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An Act for regulating the Veſſels carrying Paſſengers from the United Kingdom to His Majeſty's Plantations and Settlements Abroad, or to Foreign Parts, with reſpect to the Number of ſuch Paſſengers.

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WHEREAS in various Parts of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, ſeveral Perſons have been ſeduced to leave their Native Country under falſe Repreſentations, and have ſuffered great Hardſhip on Ship-board for Want of Water and Proviſions, and other Neceſſaries, and of proper Accommodation on their Paſſage:

And whereas it is expedient that no Ship or Veſſel ſhould be permitted to carry a greater Number of Paſſengers on long or diſtant Voyages, either to His Majeſty's Colonies Abroad or to Foreign Countries, than can be properly furniſhed with Proviſions, and ſufficiently accommodated on the Paſſage; and it is alſo expedient that proper Security ſhould be given for their being landed at the Ports or Places to which they may have contracted or agreed to be carried: 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 it ſhall not be lawful for any Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel whatever, which ſhall clear out from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from and after the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and three, to have on board, at or after being cleared out, at any One Time, or to convey, carry, or tranſport, from any Place or Places in the ſaid United Kingdom to any Parts beyond Sea, in any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, a greater Number of Perſons, whether Adults or Children, including the Crew, than in the Proportion of One Perſon for every Two Tons of the Burthen of ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and every ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be deemed and taken to be of ſuch Tonnage or Burthen as is deſcribed and ſet forth in the reſpective Certificate of the Regiſtry of each and every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, granted in purſuance of the ſeveral Acts in force in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively relating to ſuch Certificates; and if any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be partly laden with Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, then it ſhall not be lawful for the Maſter or other Perſon having the Command or Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, to receive or take on board a greater Number of Perſons, including the Crew, than in the Proportion of One Perſon for every Two Tons of that Part of ſuch Ship or Veſſel remaining unladen; and ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize with which ſuch Veſſel may be partly laden, ſhall, at the Sight and under the Direction of the Collector or Comptroller, or other Officer of the Cuſtoms, at the Port or Place where ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſhall be taken on board, be ſtowed and diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner as to leave good, ſufficient, and wholeſome Accommodation for the Proportion of Perſons hereby allowed in ſuch Caſe to be received on board.

From *July* 1st 1803, no Maſter of any *Britiſh* Veſſel from any Place in the United Kingdom, ſhall carry to any Parts beyond Sea a greater Number of Perſons than One for every Two Tons Burthen; and if any Part be laden with Goods, then in that Proportion for the Part unladen, *etc.*

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall take on board, or if he, or the Owner or Owners of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall engage to take on board a greater Number of Perſons than in the Proportion allowed by this Act, ſuch Maſter or other Perſon as aforeſaid ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds for each and every ſuch Perſon exceeding in Number the Proportion herein-before limited; and moreover every ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſo having on board, conveying, carrying, or tranſporting, One or more Perſon or Perſons beyond the Proportion herein-before limited, ſhall be ſeized and detained by the Collector, Comptroller, Surveyor, or Officer of the Cuſtoms, until ſuch Penalty or Penalties ſhall be ſatisfied and paid, or until ſuch Maſter or other Perſon, or the Owner or Owners

If the Maſter ſhall take on board, or if he or the Owners ſhall engage to take on board more than allowed, they ſhall forfeit 50*l.* for each Perſon, and the Veſſel ſhall be detained till the Penalty be paid.

Owners of such Ship or Vessel shall give good and sufficient Bail for the Payment thereof.

Vessels bound to *North America* shall be stored with certain Quantities of Provisions and Water.

III. And be it further enacted, That every such Ship or Vessel bound to any Port or Place in *North America*, shall be stored and furnished with at least Twelve Weeks Provisions and good and wholesome Water, sufficient to afford an Allowance *per* Day during the Voyage, of not less than Half a Pound of Meat, One Pound and a Half of Bread, Biscuit, or Oatmeal, with Half a Pint of Melasses, and One Gallon of Water, to each and every Person on board, whether Adult or Child; and the Master of or other Person having or taking the Command of such Ship or Vessel, is hereby directed and enjoined to give out to each and every Person on board at least the Allowance herein directed each and every Day of the Voyage, under the Pain of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money aforesaid for each Neglect or Omission; and any Person demanding a Clearance for any such Ship or Vessel which shall not be stored with Provisions and Water in Manner herein directed, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds for each and every Person for whom there shall not be a Quantity of Provisions and Water sufficient to afford the Allowance herein directed.

Penalty for not giving to each Person his daily Allowance.

