 Days Sight, and negociable as Bills of Exchange.

XIV. And be it enacted, That all ſuch Bills as are herein-after deſcribed and directed to be drawn by Commiſſioned Officers, Maſters, and Surgeons, upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, ſhall be drawn payable Ten Days after Sight, and ſhall be negociable by Indorſement, in the ſame Manner as Bills of Exchange are negociable and transferrable by Indorſement or Indorſements thereon.

Bills to be examined at the Navy Office, and aſſigned for Payment.

XV. And be it alſo enacted, That as ſoon as ſuch Bills, or any of the Parts thereof, ſhall be preſented to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Navy, together with the Extracts from Ships Books, and Certificates made by Phyſicians or Surgeons of Sick Quarters, in every Caſe where ſuch Extracts and Certificates are herein-before required and directed to be made, they, or any Three of them, ſhall examine, or cauſe the ſaid Bills, and the ſaid Extracts and Certificates, in Caſes where they are granted, to be examined, and if they ſhall ſee no juſt Cauſe why the ſaid Bills ſhould not be aſſigned for the Payment, ſhall note upon them the Date when they were preſented, and ſhall aſſign them upon the Treaſurer of the Navy for Payment; and for that Purpoſe ſhall make out, or cauſe to be made out, at the Bottom of ſuch Bills, an Aſſignment, and ſhall

addreſs the ſame to the Treaſurer of the Navy, and they ſhall alſo number and date the ſame, and they, or any Three of them, ſhall ſign ſuch Aſſignment; and the ſaid Bills and Aſſignment, being written or printed, ſhall be of the Form and Tenor following, or to the like Effect: Bills and Aſſignment to be in the following Form.

'1ſt Rate, [*Britannia*, Lieutenant *Thomas Bowling*,] entered 1ſt *July* 1794.

'Full Pay from 1ſt *October* to 31ſt *December* 1794 -
'Amount of Deductions - - - -

'Net Pay - £.

'[*Barbadoes*], 12th *April* 1795.

'Gentlemen,

'Ten Days after Sight (my 2d and 3d Bill of this Tenor and Date 'not being paid), pleaſe to pay to *John Bull*, or Order, the Sum of 'being the Net Perſonal Pay due to me as [1ſt Lieutenant] 'of His Majeſty's Ship [*Britannia*] between 1ſt *October* and 31ſt *December* '1794, for Value received.

'*Thomas Bowling.*

'Approved,
'*E. F.* Captain of His Majeſty's Ship [*Britannia*].

'To the Commiſſioners of
'His Majeſty's Navy,
'*London.*'

'ASSIGNMENT.

'Navy Office, 30th *May* 1795.

'No 1.

'To be paid by the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy out of '[£.20,000] received 29th *March* 1795, under the Head of Wages to 'pay Officers.

'*G. H.*
'*I. K.*
'*L. M.*
} Commiſſioners of the Navy.

'By virtue of the Act of 35th of *George* the 3d.'

'*N. B.* The forging of this Bill, or procuring any other Perſon to 'forge the ſame, in order to receive any Part of the Wages 'or Pay of any Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, or Surgeon, 'in the Royal Navy, is made Felony without Benefit of 'Clergy, by the Act of 35th of *George* the Third.'

XVI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when any Flag Officer ſhall be entitled to draw a Bill or Bills under the Authority of this Act as aforeſaid, upon the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, for his Perſonal Wages or Pay, he may, and he is hereby allowed to include the Allowance of Table Money which may be due to him at that Time. Flag Officers may include Table Money in their Bills.

