

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO NONO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

***

Regiſtrars of Vice Admiralty Court to tranſmit to the Regiſtrar of the High Court of Admiralty and the Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital, a Liſt of the Particulars and Documents required by the recited Act Quarterly.

thority of the ſame, That the Regiſtrars of every Vice Admiralty Court ſhall, on the Twenty-ſixth Day of *March*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *June*, the Thirtieth Day of *September*, and the Twenty-ſixth Day of *December* in every Year, or ſo ſoon after each of ſuch Quarter Days reſpectively as any Ship ſhall ſail for *England*, tranſmit to the Regiſtrar of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Treaſurer of the Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, a Liſt of all the Prizes that ſhall have been adjudged in their Courts reſpectively during the preceding Quarter of a Year, together with the Names of the capturing Ships and their Commanders, and the Agents of the Captors, with a Copy of the decretal Part of the Sentences upon the ſame; and at the ſame Time deliver or cauſe to be delivered Duplicates of the ſame to the Deputies of the ſaid Treaſurer reſident at the ſeveral Places where ſuch Courts of Vice Admiralty are or ſhall be eſtabliſhed, or to which their Juriſdiction ſhall extend, which Liſts ſo to be tranſmitted to the Regiſtrar of the High Court of Admiralty ſhall be hung up for Public Inſpection in the Regiſtry of the High Court of Admiralty in Doctors Commons, in the ſame Manner as is by the ſaid recited Act required with reſpect to the Liſts therein directed to be tranſmitted Half-yearly.

Regiſtrars to tranſmit Copies of Entries directed to be made by the ſaid recited Act to the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars of the High Court of Admiralty, and of every Court of Vice Admiralty in His Majeſty's Dominions, ſhall, on the Twenty-ſixth Day of *March*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *June*, the Thirtieth Day of *September*, and the Twenty-ſixth Day of *December* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days after each of ſuch Quarter Days reſpectively, ſo far as relates to the High Court of Admiralty, and with reſpect to Courts of Vice Admiralty, as ſoon after each ſuch Quarterly Days as any Ship or Veſſel ſhall ſail for *Great Britain*, deliver to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, or to his lawful Deputy for the Time being, a true Copy or Tranſcript under his or their Hand or Hands, of the ſeveral Entries of the Letters of Attorney and other Particulars by the ſaid recited Act directed to be entered or regiſtered in the Books of ſuch Regiſtrars, in the Manner therein mentioned; and if any ſuch Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars ſhall neglect or refuſe to tranſmit or deliver ſuch Copies or Tranſcripts within the reſpective Times by this Act limited for that Purpoſe, he or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds: Provided always, that if any Agent or Agents ſhall be appointed after the Time any Sentence of Condemnation in any of the ſaid Courts of Admiralty ſhall be given, ſuch Agent or Agents ſhall, under the aforeſaid Penalty, regiſter or cauſe to be regiſtered in Manner aforeſaid, his or their reſpective Letters or Letter of Attorney appointing him or them Agent or Agents as aforeſaid, within the Space of Twenty Days after the Date of the ſaid Letter or Letters of Attorney.

Regiſtrars ſhall Quarterly tranſmit Copies of Letters of Attorney regiſtered.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Regiſtrar and Regiſtrars of the ſaid Courts of Vice Admiralty ſhall, on the Twenty-ſixth Day of *March*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *June*, the Thirtieth Day of *September*, and the Twenty-ſixth Day of *December*, in every Year, tranſcribe, and as ſoon after each of ſuch Quarter Days reſpectively as any Ship ſhall ſail for *Great Britain*, tranſmit to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, Copies of all Letters of Attorney which ſhall have been regiſtered in Manner directed by the ſaid Act in the Three Months preceding,

 authenticated

authenticated under the Seal of the Judge in Manner in the said Act expreſſed, and for the Purpoſes in the ſame Act mentioned, and ſhall at the ſame Time deliver or cauſe to be delivered ſimilar Copies to the Deputies of the ſaid Treaſurer reſident at the ſeveral Places where ſuch Courts of Vice Admiralty are or ſhall be eſtabliſhed, or at any Place within the Juriſdiction of ſuch Courts reſpectively, the Charges of which Copies, and affixing the Seal or Seals thereto, and tranſmitting and delivering the ſame to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital and his Deputies, ſhall be paid by the ſaid Agent or Agents at the Time of making ſuch Regiſtry as aforeſaid; and in caſe ſuch Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars ſhall neglect or refuſe to tranſcribe and tranſmit, or deliver ſuch Copy or Copies of ſuch Letter or Letters of Attorney, in Manner and within the Times by this Act directed and limited, he or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Further Provisions reſpecting the making out and Delivery of Prize Liſts, and for Relief of Perſons improperly omitted.

IV. And whereas it is neceſſary that further Proviſions ſhould be made reſpecting the making out and delivering of Prize Liſts, and for relief of Perſons whoſe Names may be improperly omitted therein; be it therefore enacted, That when any Prize ſhall be taken by any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War, or hired armed Veſſels, the Captain or Commander of the capturing Ship, or ſome Perſon or Perſons under his Authority, ſhall forthwith make out and deliver or ſend to the Agent or Agents appointed to ſell and diſtribute ſuch Prize, or any Bounty Money payable in reſpect thereof, ſuch a correct and particular Liſt of the Perſons entitled to ſhare therein as is in and by the ſaid recited Act mentioned and deſcribed, which Prize Liſt ſhall be ſubſcribed by every ſuch Captain or Commander, and by the Lieutenant, and if more than one, then by the firſt Lieutenant, and alſo by the Maſter and Purſer or Perſon or Perſons acting as ſuch, of every capturing Ship or Veſſel to which the ſame relates, after the ſame ſhall have been carefully compared with the Muſter Books of every ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and the Agent or Agents making Diſtribution conformably to any Prize Liſt ſo ſubſcribed, ſhall have the ſame Protection that is given to him or them by the Proviſions of the ſaid Act in making Diſtribution conformably to a Prize Liſt certified as therein is directed: Provided always, that any Error in any ſuch Liſt may be corrected by a Compariſon with the Muſter Book or Books from which the ſame was taken at any Time prior to actual Diſtribution: Provided alſo, that in all Caſes wherein any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, actually entitled to ſhare in any Capture, ſhall, after Diſtribution has been made, be proved by a Compariſon with the Muſter Books or Returns in the Navy Office or otherwiſe, to the Satisfaction of the Commiſſioners of the Navy or any Three of them to have been actually ſo entitled, but omitted in the Diſtribution Liſt by Accident or Default, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Three of them to certify ſuch Omiſſion to the Board of Directors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, who ſhall thereupon cauſe the Amount of the Share to which ſuch Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, if inſerted in the Diſtribution Liſt, would have been entitled to be paid out of the non-claimed or run Mens Shares of the ſame Prize, or out of the General Fund of unclaimed and forfeited Shares of Prize Money in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital; and the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy ſhall thereupon be entitled to maintain and proſecute in the Name of ſuch Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer

Officer of Marines, or Marine, at the Charge and to the Use of the ſaid Hoſpital, any Action or Suit againſt the Agent or Agents for the Recovery of the Amount of the Money ſo paid, that the ſaid Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, might himſelf have maintained if he had not received a Satisfaction for the ſame from the ſaid Hoſpital; but if ſuch Agent or Agents ſhall be made liable to any ſuch Demands in conſequence of an Omiſſion or Miſtake in any Prize Liſt certified to him or them as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for him or them to ſtop and retain the Amount of the Share for which he ſhall be ſo liable out of any Prize or Bounty Money in his or their Hands, payable to the Captain or Commander by whom ſuch Prize Liſt was ſigned and certified as aforeſaid, or his Executors or Adminiſtrators, or to have a Remedy over by Action againſt him, them or any of them, for any Charge or Damage thereby ſuſtained.