Penalty for demanding a Clearance for Vessels not properly stored.

Before receiving a Clearance, a Muster Roll shall be delivered to the Officer of the Customs.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, before receiving a Clearance or Sufferance for any such Ship or Vessel, the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, shall deliver to the Officer of the Customs from whom such Clearance or Sufferance shall be demanded, a Muster Roll, distinguishing the Passengers from the Crew, and specifying the Names, Age, and Sex of the Persons received or to be received on board, and the Conditions upon which Persons severally have been or are to be received on board, and the Place or Places to which such Persons have severally contracted to be carried or conveyed; and every Person delivering a false Muster Roll shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds for each Person omitted, or falsely stated or described therein; and it shall and may be lawful for the Collector, Comptroller, or Surveyor of the Customs of the Port or Place at which any such Ship or Vessel shall be cleared out, or in the Absence of such Collector, Comptroller, and Surveyor, the resident Officer of the Customs at the Port, together with any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace or other Magistrate, if such Justice or Magistrate can be found at such Port or Place, or within a convenient Distance thereof; and such Collector or Comptroller, or such resident Officer, together with such Justice or Magistrate, is hereby directed and required to muster the Passengers and Crew on board every such Ship or Vessel immediately before sailing, and to compare the Persons found on board with the Persons specified and described in the said Muster Roll delivered by such Master or other Person aforesaid, and to search and inspect every such Ship or Vessel; and if it shall appear that a false Muster Roll has been delivered, or if more Persons shall be found on board than in the Proportion herein allowed, or if the Ship or Vessel shall not be stored and provided with Provisions and Water sufficient to afford the Allowance herein directed, then it shall be lawful for such Collector or Comptroller of

Penalty for delivering a false Muster.

Officer of the Customs, with a Justice, shall muster the Passengers and Men before sailing, and for any Deviations from the Provisions of this Act, may detain the Vessels till Bail for the Penalties be found.

the Cuſtoms, or the principal Officer of the Cuſtoms, together with any ſuch Juſtice or other Magiſtrate, to ſeize and detain ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, until he or the Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall find good and ſufficient Bail, to the Amount of the Penalties hereby impoſed for exceeding the Proportion of Perſons to be received on board, as herein before limited, and for demanding a Clearance for any ſuch Ship or Veſſel without being ſtored with Proviſions and Water in Manner herein directed, and for delivering a falſe Muſter Roll; and no Clearance ſhall be given by any Officer of the Cuſtoms, until the ſaid Collector or Comptroller, Surveyor or principal Officer of the Cuſtoms, together with ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate, ſhall have muſtered the Perſons on board, and ſhall have ſearched and inſpected the Ship or Veſſel, and Proviſions and Water, in Manner herein directed; and if upon ſuch Inſpection the Regulations of this Act ſhall be found to have been duly complied with, a Copy of the ſaid Muſter Roll ſo delivered as aforeſaid ſhall be certified by ſuch Collector or Comptroller, or principal Officer of the Cuſtoms aforeſaid, to be delivered to ſuch Maſter or other Perſon aforeſaid, and ſhall be preſerved by him on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and the original Muſter Roll delivered by ſuch Maſter or other Perſon as aforeſaid, ſhall remain and be preſerved at the Cuſtom-Houſe where the Clearance or Sufferance is granted.

No Clearance ſhall be given until the Perſons be muſtered, *etc.* and if the Regulations ſhall have been complied with, a certified Copy of the Muſter ſhall be delivered to the Maſter, and the Original ſhall be preſerved at the Cuſtom-Houſe.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if upon any ſuch Muſter, or otherwiſe, any Paſſenger, or Perſon who has entered into any Contract or Agreement for ſuch Voyage (other than the Crew of ſuch Ship or Veſſel), ſhall ſignify to ſuch Collector or Comptroller, or other Officer of the Cuſtoms, or to any Juſtice of the Peace or other Magiſtrate, that he or ſhe is deſirous of being relanded, or of not proceeding on any ſuch Voyage, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or other Officer of the Cuſtoms, and ſuch Juſtice of the Peace or other Magiſtrate, and they are hereby empowered and required to take ſuch Perſon out of the Ship or Veſſel; and it ſhall be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate, and they are hereby empowered and required, to ſet any ſuch Paſſenger free from his Engagement, reſerving to either Party any legal Claim which may ariſe in conſequence thereof.