Accounts Current to be kept for Monies received in advance,

XVII. And, for more effectually and correctly carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and immediately after the paſſing of this Act, Two Ledgers ſhall be opened, and an Account Current kept with every Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, and Surgeon, who ſhall ſo receive Monies in advance, as herein-before directed, to be paid to him upon his entering to command or ſerve on Board of any Ship or Veſſel in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, or draw for his Perſonal Wages or Pay, as herein-before ſpecified, One Copy thereof to be kept in the Office of the Commiſſioners of the Navy, and the other in the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy; in which Ledgers the Sums paid upon the ſeveral Orders and Bills herein-before directed to be made and drawn, and Payments otherwiſe made in Manner before mentioned, ſhall be carefully entered and charged againſt him; which Entries and Charges ſhall remain at his Debit until he ſhall regularly paſs his Accounts for the Ship or Veſſel, Ships or Veſſels, in which he may have ſerved agreeably to the preſent exiſting Regulations, Forms, and Manner, in which the Accounts of Officers are required to be paſſed; and when the ſame are ſo paſſed as aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners of the Navy, or any Three of them, ſhall make out, or cauſe to be made out, Three Certificates, being Triplicates of each other, which ſhall be of the Tenor and Form now practiſed and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *General Certificates*; and One Triplicate of ſuch Certificates ſhall be delivered or tranſmitted to ſuch Officer, or to his Agent; another Triplicate ſhall be lodged in the Office of the Commiſſioners of the Navy, where ſuch Account Current as aforeſaid ſhall be kept; and the Third Triplicate ſhall be tranſmitted to the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy.

and when Accounts are paſſed, Triplicate Certificates to be made out, &c.

Certificates to ſpecify Amount due to the Officer, which ſhall be carried to his Credit.

XVIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch general Certificates ſhall ſpecify and aſcertain the Net Amount of Perſonal Wages or Pay which ſhall appear to be due to the Officer to whom or to whoſe Agent it ſhall be delivered or tranſmitted as aforeſaid, and the Commiſſioners of the Navy, or any Three of them, ſhall direct ſuch Amount to be carried to the Credit of ſuch Officer's Account Current before deſcribed in the Ledger, which ſhall be kept in the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy as before directed, as well as in the Ledger which ſhall be kept in their own Office.

Treaſurer of the Navy to pay Bills aſſigned.

XIX. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy ſhall immediately pay, or cauſe to be paid, out of Monies which he may have in his Hands to pay Officers, all ſuch Bills as are herein-before deſcribed, which ſhall have been drawn by Commiſſioned Officers, Maſters, and Surgeons, in the Service of His Majeſty, upon the Commiſſioners of the Navy, and which ſhall have been duly aſſigned for Payment by them upon him.

Officers Half Pay, Penſions, &c. on Application to the Treaſurer of the Navy, may be received from the Receiver General of the Land Tax, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, who ſhall be entitled to receive Half Pay, or if any Widow of any Commiſſioned or Warrant Officer of the Navy, or other Perſon entitled to receive half-yearly or annually any Penſion on the ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy, or if any Widow, Parent, or Child, of any Naval Officer, Seaman, or Marine, who ſhall have been ſlain in Fight

with the Enemy, and ſhall be entitled to His Majeſty's moſt gracious Bounty, payable by the Treaſurer of the Navy, ſhall be deſirous to receive and be paid his Half Pay, or his or her Penſion, or his, her, or their Bounty, from any Receiver General of the Land Tax for any County, Riding, or City, Collector of the Cuſtoms at any Port, Collector of the Exciſe for any Collection, or Clerk of the Cheque at any Dock Yard in *Great Britain*, near to the Place of his, her, or their Reſidence; it ſhall and may be in the Power of ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer on Half Pay, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons aforeſaid, to apply at the Time or Times of iſſuing ſuch Half Pay or Penſion, (of which due Notice ſhall be given by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy in the *London Gazette*), or at ſuch Time or Times when any ſuch Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid ſhall be entitled to receive ſuch Bounty, by Letter to the Treaſurer of the Navy at his Office in *London*, to have ſuch Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty, reſpectively payable to him, her, or them, paid by ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, as he, ſhe, or they, ſhall ſpecify; and ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer on Half Pay, and ſuch Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons receiving any Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty, as aforeſaid, ſhall, along with ſuch Letter of Application, tranſmit to the Treaſurer of the Navy, the uſual Affidavit to be made by him, her, and them, or by others in the like Circumſtances with the other Vouchers and Documents which have uſually been required to be produced, or as at preſent are preſented and practiſed in ſimilar Caſes when any Naval Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty, for Relations ſlain in Fight with the Enemy is paid, and ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall repeat ſuch Application, and ſhall tranſmit ſuch Affidavit, Documents, and Vouchers, each and every Time that he or ſhe ſhall be ſo deſirous to have ſuch Half Pay or Penſion, paid to him or her in Manner before mentioned.