Agents to tranſmit Notice of Condemnation to the Treaſurer or Paymaſter of the Navy.

V. And whereas it is by the ſaid Act further enacted, That every Agent reſident in the United Kingdom ſhall within Six Weeks after any Condemnation in the High Court of Admiralty, tranſmit a Notice of ſuch Condemnation to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital or his Deputy, together with an Account of the State of the Property condemned at the Time of ſuch Tranſmiſſion; be it further enacted, That every ſuch Agent ſhall within Six Weeks after any Condemnation in the High Court of Admiralty, tranſmit a ſimilar Notice of ſuch Condemnation to the Treaſurer or Paymaſter of His Majeſty's Navy, together with a ſimilar Account of the State of the Property condemned at the Time of ſuch Tranſmiſſion, on pain of forfeiting for every Neglect the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, unleſs a reaſonable Cauſe ſhall be ſhewn to and approved by the Court of Admiralty.

Further Proviſions reſpecting Notices in conſequence of Condemnation.

VI. And whereas it is neceſſary to make further Proviſions reſpecting Notices to be given of the Payment of Prize Money in conſequence of Condemnations in Courts of Vice Admiralty, and alſo of Bounty Money granted by the ſaid recited Act, in reſpect of the Number of Men on board the Enemy's Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, as in the ſaid Act is mentioned; be it therefore further enacted, That all and every Perſon or Perſons appointed or to be appointed for the Receipt and Diſtribution of any Bounty Money by the ſaid Act granted, ſhall tranſmit or deliver written Notifications of an individual Share of ſuch Bounty Money to the Perſons herein-after mentioned; and that in all Caſes in which any Agent or Agents, Perſon or Perſons appointed or to be appointed for the Payment or Diſtribution of any ſuch Prize Money or Bounty Money who are required by the ſaid Act to deliver to any Officer of the Cuſtoms Three Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications, to be tranſmitted to *England*, ſuch Agent or Agents, Perſon or Perſons ſhall, inſtead thereof, deliver Six ſuch Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtribution, in like Manner ſubſcribed by him or them, together with Six ſuch Notifications of the Amount of an individual Share of both Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be) in each Claſs; and the Officer receiving the ſame ſhall ſubſcribe his Name to each of the ſaid Six Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtribution, as by the ſaid Act is directed, and ſhall forthwith deliver one of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtribution, together with one of the ſaid Notifications, of the Amount of an individual Share of both

Prize

Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be) in each Claſs, to the Deputy to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, reſident at the Place where ſuch Court of Vice Admiralty is or ſhall be eſtabliſhed, or to which its Juriſdiction ſhall extend, and by the firſt Ship which ſhall ſail for any Port in *Great Britain*, ſhall tranſmit another of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or Notifications of Diſtribution, together with one of the ſaid Notifications, of the Amount of an individual Share to the Treaſurer of the Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich* or his Deputy there, and another to the Treaſurer or Paymaſter of the Navy in *London*, and ſhall by the Second Ship or Veſſel which ſhall ſail from the Port or Place where the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications ſhall be ſo delivered, for any Port of *Great Britain*, tranſmit in like Manner to each of the above-mentioned Officers one other of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or other Notifications, of the Amount of an individual Share of both Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be), in each Claſs, marked by him as Duplicates of the former, and ſhall carefully preſerve and keep in his Cuſtody the Sixth of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtribution, together with the Sixth of the ſaid Notifications of the Amount of an individual Share of both Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be) in each Claſs; and at all Ports and Places where Vice Admiralty Courts, with Juriſdiction in Prize Cauſes, are or ſhall be conſtituted, at which there ſhall be no Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, or other Officer of the Cuſtoms, the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or other Notifications of Diſtribution, together with the ſaid Notifications of the Amount of an individual Share of both Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be) in each Claſs, ſhall be delivered to and tranſmitted and kept reſpectively in like Manner by the Regiſtrar or Deputy Regiſtrar of ſuch Vice Admiralty Court; and at all other Places where Prize or Bounty Money ſhall be diſtributed or payable where there ſhall be no Court of Vice Admiralty, the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtribution, together with the ſaid Notifications of the Amount of an individual Share of both Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be) in each Claſs, ſhall be delivered to the principal Civil Officer of the ſaid Place or his Deputy, for the Purpoſe of being tranſmitted and kept as aforeſaid; and all and every Perſon and Perſons, Agent and Agents, appointed or to be appointed for the Payment or Diſtribution of any Prize Money or Bounty Money, who ſhall neglect or refuſe to deliver the ſaid ſeveral Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtribution, together with the ſaid ſeveral Notifications of the Amount of an individual Share of both Prize and Bounty Money, or either (as the Caſe may be) in each Claſs, as herein-before directed to be tranſmitted, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and every Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or principal Officer of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, Regiſtrar or Deputy Regiſtrar of ſuch Vice Admiralty Court, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, who ſhall neglect or refuſe to receive, or to atteſt, or who ſhall not tranſmit, ſend, or keep any ſuch Gazette, Newſpaper, or written Notification of Diſtribution, or any ſuch Notification of the Amount of an individual Share in each Claſs, in Manner herein-before directed, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

If Diſtribution be not made within the Time and in the Manner required by recited Act, ſuch Failure ſhall be ſtated to the Treaſurer of the Navy, &c.

VII. And whereas it is expedient that the Proviſions made in the before recited Act paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for inſuring a ſpeedy Diſtribution of the Share of Captors of Prizes taken by His Majeſty's Ships ſhould be more effectually enforced; be it therefore enacted, That in all Caſes where the Prizes ſhall have been ſold, and the Time of Appeals ſhall have elapſed, or if an Appeal ſhall have been lodged, the ſame ſhall have been abandoned, and the Diſtribution ſhall not have been made within the Time and in the Manner required by the ſaid recited Act; the Officer for Prizes in the Office of Treaſurer of the Navy, ſhall ſtate ſuch Failure to the Treaſurer of the Navy, who ſhall thereupon apply to the High Court of Admiralty, for a Munition or ſuch other Proceſs of the Court as may be expedient under the Circumſtances of the Caſe, for compelling a ſpeedy and effectual Diſtribution of the Proceeds.

Notice herein mentioned to be put on Orders for receiving Prize Money.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That upon every Order for receiving the Prize Money of a Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines or Marine, the following Words ſhall be printed or written, before the ſame ſhall be atteſted; (*videlicet*), 'Take Notice, that no Prize 'Money can be received under this Order, except by an Agent duly 'licenſed, in Conformity to the Act of Parliament of the Forty-ninth 'Year of King *George* the Third, or by the Wife, One of the Parents, or 'Children of the Grantor;' and that every Offence againſt the ſaid Proviſion of the above recited Act, is puniſhable as a Miſdemeanor.