If any Perſon, other than the Crew, ſhall be deſirous of not proceeding on the Voyage, he ſhall be taken out of the Veſſel.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Paſſenger ſhall be received on board of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, unleſs at a Port or Place where a Cuſtom-Houſe ſhall be eſtabliſhed, or Officers of the Cuſtoms ſhall be ſtationed; and if any Paſſengers ſhall be taken on board any ſuch Ship or Veſſel at any other Port or Place, the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; and ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be ſeized and detained by any Officer of the Cuſtoms, until ſuch Penalty ſhall be paid, or ſuch Maſter or other Perſon, or the Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall find good and ſufficient Bail for the ſame.

No Perſon ſhall be received on board at any Place where an Officer of the Cuſtoms is not ſtationed, on Penalty of 500 *l.*

VII. And

No Veſſel carrying 50 Perſons ſhall be cleared out, unleſs provided with a Surgeon, who ſhall produce a Certificate of having paſſed his Examination.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no ſuch Ship or Veſſel carrying Fifty Perſons or upwards, including the Crew, ſhall be cleared out, unleſs ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be provided with a Surgeon, who ſhall produce to the Officer of the Cuſtoms required to give the Clearance or Sufferance, a Certificate of his having paſſed his Examination at Surgeons Hall, in *London*, or at the Royal College of Surgeons of *Edinburgh* or *Dublin*.

Every Surgeon ſhall have a Medicine Cheſt properly ſtored; and before the Veſſel is cleared, ſhall ſpecify the Contents, and that they are good, upon Oath, which ſhall be depoſited in the Cuſtom-Houſe.

Penalty on Maſters, *etc.* not providing a Medicine Cheſt, or Surgeon not making Oath.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Surgeon ſhall have a Medicine Cheſt properly ſtored with Medicines, in Proportion to the Number of Perſons on board of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, of the Kind and according to the Aſſortment generally uſed and made for ſuch Voyages on board of His Majeſty's Ships of War; and before any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be allowed to be cleared out, every ſuch Surgeon ſhall ſpecify upon Oath, before the Collector or Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms, at the Port or Place from whence ſuch Ship or Veſſel is to be cleared out, the Contents of ſuch Medicine Cheſt, and ſhall further make Oath that the Medicines are of good and proper Quality, to the beſt of his Knowledge and Belief, which Oath ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms, is hereby required and empowered to adminiſter; and the Affidavit of every ſuch Surgeon ſhall be depoſited and preſerved in the Cuſtom-Houſe where the Clearance or Sufferance of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be granted, and the Maſter or Owner of every ſuch Ship or Veſſel failing to provide a Medicine Cheſt of the Deſcription above-mentioned, and every ſuch Surgeon neglecting or refuſing to make Oath as herein directed, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Bedding ſhall be aired and Veſſel fumigated, on Penalty of 20 *l.*

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Bedding of each and every Paſſenger on board any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be aired by Expoſure upon the Deck, when the Weather will permit, Once a Day during the Voyage, and ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be fumigated with Vinegar at leaſt Twice in every Week during the Voyage; and every ſuch Maſter or other Perſon having or taking ſuch Charge or Command ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each Failure or Neglect in airing the ſaid Bedding, or in fumigating the Ship or Veſſel.

No Clearance ſhall be granted, unleſs the Maſter and Surgeon give Bond to keep Journals during the Voyage, containing certain Particulars.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Clearance or Sufferance ſhall be granted to any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, unleſs the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, and alſo the Surgeon thereof, where a Surgeon is by this Act required, ſhall have given Bond to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, ſuch Bond to be taken by and left in the Hands of the Collector or Comptroller, or other principal Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port or Place from whence ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be cleared out, in the Sum of One hundred Pounds, with Condition that ſuch Maſter or other Perſon having ſuch Charge or Command as aforeſaid, and ſuch Surgeon, where a Surgeon is required, ſhall ſeverally keep a regular and true Journal, containing an Account of the greateſt Number of Perſons which ſhall have been on board of ſuch Ship or Veſſel at the Time