Treaſurer to make out Liſts of Applications, and forward them to the Commiſſioners of the Navy.

XXI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy, after having received ſuch Letter of Application, and having examined, or having cauſed to be examined, ſuch Affidavit, Documents, and Vouchers, and finding the ſame to be right, he ſhall cauſe a Liſt to be made out of all ſuch Perſons who ſhall have ſo applied to him, which he ſhall forward to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, and ſhall ſpecify and deſcribe their reſpective Claims.

Commiſſioners to cauſe Liſts to be examined, &c. and Two Remittance Bills, to be made out for Sums due.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe ſuch Liſt to be examined, and ſhall require ſuch Treaſurer to produce the Affidavits, Certificates, Documents, or Vouchers, or any of them, which they may judge neceſſary, and ſhall direct him to take ſuch other Steps or ſhall themſelves uſe whatever Means they may judge proper to aſcertain the Juſtneſs of ſuch Claims, and being ſatisfied therewith, they ſhall give Information to the Treaſurer of the Navy of the reſpective Allowance or Sum or Sums to which ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall each and reſpectively be entitled to receive; and they ſhall direct the Treaſurer of the Navy to make out, or cauſe to be made out, Two Remittance Bills for that Part of the Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty, as aforeſaid, then due and payable to ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, which ſaid Two Remittance Bills

Bills ſhall be Duplicates of each other, and ſhall be joined together by oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, and ſhall be made payable to ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, by the Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, in Terms of his or her Requeſt, ſignified as aforeſaid, to whom the ſaid Remittance Bills ſhall be addreſſed; and the ſaid Remittance Bills, being numbered and dated, ſhall be ſigned by a Commiſſioner of the Navy, and ſhall be atteſted by a Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by the Treaſurer of the Navy to collect and arrange the aforeſaid Affidavits, Certificates, and Vouchers, to prepare ſuch Remittance Bills, to keep the Impreſt Ledger herein-before directed to be kept in the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy, containing the Accounts Current with the Officers who may draw for their Perſonal Wages or Pay, and who ſhall otherwiſe officiate for the Treaſurer of the Navy, under his Direction, in carrying the Whole of the Buſineſs herein-before directed, as far as relates to his Office, into Effect; and ſuch Remittance Bills, being written or printed, ſhall be according to the Tenor and Form following, or to the like Effect:

Form of Remittance Bills.

'No 1. Day of

'Sir,

'Pay to *N. O.* of on {his / her / their} producing and delivering 'the Duplicate hereof, the Sum of being for the {Half Pay / Penſion / Bounty} 'payable to the ſaid *N. O.* as a {Lieutenant of His Majeſty's Navy on Half Pay, / Widow of a Lieutenant in His Majeſty's Navy, / *or as the Caſe may be.*} 'on the Day of laſt, if the ſame 'be demanded within Six Calendar Months from the Date hereof; 'otherwiſe you are to return this Bill to the Treaſurer of the Navy at 'the Pay Office of the Navy.

'*P. Q.* Commiſſioner of the Navy.

'(Atteſted) *R. S.* Treaſurer's Clerk.

'To the Receiver General of the Land Tax
'for the County of ,
'The Collector of the Cuſtoms at the Port
'of ,
'The Collector of the Exciſe at ,
'The Clerk of the Cheque at ,

'By virtue of the Act 35th *Geo.* 3d.'