In caſes where any Claim of Prize Money ſhall be made, accompanied with a Requiſition that ſuch Claim may be ſatisfied, or a Reaſon aſſigned, and the Reaſon aſſigned be that ſuch Claim has been ſatisfied, the Agent ſhall ſpecify the Name and Reſidence of the Perſon who received it, and under what Authority.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes in which any Claim of Prize or Bounty Money ſhall be made upon any Prize Agent or Prize Agents, accompanied with a Requiſition in Writing from the Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital or the Officer for Prizes in the Navy Pay Office, in the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed, marked (A.) requiring that ſuch Claim may be either ſatisfied, or a Reaſon aſſigned for its Diſallowance, ſuch Prize Agent or Prize Agents ſhall either pay the ſame, or ſtate in Writing under his or their Hand or Hands their Reaſon of his or their refuſing to do ſo, and deliver the ſame to the Party claiming the ſame, and preſenting ſuch Requiſition; and if the Reaſon aſſigned be that ſuch Claim has been already ſatisfied, the ſaid Agent or Agents ſhall ſpecify the Name and Place of Abode of the Perſon or Perſons by whom the Amount thereof was received, and under what Authority, from the Claimant or Claimants, and at what Time or Times the ſame was paid; and if any ſuch Agent or Agents refuſing Payment of any ſuch Prize or Bounty Money, ſhall omit at the Time of ſuch Claim being made, accompanied by ſuch Requiſition as aforeſaid, or within Two Days afterwards to give and ſubſcribe ſuch Information as to the Cauſe of not ſatisfying ſuch Claim, he or they ſhall forfeit and pay to ſuch Claimant or Claimants Double the Amount of the Sum ſo claimed, to be recovered by him, her, or them, with full Coſts of Suit in an Action of Debt, wherein it ſhall be ſufficient for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs to declare againſt the Defendant or Defendants for ſo much Money had and received by him or them to and for the Uſe of ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; and that Proof of ſuch Claim, and of the Service of ſuch Requiſition as is herein-before mentioned, upon ſuch Agent or Agents, ſhall be and be deemed ſufficient Evidence in Support of any ſuch Action; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

X. And

X. And whereas it is expedient that further Provisions should be made for a more certain Transmission to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, of Accounts of the Produce of Prizes, and of the Distributions to the Captors, and for more effectually enforcing the Payment of all Balances in the Hands of Agents to the said Treasurer; be it therefore enacted, That every Agent for a Prize or Prizes, and Person authorized to receive any Bounty Bill or Bills, shall and he and they is and are hereby required, at the End of Four Months next after the Day on which Distribution shall have been notified pursuant to the Directions in the said Act contained, pay over all Shares and Balances which shall then remain in his or their Hands unpaid and undistributed, to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, or such Person or Persons as he shall appoint or depute to receive the same, and render and verify his and their Accounts in the Manner by the said Act directed, under the like Penalties for Neglect of Duty as are by the said Act imposed for neglecting to make, render, and verify such Payments and Accounts within Four Months next after the first Distribution of such Prize and Bounty Monies.

For the more certain Transmission of the Produce of Prizes, and for enforcing the Payment of Balances.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every Prize Agent shall at the same Time that he exhibits or transmits an attested Copy of the detailed Accounts of the Sale of any Prize or Prizes, together with attested Copies of all Vouchers to the Courts of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty respectively, as directed by the said recited Act, shall, and he is hereby directed and required to transmit another attested Copy of the said detailed Accounts and Vouchers to the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*; and every such Agent who shall neglect or refuse to transmit such last-mentioned attested Copies of Accounts and Vouchers to the said Treasurer, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered and applied in Manner herein-after directed.

Agents to transmit attested Copies of Accounts of Sale, and Vouchers, to the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Agent or Agents for any Prize or Prizes condemned or to be condemned in the *East Indies*, shall, under the Direction of the Court of Vice Admiralty wherein such Condemnation shall have passed, on the Application of the Deputy to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital there resident, and in such Manner as in any Order to be made for that Purpose shall be specified, remit all unclaimed and forfeited Shares and Balances to the Treasurer in *England*, or pay the same over to the said Deputy, at the Election of him the said Deputy, so that the same may be paid to the said Treasurer within Twelve Months after the said Agent or Agents shall have exhibited his or their Accounts in such Court of Vice Admiralty as aforesaid, on pain of forfeiting his or their Bond or Bonds given and entered into pursuant to the Directions of the said Act.

Agents of Prizes condemned in the East Indies shall remit unclaimed Shares and Balances to the Treasurer in England, or pay them over to the Deputy Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital resident there.

XIII. And whereas further Provision is necessary to prevent the Fabrication of Orders and Certificates entitling Persons to receive Prize Money due to Seamen and others; be it therefore enacted, That all Shares of Prize and Bounty Money due or which shall become due to any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, Marine, or Soldier, or any Person rated as a Boy or borne as a Supernumerary in His Majesty's Naval Service, shall be paid by the Agent or Agents to the Captors (if the Money shall be in his or their Possession) or the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being or his Deputy, and the Clerk of the Cheque of the said Royal

For preventing the Fabrication of Orders and Certificates.

Royal Hoſpital for the Time being, or his Chief Clerk (if the ſame ſhall have been paid over to the ſaid Treaſurer) to the Perſon entitled thereto, or to any other Perſon authorized to receive the ſame, by any Order in the Form or to the Effect ſet forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, marked (B.) which Order ſhall ſpecify the Name of the Prize or Prizes diſtributed or for Diſtribution, or give ſuch Deſcription thereof as ſhall be ſatisfactory to the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Poſſeſſion the ſaid Prize or Bounty Money may happen to be, and who ſhall be called upon to pay the ſame; and if the Capture ſhall have been upon the Land, the Name of the Place captured, together with the Name of His Majeſty's Ship or Veſſel of War on board of which the Perſon making the Order was ſerving at the Time ſuch Prize or Prizes or Capture or Captures was or were made, and the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall alſo procure a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect ſet forth in the ſaid Schedule marked (B.) which Certificate ſhall contain a full Deſcription of the Perſon making ſuch Order, and ſhall be ſigned by the Captain or Commanding Officer on board, and One other ſigning Officer of the Ship or Veſſel in which the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall be then ſerving, if there ſhall be more than One ſuch ſigning Officer on board or belonging to ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and if the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall be diſcharged from the Service, and ſhall be reſident at any Port or Place at which a Deputy to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital ſhall be appointed, then ſuch Certificate, ſpecifying the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall be ſigned by ſuch Deputy; and if the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall reſide within Four Miles of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, then the ſaid Certificate ſhall be ſigned by the Clerk of the Checque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Chief Clerk; and if at any other Place within the Bills of Mortality, then the ſame ſhall be ſigned by the Officer for Prizes in the Navy Pay Office, or his Aſſiſtant; and if at any Place in *England* at which no Deputy to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital ſhall be appointed, and not being within the Bills of Mortality, or within Four Miles of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, then ſuch Certificate, ſpecifying the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall be ſigned by the Miniſter and One of the Churchwardens; and if in *Scotland*, by the Miniſter and One of the Elders of the Pariſh or Place in which ſuch Perſon ſhall reſide at the Time of making ſuch Order; and if the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall be a Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or a Marine, at Head Quarters, then ſuch Certificate, ſpecifying the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall be ſigned by the Colonel or Commanding Officer for the Time being, and the Adjutant of the Diviſion of Marines to which ſuch Perſon ſo making ſuch Order ſhall at the Time belong; and if the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall be on Shore at Sick Quarters, then ſuch Certificate, ſpecifying the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall be ſigned by the Surgeon at ſuch Sick Quarters and One of his Aſſiſtants, which Certificate ſhall be written or printed on the ſame Paper containing ſuch Order, and which Order and Certificate being preſented together, and the ſaid Order being paid, ſuch Order and Certificate ſhall remain with the Agent or Agents to the Captors, or the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital or his Deputy, paying the ſame: Provided always, that every ſuch Order, as above deſcribed, ſhall be revokeable at Pleaſure by the Perſon making the ſame: Provided alſo, that no ſuch Order ſhall be valid to authorize the Receipt of any Prize Money or Bounty Money which ſhall be in courſe of Payment or Diſtribution, if the Party making ſuch Order ſhall be then reſiding or dwelling within the