of her Departure, and at any Time during her Voyage, and until her Arrival at the Port of her Deſtination, and of the Proviſions and Water on board, and of the Delivery of the daily Allowances thereof in Manner herein directed, and of the airing of Bedding, and of the fumigating the Ship or Veſſel, and of the Deaths of any of the Paſſengers or Crew of the ſaid Ship or Veſſel, and of the Cauſe thereof, during the Voyage, from the Firſt Departure of the ſaid Ship or Veſſel, to her Arrival at her Port of Deſtination; and ſuch Maſter or other Perſon having or taking ſuch Charge or Command as aforeſaid, and ſuch Surgeon, ſhall deliver ſuch Journals to the Collector or other Officer as aforeſaid, at the firſt Port of the United Kingdom where ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall arrive after returning from ſuch Port of Deſtination, and ſhall ſeverally make Oath to the Truth of their reſpective Journals, to the beſt of their Knowledge and Belief, before ſuch Collector or other Officer as aforeſaid, who is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter the ſaid Oath; and ſuch Collector or other Officer as aforeſaid, ſhall deliver to ſuch Maſter or other Perſon as aforeſaid, and to ſuch Surgeon reſpectively, Copies of the Oaths of ſuch Maſter or other Perſon as aforeſaid, and ſuch Surgeon, and alſo of the ſaid Journals reſpectively, which Copies ſhall ſeverally be atteſted as true Copies, under the Hand of ſuch Collector or other Officer as aforeſaid; and Duplicates of the ſaid Copies, atteſted in like Manner, ſhall be tranſmitted by the ſaid Collector or other Officer aforeſaid, to the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *London*, *Edinburgh*, or *Dublin* reſpectively, according as ſuch Journal ſhall be delivered and ſuch Oath ſhall be made, in *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*; and if ſuch Maſter or other Perſon aforeſaid, or Surgeon, ſhall act contrary hereto, ſuch Maſter or other Perſon, and Surgeon, ſhall, for each and every ſuch Offence, ſeverally forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Maſter and Surgeon ſhall deliver the Journals to the Officer at the Port of Arrival on Return from the Voyage, and ſhall ſwear to the Truth thereof; and the Officer ſhall deliver to them Copies of their Oaths and Journals, and tranſmit Duplicates to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms;

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

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Maſter or other Perſon taking or having the Charge or Command of any Ship or Veſſel, other than a *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law, clearing out from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom aforeſaid, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and three, to have or take on board a greater Number of Perſons, including the Crew, than in the Proportion of One Perſon for every Five Tons of the Burthen of ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and every ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be deemed and taken to be of ſuch Tonnage or Burthen as ſhall be aſcertained by the Oath of the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, taken before the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms, at the Port from whence ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be cleared out, which Oath the ſaid Collector or Chief Officer is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter; and it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Collector or Chief Officer to muſter the Paſſengers and Crew, and to ſearch and inſpect every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and if more Perſons ſhall be found on board than in the Proportion herein allowed, every ſuch Maſter or other Perſon as aforeſaid ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every Perſon ſo taken on board beyond the Proportion herein allowed, One Moiety whereof ſhall go to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors,

No Maſter of any other than a *Britiſh* Veſſel clearing out after *July* 1, 1803, ſhall have on board more than One Perſon for every Five Tons Burthen, on Penalty of 50 *l.* for each beyond that Proportion.

Application of Penalty.

fors, and the other Half to such Collector or other Officer aforesaid, who is hereby empowered to seize and detain such Ship or Vessel, until such Penalties shall be paid.

Act not to extend to certain Vessels.

XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to Ships or Vessels in the Service of His Majesty, or of His Majesty's Postmaster General, or of the Customs and Excise in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, or of the *East India* Company.

Penalty on Masters for relanding Provisions or Water;

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if, after any such Ship or Vessel shall have been cleared out, any Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall unship, reland, or permit or suffer to be unshipped or relanded, any Provisions or Water, such Master or other Person, shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

but a Proportion may be relanded if any Person shall be relanded.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Passenger or Passengers who may be desirous not to proceed on such Voyage, shall be relanded, or shall not proceed in the Manner herein-before directed, then it shall and may be lawful for such Master or other Person aforesaid, to unship or reland under the Inspection of the Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place from whence such Ship or Vessel shall be cleared out, a Quantity of Provisions and Water not exceeding the Proportion sufficient for the Allowance of such Passenger or Passengers so relanded.

Commissioners of the Customs shall prepare an Abstract of this Act to be hung up in every Custom-House; and a Copy thereof, and of the Muster Roll, shall be hung up in every Vessel, on Penalty of 20*l.*

XV. And be it further enacted, That an Abstract of this Act shall be prepared by and with the Direction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively, and a Copy thereof shall be hung up in the Custom-House of every Port of the United Kingdom, and a Copy thereof, and a Copy also of the said Muster Roll, shall be hung up and affixed to the most publick Place of every Ship or Vessel carrying Passengers under the Regulations of this Act; and the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, shall cause the said Copies to be renewed, so that the same may be at all Times accessible to every Person on board of such Ship or Vessel, upon Pain that every such Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, who shall neglect to affix or renew the same, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Officers commanding Ships of War or Revenue Cutters, shall call for Muster Rolls and search Ships,