'*N. B.* The forging of this Remittance Bill, or procuring any other 'Perſon to forge the ſame, in order to receive any Part 'of the Monies hereby payable, is made Felony without 'Benefit of Clergy, by the Act 35th *George* the Third.'

One Remittance Bill to be tranſmitted to the Perſon to whom payable, and the Duplicate to the Perſon to whom addreſſed;

And as ſoon as the ſaid Bills are ſo made out, ſigned, and atteſted, the Perſon to be appointed by the Treaſurer of the Navy ſhall cut, or cauſe them to be cut, aſunder through the oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, and ſhall cauſe One Duplicate to be tranſmitted to the Perſon named therein, to whom the Money ſhall be made payable, and the other Duplicate to be tranſmitted to the Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the

Cheque, to whom the ſame ſhall be addreſſed, and if the Duplicate of ſuch Bill ſhall be produced by the Perſon to whom the ſame ſhall be made payable to ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, to whom the ſame ſhall be addreſſed, within Six Calendar Months from the Date thereof, he ſhall carefully examine the ſame with the Duplicate already tranſmitted to him as aforeſaid; and being ſatisfied of the Authenticity thereof, and of the Identity of the Perſon producing the ſame to him, he ſhall immediately pay the ſame to ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons named therein, to whom the Money ſhall be payable, without Fee or Reward, or Deduction, on any Pretence whatever, taking a Receipt for ſuch Payment on the Back of the Bill; which Bill, and the Duplicate thereof, being tranſmitted by the Perſon who ſhall pay the ſame to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, ſhall be immediately aſſigned for Payment by any Three of them, and ſhall be immediately repaid by the Treaſurer of the Navy to ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, or his Order; but in caſe the Duplicate of ſuch Bill ſhall not be ſo produced and Payment thereof demanded within Six Calendar Months from the Date thereof, then the ſaid Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, ſhall return the Duplicate thereof in his Hands to the Treaſurer of the Navy at the Pay Office of the Navy, *London*, who ſhall cauſe the ſame to be cancelled, and thereupon the Sum contained in ſuch Bill ſhall become payable to the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Favour the ſame was drawn, or to his, her, or their lawful Repreſentatives, in Caſes where he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be dead, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch Bill had never been iſſued.

and on Production of the Bill by the Perſon to whom made payable, within Six Months from the Date, the ſame to be paid without Fee, and repaid by the Treaſurer of the Navy;

but if not produced within that Period, the Duplicate to be returned to the Treaſurer of the Navy, &c.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, to whom the Duplicate of the Bill herein-before directed to be made out and addreſſed to him as aforeſaid, ſhall be tendered for Payment, ſhall not have in his Hands publick Monies ſufficient to anſwer the ſame, and ſhall for that Reaſon refuſe or delay the immediate Payment thereof, ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, ſhall immediately indorſe on the ſaid Duplicate the Date of its being ſo tendered to him, and the Cauſe of his Refuſal or Delay to pay the ſame, and ſhall appoint thereon, for the Payment of ſuch Bill, ſome future Day within the Space of One Month at the fartheſt from the Date of its having been firſt tendered to him as aforeſaid; and ſuch Duplicate, with the Indorſement thereon, ſhall immediately be delivered back to the Perſon preſenting the ſame; and if upon Complaint made to the reſpective Commiſſioners appointed, or to be appointed, to manage the ſaid ſeveral Duties of the Land Tax, Cuſtoms, or Exciſe, or to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, if the Perſon complained of be a Clerk of the Cheque, it ſhall appear that ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, hath unneceſſarily and wilfully refuſed or delayed the Payment of ſuch Bill, or directly or indirectly, by himſelf, or any Perſon under him, received or taken any Fee, Reward, Gratuity, Diſcount, or Deduction whatſoever, on account of the Payment of the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners to

If Perſons to whom Duplicates are addreſſed have not Money in Hand, they ſhall appoint a Day for Payment within a Month, &c.