Diſtance of Five Miles from the Place where ſuch Prize Money or Bounty Money ſhall be payable; and if any Agent or Agents for Prizes ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid any Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money to any Perſon or Perſons, upon any Order made within that Diſtance of the Place where ſuch Prize Money or Bounty Money ſhall be payable, ſuch Prize Money or Bounty Money being in courſe of Diſtribution at the Time of making ſuch Order, ſuch Payment ſhall be void to all Intents and Purpoſes; and the Agent or Agents making the ſame ſhall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered with full Coſts of Suit, and applied in ſuch Manner reſpectively as is herein-after mentioned; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall falſely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure any other Perſon or Perſons falſely to make, forge, or counterfeit, or ſhall willingly act or aſſiſt in the falſe making, forging, or counterfeiting any ſuch Order or Certificate as above ſpecified, or ſhall utter or publiſh as true any ſuch falſe, forged, or counterfeited Order or Certificate, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged, or counterfeited, with Intent to defraud any Perſon or Perſons, or any Corporation, every ſuch Perſon being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be deemed guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Puniſhing Perſons inſerting in the Order the Name of any Prize Money other than what ſhall have been originally expreſſed therein.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall inſert or cauſe to be inſerted in any Order or Authority for receiving Prize Money, after Atteſtation thereof as herein-before directed, the Name of any Prize or Bounty Money, other than what ſhall have been originally expreſſed in the ſaid Order or Authority when the ſame ſhall have been atteſted, the ſaid Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence be deemed guilty of a Miſdemeanor, and be puniſhed accordingly.

Orders or Powers of Attorney, made under 43 G. 3. c. 160. before the paſſing of 45 G. 3. c. 72. void, except ſuch as are in favour of the Relations herein deſcribed.

XV. And whereas Doubts have ariſen, whether any Orders or Powers of Attorney heretofore made and executed under the Authority of an Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, for the better and more effectually manning His Majeſty's Navy, and for regulating the Payment of Prize Money, and for making Proviſions for the Salaries of the Judges of the Vice Admiralty Court in the Iſland of* Malta, *and in the* Bermuda *and* Bahama Iſlands; which Act is by the ſaid Act herein-before recited repealed, or under the Authority or in purſuance of other Acts of Parliament now repealed or altered, although made and executed while the ſaid Acts reſpectively remained in force, are now valid; be it therefore enacted, That all ſuch Orders or Powers of Attorney, if made and executed prior to the paſſing of the ſaid Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty herein-before recited, although made and executed pu ſuant to the Laws in force at the Time when the ſame were ſo made and executed, are and ſhall be and are hereby declared to be null and void, and of no Effect whatever, ſave and except Orders or Powers of Attorney made and executed purſuant to the Laws in force at the Time of their Execution, by Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates of Marines, to Perſons ſtanding in the Relationſhip of either a Wife or Child, or Father or Mother, or Grandfather or Grandmother, or Brother or Siſter, or Uncle or Aunt, or Niece or Nephew.

Unclaimed Shares, &c. of Officers

XVI. And whereas it hath been deemed expedient that the Proviſions contained in the ſaid recited Act, reſpecting the unclaimed and unpaid Shares

and Soldiers in the Army, in cases of conjunct Expeditions, to be paid to the Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital.

Shares of Soldiers serving in any conjunct Expedition with His Majesty's Naval Forces, should be explained and amended, and that several of the other Provisions contained in the same Act, and also of those herein contained, should be extended to or in favour of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, and for the Benefit of the Officers and Soldiers of His Majesty's Army, Royal Artillery, Provincial, Black, and all other Troops in the Pay of His Majesty, in Cases of conjunct Expeditions of the Army and Navy; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all unclaimed and unpaid Shares of Prize or Balances remaining unpaid to Officers and Soldiers of the Army, Royal Artillery, Provincial, Black, and all other Troops in the Pay of His Majesty, in Cases of such conjunct Expeditions as aforesaid, shall be paid to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for the Time being of *Chelsea* Hospital, within Four Months next after the Day on which Distribution thereof shall be notified pursuant to this Act, subject nevertheless to be refunded to any Individual entitled to the same, and establishing his Claim thereto, within Six Years after such Payment thereof; and that such of the same Shares or Balances as shall not be legally demanded within the said Term of Six Years, and also the Shares of Prize of all such Officers and Soldiers as shall be marked in the Books of any Regiment or Corps in the Service of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, as having deserted therefrom, shall be forfeited to and to the Use of *Chelsea* Hospital aforesaid, unless such Soldiers as shall have deserted shall be restored by His Majesty's Proclamation, or otherwise pardoned; and unless with respect to the Shares of such Officers and Soldiers as shall not be claimed within the said Period of Six Years, reasonable Cause shall be shewn to and allowed by the Commissioners for managing the Affairs of the said Hospital, or by the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, why such last mentioned Shares were not claimed in due Time; and that it shall be lawful for the said last mentioned Treasurer or his Deputy to compel the Agents for the Army to bring in the Proceeds of the Sales of Prizes into Court, and to enforce Distribution thereof, and to exhibit and verify their Accounts, and pay over the Balances thereof, in like Manner and by the like Means and Methods as the Treasurer of the Navy, the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, or any Captors, is or are by the said recited Act or this present Act, or any other Law, empowered to compel the bringing in of Proceeds and enforcing Distribution thereof, and the Production and Verification of Accounts and Payment of unclaimed Shares and Balances by the Naval Prize Agents, and under and subject to the same or the like Penalties or Forfeitures for every Refusal or Neglect in the Premises, as they are liable to in respect of any Shares, Balances, and Accounts, directed by the said recited Act to be paid or produced to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital.

Registrars to transmit to the Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital Lists of Prizes, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases of such conjunct Expeditions as aforesaid, the Registrars of every Vice Admiralty Court shall transmit to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, to be registered there, such Lists of Prizes, and other Particulars and Documents relating thereto, and also such Copies of Entries in their Books relative to any Matters in which the Officers and Soldiers of the Army shall be concerned or interested, and of Letters of Attorney of Officers and Soldiers in the Army registered in their Courts, as they are hereby directed to transmit to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, and at the same

ſame Times, and under the ſame Penalties for Neglects therein reſpectively; and that true Copies of ſuch Letters of Attorney, ſo to be tranſmitted and regiſtered, ſhall be Evidence of Agency in like Manner as in the ſaid recited Act is mentioned in that Behalf, reſpecting the Copies tranſmitted to and regiſtered by the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital.

Judges of Admiralty Courts to adopt the like Meaſures in favour of Chelſea Hoſpital as in favour of Greenwich Hoſpital.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes of ſuch conjunct Expeditions as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Judge of any Vice Admiralty Court, in all Caſes of Condemnation, where there is no Claimant or Appellant before the Court, and for the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, in all Caſes where any Sentence of Condemnation pronounced in that Court is appealed from, to adopt ſuch Meaſures and Proceedings in favour or on behalf of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, reſpecting the Proceeds of all Prizes in which the Officers and Soldiers of the Army employed in ſuch Expeditions ſhall be intereſted, as the ſaid Judges reſpectively are by the ſaid recited Act authorized to adopt in favour or on behalf of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and that every Agent reſident in the United Kingdom ſhall, within Six Weeks after any Condemnation in the ſaid High Court of Admiralty, tranſmit ſuch Notice to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, as he is directed by the ſaid recited Act to tranſmit to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and under the ſame Penalty for every Neglect in that Behalf.

Agents to tranſmit Notice of Condemnation to Treaſurer of Chelſea Hoſpital.