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all Captains and Officers commanding His Majesty's Ships of War or Revenue Cutters, who shall meet any such Ships or Vessels at Sea, shall and may, and they are hereby empowered and required to call for the said Muster Roll, and to search such Ship or Vessel; and if any more or other Persons shall be found on board than

and if the Provisions of this Act have not been complied with, may seize and send them to some Port.

than are specified in such Muster Roll, or if a Quantity of Provisions shall not be found on board sufficient to afford to each Person the daily Allowances herein directed during the Remainder of the Voyage, unless it shall appear that such Vessel has been detained on her Passage, after leaving the Port or Place at which the Passengers embarked, beyond the Time for which the Quantity of Provisions hereby required are directed to be provided, or if such Allowances shall not have been dealt out in the preceding Part of the Voyage in Manner herein directed, then in either of these Cases, such Captains or Officers may seize and detain such Ship or Vessel, until good and sufficient Bail shall be given at the Port or Place to which such Ship or Vessel may be carried by the Order and Direction of such Captains or Officers, who are hereby empowered to put Hands on board to take Charge of her for that Purpose; and if the State of such Ship or Vessel, and the Provisions on board thereof, will permit, it shall and may be lawful for such Captains or Officers to send back such Ship or Vessel to the Port from whence she was cleared out, or otherwise to carry such Ship or Vessel into such Port as the State of the Provisions on board, or the Supply which such Captains or Officers can afford, will permit.

No such Vessel to be cleared out, unless Bond be given that the Vessel is Sea-worthy, and that the Passengers shall be delivered at the Port contracted for.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no such Ship or Vessel shall be cleared out, unless the Owner or Owners, or the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, shall have given Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, such Bond to be taken by and left in the Hands of the Collector or Comptroller, or other proper Officer of the Customs in the Port or Place from whence such Ship or Vessel shall be cleared out, in an Amount equal to the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each Passenger on board such Ship or Vessel, with Condition that such Vessel is Sea-worthy, and that every such Passenger, if alive, shall be landed at the Port or Ports to which such Passenger shall have contracted to be conveyed.

Penalty on Officers of the Customs signing Sufferances contrary to this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Officers of the Customs shall knowingly sign or give out any Clearance or Sufferance for any such Ship or Vessel, contrary to the Regulations of this Act, every such Officer shall forfeit and lose his Employment, and shall also forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

How Penalties shall be paid and recovered.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all Sum and Sums of Money, Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned and contained, shall be calculated and paid, and payable within *Great Britain* in lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and within *Ireland* in *Irish* Currency; and that any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted by this Act may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or *Dublin*, or in the Court of Exchequer or in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, in the Name of His Majesty's Attorney General for *England* or *Ireland*, or His Majesty's Advocate for *Scotland* respectively, or in the Name of any Person or Persons whatsoever, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than

One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and in every Action or Suit the Person against whom Judgement shall be given for any Penalty or Forfeiture under this Act, shall pay Double Costs of Suit; and every such Action or Suit shall and may be brought at any Time within Three Years after the Offence committed, and not afterwards; and One Moiety of every Penalty to be recovered by virtue of this Act shall go and be applied to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of such Person or Persons as shall first sue for the same, after deducting the Charges of Prosecution from the Whole. Double Costs. Suits for Penalties may be brought within Three Years. Application of Penalties.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person taking any Oath by this Act authorized or required to be taken, shall thereby commit wilful Perjury, or if any Person shall unlawfully procure or suborn any Person to take any Oath by this Act authorized or required to be taken, whereby such Person shall commit wilful Perjury, every such Person shall incur and suffer the like Pains and Penalties as are by Law inflicted upon Persons committing wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of Perjury, in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively. Penalty on Persons taking false Oaths, or suborning others to take them.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, then and in every such Case the said Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be brought in the County or Place where the Cause of Action shall arise, and not elsewhere, and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit to be brought 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 it shall appear to be so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County, City, or Place than as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Double Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law. Limitation of Actions for Things done in pursuance of this Act. General Issue. Double Costs.

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal, alter, or affect, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom now in force in the United Kingdom, or within *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, for the Restriction or Regulation of Artificers and others, from or in going or passing from any Part of the United Kingdom to Parts beyond the Seas, or to regulate the Ships or Vessels carrying and conveying such Artificers Act not to alter Laws for Restrictions or Regulations of Artificers and others from going to Parts beyond the Seas.

or other Perſons whatſoever, or the Maſters or Commanders, or Perſons having the Charge of ſuch Ships or Veſſels, but that all ſuch Laws, Uſages, and Cuſtoms, ſhall remain in full Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if this Act had not been had or made.

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