Penalty for wilfully delaying Payment, or for taking Fees.

to convict and fine the Perſon ſo offending under their reſpective Direction, in any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence; and ſuch Fine ſhall be levied and recovered in ſuch and the ſame Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any Conviction may be made, and any Penalty or Fine levied and recovered, for any Offence againſt any Law by which any Duty of Cuſtoms or Exciſe is impoſed or laid; and the ſaid Fine, when recovered, ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers.

Bills to be paid to the Order of Perſons unable to attend from Bodily Infirmity.

XXIV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, to whom the Remittance Bill before mentioned is made payable, ſhall be prevented and diſabled by Bodily Infirmity from appearing in Perſon before the ſaid Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, and ſuch Bodily Infirmity being properly and ſatisfactorily certified by the Miniſter and a Churchwarden or Elder of the Pariſh where he, ſhe, or they reſide, or by the Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, attending him, her, or them, then, and in ſuch Caſe the Sum contained in the ſaid Bill ſhall be paid to the Order in Writing of ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, upon producing or giving up to ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, Collector of the Exciſe, or Clerk of the Cheque, ſuch Certificate of Bodily Infirmity as aforeſaid, together with the Duplicate of the ſaid Bill, and a proper Receipt on the Back of the ſame, ſigned by the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Favour the Bill ſhall have been drawn payable, and witneſſed by the Perſon who ſhall receive the Money.

When an Act ſhall be paſſed in *Ireland* for Payment of Certificates iſſued by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, addreſſed to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, the Treaſurer to tranſmit a Liſt of Applicants to the Commiſſioners of the Navy.

XXV. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That as ſoon as an Act ſhall be paſſed by the Legiſlature of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, making Proviſion for Payment in that Country of any Certificate iſſued by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, in Favour of any Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer entitled to Naval Half Pay, Widow, or others, entitled to Penſions payable out of the Ordinary Eſtimate of the Navy, or Bounty payable to the Relations of Naval Officers, Seamen, and Mariners, ſlain in Fight with the Enemy, and addreſſed to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, it ſhall and may be lawful to and in the Power of ſuch Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, to apply at the Time or Times of iſſuing ſuch Naval Half Pay or Penſion, of which due Notice ſhall be given by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, in the *London Gazette*, or, when ſuch Relations ſhall be entitled to receive ſuch Bounty, by Letter to the Treaſurer of the Navy, at the Pay Office in *London*, and ſhall deſire to receive a Certificate to entitle them to receive the Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty reſpectively due to him, her, or them, paid by any Collector or Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, that he, ſhe, or they, ſhall ſpecify; tranſmitting at the ſame Time, to the Treaſurer of the Navy, the uſual Affidavit, Certificates, Documents, and Vouchers, in Manner herein-before directed, in Caſes of Naval Officers, Widows, and others, claiming ſimilar Payments to be made in *Great Britain*; and if the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy, after having received ſuch Letter of Application, and having examined or cauſed to be examined ſuch Affidavit, Certificates, Documents, and

Vouchers, ſhall find the ſame to be right, he ſhall cauſe a Liſt to be made out of all ſuch Perſons who ſhall have ſo applied to him, which he ſhall forward to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, and ſhall ſpecify and deſcribe their reſpective Claims.

Commiſſioners to cauſe Liſts to be examined, &c. and Two Remittance Bills to be made out in the following Form.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe ſuch Liſt to be examined, and ſhall require ſuch Treaſurer to produce the Affidavits, Certificates, Documents, and Vouchers, or any of them, which they may judge neceſſary, and ſhall direct him to take ſuch other Steps, or ſhall themſelves uſe ſuch Means, as they may judge proper, to aſcertain the Juſtneſs of ſuch Claims, and being ſatisfied therewith they ſhall give Information to the Treaſurer of the Navy of the reſpective Allowance, or other Sum or Sums which ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall each and reſpectively be entitled to receive, and they ſhall direct the Treaſurer to make out Two Remittance Certificates, which ſhall be addreſſed to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, which Certificates ſhall be Duplicates of each other, and joined together with oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, and ſhall be numbered and dated and ſigned by a Commiſſioner of the Navy, and atteſted by the Perſon to be appointed by the Treaſurer of the Navy; and ſuch Certificate ſhall ſpecify and deſcribe the Name and Place of Abode of ſuch Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, as the Caſe may be, who ſhall be entitled to receive Payment of the Sum ſo ſpecified by the Commiſſioners of the Navy to be due to them reſpectively; and ſuch Remittance Certificates, being written or printed, ſhall be of the Tenor and Form following, or to the like Effect:

Form of Remittance Bill.

'N° Day of

'Theſe are to certify, that *T. U.* { a Lieutenant of His Majeſty's Navy, on Half Pay, / Widow of a Lieutenant in His Majeſty's Navy, / *or as the Caſe may be.* }

'is entitled to the Sum of Sterling;

'being on Account of the { Half Pay / Penſion / Bounty } due to the ſaid *T. U.* on the

' Day of laſt, who has deſired that the

'ſame may be paid by the { Collector of / Officer of } at

'if the ſame ſhall not be demanded within Nine Calendar Months from 'the Date hereof, this Certificate to be returned to the Commiſſioners of 'the Navy at their Office in *London*.

'(Atteſted) *V. W.* Commiſſioner of the Navy.
'*S. Y.* Treaſurer's Clerk.'

'To the Commiſſioners of
the Revenue in *Ireland*.'

'By virtue of the Act Thirty-fifth of *George* the Third.'

'*N. B.* The forging of this Remittance Certificate, or procuring any 'other Perſon to forge the ſame, in order to receive any Part 'of the Monies to be made payable by any Means thereof, is 'made Felony, without Benefit of Clergy, by the Act Thirty-'fifth of *George* the Third.'

One Remittance Bill to be tranſmitted

And as ſoon as the ſaid Certificates ſhall be ſo made out, ſigned, and atteſted as aforeſaid, the ſaid Perſon, to be appointed by the Treaſurer of the

to the Perſon to whom the Money is due, and the other to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*.

the Navy, ſhall cut or cauſe them to be cut aſunder through the oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, and ſhall tranſmit, or cauſe to be tranſmitted forthwith, One Duplicate to the Perſon or Perſons nominated and ſpecified in ſuch Certificate to be the Commiſſioned, Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons, to whom ſuch Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty, ſhall be due; and the other Duplicate to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*.

Money paid in *Ireland* on Certificates, to be repaid to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue by the Treaſurer of the Navy.

XXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That as ſoon as an Act ſhall be paſſed by the Legiſlature of *Ireland*, making Proviſion for Payment in that Country of Certificates iſſued, as aforeſaid, by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, in Favour of any Commiſſioned or Warrant Naval Officer, Widow, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, and addreſſed to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, and the Sum or Sums ſpecified in ſuch Certificate or Certificates ſhall have been actually paid by, or by the Direction of, the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland* to the Perſons who ſhall be ſpecified to be entitled to receive the ſame, ſuch Sum or Sums ſhall be immediately repaid by the Treaſurer of the Navy, who is hereby directed and required to pay the ſame to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, or to their Order, upon the Certificate upon which the Acknowledgement of the Receipt of ſuch Money ſhall be indorſed, together with the Duplicate thereof, being produced to the Treaſurer of the Navy; but in caſe the Duplicates of ſuch Certificates iſſued by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, or any of them, addreſſed to the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, ſhall not be preſented and delivered by the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be entitled to receive the Amount of the ſame, to the Collector or Revenue Officer to whom it ſhall have been addreſſed in *Ireland*, and the Payment thereof be demanded within Nine Calendar Months from the Date thereof, then, upon ſuch Certificates being returned by the Commiſſioners of the Revenue in *Ireland*, to the Commiſſioners of the Navy, they ſhall cauſe ſuch Certificates to be immediately cancelled, and from and after the cancelling thereof the Sum or Sums contained in ſuch Certificate or Certificates ſhall accrue and belong to the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Favour the ſame was made out, or to his, her, or their Attorney or Attornies, or to his, her, or their lawful Repreſentatives, in caſe he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be dead, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch Certificate had never been made out and iſſued.