Agents, after Sale of Prize, to deliver to Officers of Cuſtoms a written Notification of Diſtribution, with other Particulars, to be forwarded to the Treaſurer of Chelſea Hoſpital.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes of ſuch conjunct Expeditions as aforeſaid, the Perſons or Agents appointed as herein is mentioned or referred to, for the Payment of the Shares of Prizes, ſhall after the Sale or Sales of any Prize or Prizes taken or to be taken upon any of ſuch Expeditions, deliver to the Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, or other Officer herein mentioned in that Behalf, a printed or written Notification, to be ſubſcribed and tranſmitted by him to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, of the Time of Payment of the Shares of the ſame Prizes, and all Particulars relating thereto, and alſo together therewith a written Notification of the Amount of an individual Share in each Claſs, in like Manner as ſuch Notifications are hereby directed to be tranſmitted to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and under the ſame Penalties for neglecting to deliver or tranſmit the ſame Notifications to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital as aforeſaid; and that all ſuch Notifications to be tranſmitted to and regiſtered at that Hoſpital as aforeſaid ſhall, on ſuch Proof as in the ſaid recited Act is mentioned, be Evidence in Manner therein expreſſed in that Behalf.

Commiſſioned Officer of the Army may direct his Share not to be paid over to Chelſea Hoſpital.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Commiſſioned Officer of the Army ſhall direct, by any Order in Writing, that his diſtributive Share or Balance of any Prize or Prizes ſhall not be paid over to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, the ſame ſhall remain in the Hands of the Agent, ſubject to all ſuch further Orders as ſuch Officer may give reſpecting the ſame.

No Deduction allowed in Payment of unclaimed Shares to Chelſea Hoſ-

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no Deduction ſhall be allowed, on any Account, in the Payments of unclaimed or forfeited Shares and Balances paid over to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, for any Sums not appearing upon the Prize Liſt or Diſtribution to have been

pital, unleſs ſatisfactory Vouchers produced.

been thereon paid and acknowledged, unleſs ſatisfactory Vouchers from the Parties, or their lawful Attornies, ſhall be produced for the ſame.

Shares of Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers of the Army, in caſes of conjunct Expeditions, to be paid under Orders in the Form ſet forth in Schedules (C.) and (D.)

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Shares of Prize Money due and to become due to Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers of the Army, in caſes of ſuch conjunct Expeditions as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid by the Agent, or by the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, or his Chief Clerk (as the Caſe may require), to the Perſons entitled thereto, or Perſons authorized by an Order in the Form ſet forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, marked (C.) to receive the ſame; which Order ſhall ſpecify the Place, Fortreſs, or Ships, out of which the Prize Money ſhall have ariſen, together with the Name of the Regiment or Corps to which ſuch Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier ſhall have belonged at the Time of the Capture; and the Perſon making ſuch Order ſhall alſo procure and produce a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect ſet forth in the ſaid Schedule marked (C.), which Certificate ſhall be ſigned by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and Paymaſter of the Regiment in which ſuch Perſon ſhall be ſerving, provided the Signatures of ſuch Officers can be obtained; and in caſe the Signatures of all or any of ſuch reſpective Officers cannot be obtained, by reaſon of the Regiment or Part of the Regiment being on Detachment, or other unavoidable Cauſe, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Certificate ſhall be ſigned by ſuch of the ſaid Officers as may be preſent where the Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier is then ſerving, and any other Commiſſioned Officers of the Regiment or Corps then preſent, ſo that there ſhall not be leſs than the Signatures of Three Commiſſioned Officers to ſuch Certificate; or in caſe ſuch Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier ſhall be detached from his Regiment, or be in any Hoſpital or Sick Quarters, ſo that he cannot procure ſuch Certificate of his Officers as above-mentioned, the ſame ſhall be ſtated particularly on the Order, and the Certificate ſhall be ſigned by the Three ſenior Officers belonging to ſuch Detachment, or by the Surgeon or principal Medical Officer belonging to ſuch Hoſpital or Sick Quarters, (as the Caſe may require), and by Two other principal Military or Civil Officers belonging to ſuch Hoſpital, or reſiding at ſuch Quarters; or in caſe ſuch Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier ſhall have been diſcharged from the Service, then he ſhall procure and produce a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect ſet forth in the Schedule hereto annexed marked (D.), and which ſhall be ſigned by the Miniſter and One of the Churchwardens, or (if in *Scotland*) by the Miniſter and One of the Elders of the Pariſh or Place in which ſuch diſcharged Non-commiſſioned Officer or oldier may then reſide; or if ſuch Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier ſhall be dead, then the Perſon entitled to receive his Share of ſuch Prize or Bounty Money ſhall procure and produce a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect ſet forth in the Schedule hereto annexed marked (E.), which Certificate ſhall be ſigned by the Miniſter and One of the Churchwardens, or (if in *Scotland*) by the Miniſter and One of the Elders of the Pariſh or Place in which ſuch Perſon ſhall then reſide: Provided always, that every ſuch Order as above deſcribed ſhall be revokeable by the Perſon making the ſame: Provided alſo, that no ſuch Order ſhall be valid to authorize the Receipt of any Prize Money or Bounty Money which ſhall be in Courſe of Payment or Diſtribution to any ſuch Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier as aforeſaid, if the Party making ſuch Order ſhall be then reſiding or dwelling within the diſtance of Five Miles from the Place where ſuch Prize Money or

Bounty Money ſhall be payable; and if any Agent or Agents for Prizes ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid any Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money to any Perſon or Perſons upon any Order made within the Diſtance aforeſaid from the Place where ſuch Prize Money or Bounty Money ſhall be payable, ſuch Prize Money or Bounty Money being in Courſe of Diſtribution at the Time of making ſuch Order, ſuch Payment ſhall be void to all Intents and Purpoſes; and the Agent or Agents making the ſame ſhall forfeit the like Penalty as herein-before mentioned with reſpect to Payments made to the Orders of Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commiſſioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, under the like Circumſtances, and ſhall be recovered, with full Coſts of Suit, and applied reſpectively in ſuch Manner as herein-after mentioned.

Stamp Duty payable on Orders.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That for the Stamp Duty on every of ſuch Orders, there ſhall not be more than the Sum of One Shilling paid for each Perſon ſubſcribing the ſame.

Receipts for Prize Money paid or received by Chelſea Hoſpital, not liable to Stamp Duty.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all Receipts given or taken for Prize Money, or Balances paid or received by the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, ſhall be exempt from and not liable to any Duty of Stamps whatſoever; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Treaſurer of Chelſea Hoſpital may appoint a Deputy, and the Regulations of 45 G. 3. c. 72. for refunding Shares, &c. paid into Greenwich Hoſpital, ſhall be adopted for refunding Shares, &c. paid into Chelſea Hoſpital.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, in ſuch Caſes as aforeſaid, to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for receiving Applications and Claims for Army Prize Monies, as the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital is by the ſaid recited Act authorized reſpecting the Navy Prize Monies; and that the Modes and Regulations directed by the ſame Act, for refunding Shares of Prize Money paid into *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and for facilitating the Payment of Prize Money to Seamen, and preventing Frauds attending the ſame, ſhall be purſued and adopted for refunding Shares of Prize Money paid into *Chelſea* Hoſpital, and for facilitating the Payment of Prize Money to Officers and Soldiers of the Army, and preventing Frauds attending the ſame, or as nearly as may be and Circumſtances will permit, and under the ſame Penalty for receiving any Fee or Reward for remitting or paying any ſuch Money from *Chelſea* Hoſpital; and alſo that the Proviſions and Directions herein contained reſpecting any Grants made or to be made by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, and the full Benefit thereof, ſhall extend and apply to and in Favour of *Chelſea* Hoſpital as well as *Greenwich* Hoſpital in caſes of ſuch conjunct Expeditions as aforeſaid.

Deputy Treaſurer of Chelſea Hoſpital may receive and ſend Letters, &c. free of Poſtage, under certain Regulations.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, ſhall and may have and exerciſe the ſame or the like Liberty or Privilege of receiving and ſending Letters or Packets upon any Buſineſs or Affairs relative to ſuch Prize Matters as aforeſaid, free from the Duty of Poſtage, in the ſame or the like Manner, and with the ſame or the like Regulations, and under the ſame Penalty for every Abuſe of ſuch Liberty or Privilege, as is hereby or in any former Act enacted or mentioned reſpecting the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital in that Behalf.

Sums paid in remunerating the Officers of Chelſea

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Expences incurred or to be incurred in executing this Act, and alſo the ſaid recited Act, and the Sums

Hoſpital to be paid out of unclaimed Shares, &c.

Sums paid in remunerating the Officers or Perſons employed on Behalf of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, for their Care, Pains and Trouble in performing the Regulations and Directions thereof, ſhall, ſo far as the ſame relates to thoſe Officers or Perſons, be ſubject to the Diſcretion of the Commiſſioners for managing the Affairs of the ſame Hoſpital, and ſhall be paid out of the Intereſt of unclaimed Shares, or Shares of deſerted Men, inveſted in Government Securities, or, if neceſſary, out of the principal Monies in the Hands of the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Hoſpital, on account of ſuch Shares reſpectively; the Accounts of the ſaid Expences and Remunerations being annually returned to Parliament: Provided nevertheleſs, that no Perſon employed by the ſaid Commiſſioners of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, in executing the Regulations of this Act or the ſaid recited Act, ſhall act as an Agent for Prizes, or be concerned, directly or indirectly, in the Buſineſs thereof, under the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds.

Perſonating any Officers or Soldiers in the Army, or their Executors, &c. or forging any Will or Power, or taking a falſe Oath to obtain Probate of Will, or Adminiſtration, Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Perſon ſhall willingly and knowingly perſonate or falſely aſſume the Name or Character of any Officer, Soldier, or other Perſon in the Army, entitled or ſuppoſed to be entitled to any Prize Money or Bounty Money, or Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money, for Service done on any ſuch conjunct Expedition as aforeſaid, or of the Executor or Adminiſtrator, Wife, Relation, or Creditor of any ſuch Officer, Soldier or other Perſon, in order to receive any Prize Money or Bounty Money, or Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due or payable for or on account of any ſuch Services as aforeſaid; or ſhall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited any Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Order, Certificate, Aſſignment, laſt Will, or any other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any Prize Money or Bounty Money, or Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money, which ſhall be due or ſuppoſed to be due for any ſuch Services as aforeſaid; or ſhall willingly and knowingly take a falſe Oath, or procure any other Perſon to take a falſe Oath, to obtain the Probate of any Will or Wills, or to obtain Letters of Adminiſtration in order to receive any Prize Money or Bounty Money, or Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money, which ſhall be due or ſuppoſed to be due to any ſuch Officer, Soldier, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, who ſhall have really ſerved, or ſhall be ſuppoſed to have ſerved on any ſuch conjunct Expedition as aforeſaid, or ſhall utter or publiſh as true, any falſe, forged or counterfeited Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Order, Certificate, Aſſignment, laſt Will, or any other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any Prize Money or Bounty Money, or Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due to any Officer, Soldier, or other Perſon who ſhall have really ſerved, or who ſhall be ſuppoſed to have ſerved as aforeſaid, with Intent to defraud His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or the Commiſſioners or Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of *Chelſea* Hoſpital, or any Army Prize Agent, or any Perſon or Corporation whomſoever, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged or counterfeited, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be deemed guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Agents to Account to Greenwich,

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Agent for or other Perſon authorized to diſtribute any Grant by His Majeſty or by Parliament, to

to the Captors of any Prize, Booty, or other Property, or for any Victory, which shall have been heretofore granted and distributed, shall within Four Months after the passing of this Act, and in Cases where Distribution shall not have taken place, within Four Months next after Distribution shall be notified, make out and deliver upon Oath to the Treasurer to the said Royal Hospital at *Greenwich* or his Deputy, and in Cases of any such Grant to the Army conjointly with the Navy, to the Treasurer likewise of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* or his Deputy, (which Oath the said Treasurers and Deputy Treasurers respectively are hereby authorized to administer), true and just Accounts of all such Monies as shall have been so paid and distributed, and at the same Time pay over to the said Treasurers or their Deputies, for the Use of the said Royal Hospitals respectively, all such Sums of Money, and Balances, as shall at that Time remain in the Hands of such Agents or other Persons as aforesaid, arising from forfeited, unclaimed and undistributed Shares, according as the said Royal Hospitals may be respectively interested therein, under the like Penalties for neglect of Duty as are by the said Act or this Act imposed on Agents for Prizes, for neglecting to render and verify their Accounts of Distributions, and pay over Balances of forfeited and unclaimed Prize Money.

and Chelsea Hospitals for the forfeited and unclaimed Shares of Royal or Parliamentary Grants heretofore made.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Grant shall hereafter be made by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or by Parliament, to the Captors of any Prize, Booty, or other Property, or for any Victory, and the said Grant, of whatever Nature it may be, shall not come under the Description of Prize Money arising from Captures legally condemned in any Court of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty, but be considered as a Bounty gratuitously given, and of which the unclaimed Shares would for that Reason not be paid into *Greenwich* Hospital, and might not be accounted for in any Manner, the Agent or Agents, or Persons who shall distribute the said Grants, shall advertise the said Distributions, and transmit Notice of the Amount of the Shares therein to the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*, and to the Treasurer or Paymaster of His Majesty's Navy, as in Cases of ordinary Distributions of Prize Money, and shall also at the Expiration of Four Months next after the Day on which Distributions shall have been notified, deliver, or transmit to the Officer for Prizes in the Navy Pay Office a correct Copy of the Distribution Lists of such Grants, with an Account of the Payment of the several Shares to the Captors or to others on their Behalf, and pay over all Shares and Balances then remaining in his or their Hands unpaid and undistributed, to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, or such Person or Persons as he shall depute or appoint as aforesaid to receive the same, and render and verify his and their Accounts in the Manner by the said Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty directed, under the like Penalties for neglect of Duty as are by the said Act imposed for neglecting to make, render, and verify such Payments and Accounts, within Four Months after the first Distribution of the Prize and Bounty Money in the said Act mentioned.

Agents who distribute Bounties gratuitously given, to advertise the said Distributions, and transmit Notices thereof.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Provisions, Rules, Regulations, Forfeitures, and Penalties, mentioned in the said recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, and this Act, respecting Prizes taken from the Enemy, shall be extended to the Distribution of the

Extending the Provisions of 45 G. 3. c. 72 to the Distribution of Seizures

when made by Ships of War.

Amount of all Seizures for Offences committed againſt the Revenue Laws, when made by any Ship or Veſſel of War in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, as if the ſame were re-enacted in this Act.

Puniſhing Perſons guilty of Perjury.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall falſely make Oath to any of the Matters herein-before required to be verified on Oath, or ſuborn any other Perſon ſo to do, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſuffer the like Pains and Penalties as are incurred by Perſons committing wilful and corrupt Perjury, and the ſaid Offences, though committed out of this Realm, may be alledged to be committed and may be laid, enquired of, tried, and determined in any County of *England*, in the ſame Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had been actually done or committed within the Body of ſuch County.