If Payment of Certificates be not demanded in Nine Months, they ſhall be cancelled on being returned.

No Deduction to be made on Payment of Bills, &c. on Penalty of 20*l.*

XXVIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Sum or Sums of Money, to be paid in conſequence of any of the ſaid Bills herein-before directed to be drawn, or Orders and Certificates herein-before directed to be iſſued, ſhall be fully and completely paid to the Perſon in whoſe Favour they ſhall ſo reſpectively be drawn or made payable, without any Deduction or Abatement, under any Pretence whatſoever, although Part thereof may be in Fractions of the ſmalleſt Denomination; and every Perſon detaining or withholding any Part thereof under Pretence of former Privilege or Uſage of Office, or upon or under any Pretence whatſoever, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered in the ſame Way and Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture in the Collection of the Duties of Exciſe and Cuſtoms is directed to be levied and recovered, and ſhall be paid to the Perſon ſuing and proſecuting for the ſame.

XXIX. And

Packets for carrying this Act into Execution, to be free of Postage.

XXIX. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Letters or Packets sent by the Person to be appointed by the Treasurer of the Navy, to officiate under his Direction, in carrying this Act into Execution and Effect in Manner and Form as herein is directed, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be sent free from the Duty of Postage; and all Letters or Packets relating to the Execution of this Act, that shall be forwarded by such Person as aforesaid, shall be under Covers, with the Words 'Pursuant to Act of Parliament Thirty-fifth of *George* the Third,' printed upon the same; and the said Person to be appointed as aforesaid, shall write his Name under the Words so printed, and he is hereby strictly prohibited and discharged from enclosing or sending under such Covers, any Writing, Paper, or Parcel whatsoever, excepting such as shall relate to the Execution of this Act; and if he shall send or convey under the Covers aforesaid, any Writing, Paper, or Parcel, other than those relating to the Execution of this Act, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and such Fine shall be levied and recovered in such and the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as any Conviction may be made, and any Penalty or Fine levied or recovered, for any Offence against any Law by which any Duty of Customs or Excise is imposed or laid; and the said Fine, when recovered, shall be paid to the Informer or Informers against such Offender or Offenders.

Penalty for sending any Paper under Cover not relating to this Act.

Orders, &c. paid by the Treasurer, to be good Vouchers.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every such Order and Orders, Bill and Bills, Remittance Bill and Remittance Bills, Certificate and Certificates, herein-before directed to be drawn and made out, and which shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Navy in any Manner as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken as good and sufficient Vouchers to the Treasurer of the Navy for so much Money as shall have been so directed to be paid on such Order or Orders, Bill or Bills, Certificate or Certificates, respectively, and as shall have been so paid by him thereon, and shall be allowed as such in passing his Accounts.

No Order, &c. liable to Stamp Duty.

XXXI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Order, Bill, Remittance Bill, or Certificate, that shall be made or drawn under the Authority of the Powers by this Act given, shall be subject or liable to, or charged or chargeable with, any Stamp Duty, to which Bills of Exchange are by Law subject and liable, or any Stamp Duty whatsoever; nor shall any Person or Persons receiving Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money drawn for, mentioned, or specified, in such Orders, Bills, or Certificates, be bound or obliged to give a stampt Receipt for the same, but a Receipt or Acknowledgement of Payment, indorsed on such Order, Bill, or Certificate, shall be held, deemed, and taken, as a sufficient Release and Discharge for the same, in all Cases and Courts whatsoever.

No Bills drawn by the Commissioners of the Navy, &c. on the Treasurer, liable to Stamp Duty.