Recovery of Penalties.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act, whereſoever the ſame ſhall ariſe or become forfeited, may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record in *Great Britain*, or on Motion and Attachment thereon in His Majeſty's High Court of Admiralty; and all Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act which ſhall ariſe or become forfeited in any Part of His Majeſty's Dominions abroad, may be recovered in any Court of Record of His Majeſty in the Colony, Territory, or Place where the ſame ſhall ariſe or have become forfeited, or in any of His Majeſty's Vice Admiralty Courts having Juriſdiction there.

Application of Penalties.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes in which any Agent or Perſon is by this Act made ſubject to the Forfeiture of any Sum of Money equal to any Money remaining in his Hands, or to the Amount of any Balances or Shares, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall, on Recovery thereof, go and be applied to the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been aggrieved by the Miſconduct of ſuch Agent or Perſon; and all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed, other than as aforeſaid, and other than ſuch as are not hereby otherwiſe diſpoſed of, ſhall go and be applied to the Uſe of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in all Caſes relating to the Naval Service, and to the Uſe of the Commiſſioners for managing the Affairs of the Royal Hoſpital at *Chelſea* in all Caſes relating to the Service of the Army, and ſhall be ſued for in the Name of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, or in the Names of the Commiſſioners of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Chelſea*, as the Caſe may require.

No Perſon to receive Wages or Prize Money of Petty Officers, Seamen, &c. without being duly licenſed:

XXXV. And whereas it has frequently happened that Frauds have been practiſed upon Petty Officers and Seamen in the Navy, and on Non-commiſſioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, by Perſons of bad Character, who have been authorized by them to receive Wages, Pay, Prize Money and Bounty Money, to which they were entitled; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon within the United Kingdom, to receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money or Bounty Money, due or to become due to any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier in the Army, for or on account of his Services reſpectively on board any of His Majeſty's Ships, or in the Capture of any Fortreſs upon the Land, or any Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Merchandize, or Treaſure, on any ſuch

ſuch conjunct Expedition as aforeſaid, under any ſuch Orders as hereinbefore mentioned, other than and except Perſons who ſhall be duly licenſed in the Manner herein-after mentioned for that Purpoſe: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent any ſuch Petty Officers, Non-commiſſioned Officers, Seamen, Marines, or Soldiers from giving ſuch Orders to receive their Wages, Pay, Prize Money, or Bounty Money to their Wives, or to the Perſons in the ſeveral Degrees of Relationſhip following; that is to ſay, Parents, Children, Brothers or Siſters of ſuch Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Except Wives, Parents, &c.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon who ſhall falſely repreſent himſelf or herſelf to be within any of the Degrees of Relationſhip in Blood as before deſcribed, in order to enable himſelf or herſelf to receive any Prize Money or Bounty Money, or Share of Prize Money or Bounty Money due or to grow due for or on Account of the Services of any ſuch Petty Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, Seaman, Marine, or Soldier, under any ſuch Order as aforeſaid, or who, not being within any ſuch Degree of Relationſhip, and not being licenſed as aforeſaid, ſhall receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money for the Uſe of any ſuch Petty Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, Seaman, Marine, or Soldier; or if any Agent or Perſon whoſe Licence ſhall have been revoked as hereinafter mentioned ſhall offer himſelf to receive, or ſhall receive any ſuch Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowance of Money, not being within any of the Degrees of Relationſhip aforeſaid, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be deemed guilty of a Miſdemeanor.

Perſons falſely repreſenting themſelves to be within certain Degrees of Relationſhip, and Agents receiving Wages, &c. after Licence revoked, guilty of a Miſdemeanor.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon before he ſhall act as an Agent for receiving the Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money of any ſuch Petty Officers, Non-commiſſioned Officers, Seamen, Marines, or Soldiers, ſhall take out a Licence for that Purpoſe in the Form in the Schedule hereto annexed, marked (F.) from the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy for the Time being, who is hereby authorized and empowered to grant the ſame on good and ſufficient Security (to be approved of by the ſaid Treaſurer) being given by Bond to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in the Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, that ſuch Perſon ſo taking out ſuch Licence ſhall demean himſelf properly, and duly account to all Perſons for whom or for whoſe Uſe any ſuch Wages, Pay, Prize Money, or Bounty Money, ſhall have come to his Hands, and for which Licence no more than Five Shillings, over and above any Stamp Duties that may be due and payable thereon, ſhall be paid by any Perſon taking out the ſame, which Licence ſhall be in force for the Space of Three Years from the Date thereof: Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if after the taking out of any ſuch Licence, it ſhall appear to the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy for the Time being that any ſuch licenſed Agent hath abuſed the Truſt repoſed in him by not duly accounting to any Perſon or Perſons by whom he ſhall have been empowered to receive any ſuch Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money as aforeſaid, for the Sum or Sums of Money by him received in that Behalf, or by practiſing any Fraud or Impoſition on any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, then and in that

Agents to take out Licences from the Treaſurer of the Navy, which are to be revokable on its appearing that the Truſt hath been abuſed.

Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Treaſurer, by any Writing under his Hand to be delivered to ſuch licenſed Agent, or left at his laſt or moſt uſual Place of Abode, or Place where his Buſineſs of Agency ſhall be carried on, to revoke the Licence ſo to be granted or taken out as aforeſaid, which Revocation, if ſuch Agent's Place of tranſacting Agency Buſineſs ſhall be in *London* or within the Bills of Mortality, ſhall be publiſhed in the *London Gazette*, and if in the Country or out of the ſaid Bills of Mortality, alſo in ſome Public Newſpaper in Circulation at or near to the Place where ſuch Agent ſhall tranſact his Buſineſs of Agency, for the Information of all Perſons intereſted in Wages or Prize Money, and thenceforth the Power and Authority of ſuch Agent to demand and receive Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, and other Allowances of Money due or to grow due on Account of the Services of any ſuch Petty Officers, Non-commiſſioned Officers, Seamen, Marines, or Soldiers, ſhall abſolutely ceaſe and determine.

Names, &c. of licenſed Agents to be hung up in the Hall of the Navy Pay Office, &c.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Names and Places of Abode and of tranſacting Agency Buſineſs of every ſuch licenſed Agent, ſhall be inſerted in a Liſt and hung up in the Hall of the Navy Pay Office in *Somerſet Place*, and in ſome conſpicuous Place in each of the Navy Pay Office at the ſeveral Out Ports of the United Kingdom, for the Inſpection of all Perſons who ſhall reſort thither on Buſineſs, and which Liſts ſhall be renewed from Time to Time as Occaſion may require.

Licenſed Agents changing their Places of Abode, &c. to give Notice.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That as often as any ſuch licenſed Agent ſhall remove or change his Office or Place of conducting the Buſineſs of Agency, he ſhall within Fourteen Days after every ſuch Removal or Change of Place, give Notice thereof in Writing to the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy for the Time being, on Pain of forfeiting to His Majeſty for every Neglect the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered with full Coſts of Suit by Action or Suit in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record within the United Kingdom.

Proviſions and Regulations of the recited Act and this Act ſhall be applied to all Caſes ariſing from Orders of general Reprisal iſſued ſince the recited Act.