XXXII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, no Bill or Bills of what Nature or Description soever, drawn pursuant to or in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities given by any former Act or Acts of Parliament by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, or by the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, or by the Commissioners for taking care of Sick and Wounded Seamen, or by the Commissioners for managing the Transport Service, upon and payable by the Treasurer of His Majesty's

Navy, ſhall be ſubject or liable to, or charged or chargeable with, any Stamp Duty to which Bills of Exchange are by Law ſubject and liable, or any Stamp Duty whatſoever; nor ſhall any Perſon or Perſons receiving Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money drawn for, mentioned, or ſpecified in ſuch Bill or Bills, be bound or obliged to give a ſtampt Receipt for the ſame, but a Receipt, or Acknowledgement of Payment, indorſed on ſuch Bill or Bills, ſhall be held, deemed, and taken, as a ſufficient Releaſe and Diſcharge for the ſame in all Caſes and Courts whatſoever.

Remittance Bills, or Tickets, purſuant to former Acts, directed to the Receiver of the Land Tax for *London*, *&c.* may be directed to the Treaſurer of the Navy.

XXXIII. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in all Caſes, from and after the paſſing of this Act, where any Remittance Bill, or Ticket for the Payment of Money, is or ſhall be drawn or made out purſuant to and in the Execution of the Powers given by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, and directed for Payment to the Receiver General of the Land Tax for the County of the City of *London*, or for the County of *Middleſex*, or any County within the Bills of Mortality of the City of *London*, the ſame may be directed for Payment to the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, and ſuch Bill or Ticket may and ſhall be paid and diſcharged by the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy, and ſhall be allowed to him in the paſſing of his Accounts, in the ſame Way and Manner as if ſuch Remittance Bill, or Ticket for the Payment of Money, had been directed to and paid by ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, and afterwards repaid to him by the ſaid Treaſurer of the Navy.

Perſons forging, *&c.* Orders, *&c.* guilty of Felony.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Perſon ſhall falſely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be falſely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act and aſſiſt in the falſe making, forging, or counterfeiting, any Order, Bill, Extract, or Certificate, herein-before deſcribed or mentioned, or ſhall utter and publiſh as true, any falſe, forged, or counterfeited Order, Bill, Extract, or Certificate, herein-before deſcribed or mentioned, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged, or counterfeited, for the Purpoſe of defrauding the Publick, or any Commiſſioned Officer, Maſter, or Surgeon, of the Navy, Widow, or other Perſon herein-before mentioned, of any Wages or Pay, Half Pay, Penſion, or Bounty, payable to them or any of them reſpectively, every ſuch Perſon, being lawfully convicted thereof according to due Courſe of Law, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Admiralty to direct the Commiſſioners of the Navy to deliver Blank Bills, *&c.* and the Treaſurer to cauſe an Abſtract of this Act to be printed and tranſmitted to the principal Officers of the Navy, *&c.* to be promulgated.

XXXV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, ſhall direct the Commiſſioners of the Navy to deliver ſufficient Quantities of Blank Bills and Certificates herein-before directed to be made, with ſufficient Inſtructions relative to the ſame, to all Captains and Commanders in the Royal Navy, and all other Perſons to whom the ſame are or ſhall be neceſſary; and ſhall direct the Treaſurer of the Navy to cauſe to be printed an Abſtract of the Proviſions and Regulations contained in this Act, and to deliver or tranſmit a competent Number of Copies thereof to the principal Officers and Commiſſioners of the Navy, to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, and Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, in *England* and *Scotland*, and to the Clerks of the Cheque in His Majeſty's Dock Yards,

who are hereby ſtrictly ordered and enjoined to hang up and affix the ſame in ſome conſpicuous Part of their reſpective Offices, and to publiſh and promulgate the ſame as much as may be; and the ſaid Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, are further directed to cauſe a competent Number of Copies of the ſaid Abſtract to be delivered to the Captain or Commander of every Ship or Veſſel in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, for the Uſe of the ſaid Ship or Veſſel.

Admiralty to cauſe Abſtracts to be delivered to Captains.

FINIS.