XL. And whereas the ſaid Act paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign contains ſundry Proviſions and Regulations touching Matters that had ariſen or might ariſe in conſequence of the general Repriſals which His Majeſty had been pleaſed to order againſt the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the ſeveral Powers with whom His Majeſty was engaged in War at the Time of the paſſing of the ſaid Act: And whereas His Majeſty hath ſince the paſſing of the ſaid Act deemed it neceſſary, for the Honour of His Crown and the Safety of His People, to order that general Repriſals ſhould be granted againſt the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of States then in Amity with His Majeſty; be it therefore further enacted, That all and every the Proviſions and Regulations contained in the ſaid Act, paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſo far as the ſame are not varied, altered, or repealed by this preſent Act, and alſo all and every the Proviſions and Regulations in this preſent Act contained, ſhall be applied to all Caſes ariſing from the ſaid Orders of general Repriſa iſſued ſince the paſſing of the ſaid Act made in the Forty-fifth Year of His ſaid Majeſty's Reign, in like Manner and to the like Effect as the ſaid Proviſions and Regulations are therein and herein reſpectively directed to be applied to all Caſes ariſing from the Orders of general Repriſal recited in the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, and

ſhall

shall extend to all Proceedings which have been or may hereafter be had in consequence of the Orders of Reprisal issued since the passing of the said Act, in as full Force and Effect as if the same were particularly enacted in this Act, subject nevertheless, with respect to the Distribution of any Prize Money or Bounty Money arising in consequence of general Reprisals issued since the passing of the said recited Act, to such Provisions and Regulations as His Majesty hath already thought fit or may hereafter think fit to establish by Proclamation or Proclamations for that Purpose; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Commencement and Continuance of the Act in certain Cases.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take Effect at the following Periods; that is to say, at all Places in the *West Indies* and *America* at the Expiration of Six Months; at all Places in the *East Indies* at the Expiration of Twelve Months; and at all other Places from and after the Thirty-first Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and nine; and that it shall continue in force for the Time limited for the Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty herein-before recited, and no longer, save and except as to all Matters and Things as are in the said Act limiting its Duration saved and excepted; and also save and except the Regulations regarding all Powers and Interests given to the Treasurer of the Navy and his Officers, and to the Commissioners and Governors, Treasurer, Secretary, and Clerk of the Checque of the said Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*, and the Commissioners, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, and the Officer for Prizes in the Navy Pay Office, either by the said recited Act or by this Act, all which shall continue in force until repealed by any subsequent Act of Parliament.

SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Act of Parliament, 49th Geo. III. Chap. Section

Navy Pay Office, London.

I Requeſt that the Prize Money noted on the Document which will be produced herewith may be paid, or that a Reaſon may be aſſigned for its Diſallowance, in the Manner pointed out in the above Act of Parliament.

A. B. Officer for Prizes;
or, *C. D.* Clerk of the Checque of Greenwich Hoſpital,
(*as the Caſe may be.*)

SCHEDULE (B.)

[*Here inſert the Place where and Time when the Order is made.*]

Day of 180

One Shilling Stamp.

AT Seven Days Sight pay to or his Order, the Amount of my Share of Prize or Bounty Money, for the Capture of [*Here inſert the Names of the Prizes, and Time of Capture, or give ſuch other Deſcription of them as ſhall be ſatisfactory to the Agent and the Officers of Greenwich Hoſpital*] when ſerving on board His Majeſty's Ship or Veſſel the in Quality of

To the Agent for the ſaid Capture,
or, the proper Officers of Greenwich Hoſpital.

Theſe are to certify, That we have examined the ſaid who ſigned the above Order in our Preſence, and from the Documents he has ſhewn us, viz. [*here inſert the Nature of the Documents whether they are Invalid Tickets, Certificates, or otherwiſe, and by what Officer they are ſigned*] and his Anſwers to our Queſtions, we have reaſon to believe that he was ſerving on board the ſaid Ship at the Time of making the Captures above ſpecified; he ſays he was born at in the County of that he is Years of Age, of a Complexion, Eyes, and Hair. [*If the Party is diſcharged from the Service, ſtate the Time and Cauſe of Diſcharge.*]

Given under our Hands

Note.

Note.—This Certificate to be ſigned by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and one other ſigning Officer of the Ship to which the Party belongs.

If diſcharged from the Service, and reſident at any Place where there is a Deputy or Agent of the Hoſpital, to be ſigned by that Deputy.

If within Four Miles of the Hoſpital, by the Clerk of the Checque or his Chief Clerk.

If at any other Place within the Bills of Mortality, by the Officer for Prizes in the Navy Pay Office, or his Aſſiſtant.

If by Marines at Head Quarters, to be ſigned by the Colonel or Commanding Officer and the Adjutant.

If by any Perſon at Sick Quarters, to be ſigned by the Surgeon and one of his Aſſiſtants.

If at any other Place in England, to be ſigned by the Miniſter and one of the Churchwardens; and if in Scotland, by the Miniſter and one of the Elders.

SCHEDULE (C.)

[*Place*] [*Date*]

One Shilling Stamp.

AT Seven Days Sight pay to or Order, the Amount of the Share of Prize or Bounty Money due to in reſpect of Service as a in the Regiment of at the Capture of in the Month of 18

To Agent for the Capture of
or, To the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of Chelſea Hoſpital (*as the Caſe may require.*)

CERTIFICATE for a Soldier now ſerving.

Theſe are to certify, That we have examined the above-named who ſigned or acknowledged the above Order in our Preſence, and from the Documents which he has ſhewn us, and his Anſwers to our Queſtions, we have Reaſon to believe that the ſaid was ſerving in the above-mentioned Regiment at the Time of making the ſaid Capture, and that he is now ſerving as a in the Regiment of

Given under our Hands at the Day of 18

Commanding Officer.
Adjutant.
Paymaſter.

CERTIFICATE for a Soldier who has been diſcharged.

(D.)

THESE are to certify, That we have examined the above-named who ſigned or acknowledged the above Order in our Preſence, and from the Documents which he has ſhewn us, and his Anſwers to our Queſtions, we have Reaſon to believe that the ſaid was ſerving in the above-mentioned Regiment at the Time of making the above Capture, and that he was diſcharged on the Day of 18 that he now reſides in this Pariſh, and is an Out Penſioner of Cheſſea Hoſpital.

Given under our Hands at this Day of 18

Miniſter.
Churchwarden.
or
Elder *(as the Caſe may be.)*

N.B. If not a Penſioner, thoſe Words to be eraſed.

CERTIFICATE for a Perſon who is entitled to the Prize Money of a deceaſed Soldier.

(E.)

THESE are to certify, That we have examined the above named who ſigned or acknowledged the above Order in Our Preſence, and from the Documents annexed, and his [*or*, her] Anſwers to our Queſtions, we have Reaſon to believe that the above-named is dead, and that the ſaid is the to the ſaid deceaſed, and that he [*or*, ſhe] now reſides in this Pariſh.

Given under our Hands at the Day of 18

Miniſter,
Churchwarden,
or
Elder (*as the Caſe may be.*)

N. B. Annex the Documents alluded to.

FORM OF LICENCE.

(F.)

I Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, do hereby, in purſuance of an Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*inſert the Title of the Act*] grant Licence to of in the of to act as an Agent in the Receipt of Wages, Pay, Prize Money and Bounty Money, granted by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, or hereafter to be paſſed for and in reſpect of the Service of Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commiſſioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, on board any of His Majeſty's Ships; and alſo any Bounty Money given or granted by His Majeſty in reſpect of the Service of any ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, for Prizes or Captures not proceeded againſt to Condemnation in the Courts of Admiralty and Vice Admiralty: This Licence to continue in force for the Space of Three Years from the Date hereof, determinable nevertheleſs for ſuch Cauſe or Cauſes as in and by the ſaid Act of the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His ſaid Majeſty is in that Behalf expreſſed. Given under my Hand, and ſealed with the Seal of Office, at the Navy Pay Office, Somerſet Place, the Day of One thouſand eight hundred

LONDON: Printed by GEORGE EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN, Printers to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1809.