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to the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, ſhould be altered and amended, and that further Proviſions ſhould be made reſpecting the ſame; 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 ſuch and ſo many of the Clauſes and Proviſions in the ſaid Acts contained as relate to Prize Agents and to the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, and are by this Act altered, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby repealed.

Recited Acts, ſo far as relates to Prize Agents, &c. repealed.

Perſons running away not entitled to Prize; their Shares, and Shares not claimed in Six Years, to go to Greenwich Hoſpital.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons belonging to any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War, or to any Merchant Ship employed in His Majeſty's Service, who ſhall run away, or withdraw himſelf or themſelves from the Ship or Veſſel by which any Prize or Prizes ſhall be taken from any of His Majeſty's Enemies, or ſhall otherwiſe deſert or withdraw himſelf or themſelves from His Majeſty's Service, before or after Notification ſhall be given by the Perſons or Agents appointed as herein-after directed, of the Day appointed for the Payment of the ſeveral Shares to the Captors of the ſaid Prize or Prizes, or who ſhall be marked on the Books of any Ship or Veſſel in the Service of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, as having run therefrom, ſhall have, or be entitled to have or claim, any Intereſt in or Benefit from the ſaid Share or Shares of the ſaid Prize or Prizes, or the Bounty-Money herein-after mentioned, or any Part thereof that ſhall then remain unpaid; but ſuch Shares, and alſo the Shares of all Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, as well on board hired armed Ships as on board His Majeſty's Ships of War, which ſhall not be legally demanded within Six Years after the ſame have been paid to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, by virtue of any Law then in Force, ſhall be forfeited to and to the Uſe of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, unleſs with reſpect to ſuch Officers and Seamen as ſhall be marked "Run," ſuch Mark ſhall be taken off by Order of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or by Order of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy: Provided nevertheleſs, with reſpect to the Shares of ſuch Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, herein-before mentioned, which ſhall not be claimed within the Time above limited in that Behalf, that if reaſonable Cauſe ſhall be ſhewn and allowed by the Directors of *Greenwich* Hoſpital for the Time being, or Five or more of them, or by the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, why ſuch laſt-mentioned Shares were not claimed in due Time, the ſaid Shares ſhall not be forfeited.

On reaſonable Cauſe ſhewn, unclaimed Shares not forfeited.

Agents ſecured againſt Claims of Run Men, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Agent or Agents for Prizes or Bounty Money ſhall be liable to be ſued, impleaded, or arreſted by any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be marked "Run," from His Majeſty's Service in the Liſt to be duly certified of the Names of the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others who ſhall be actually on board any of His Majeſty's Ships of War at the taking of any Prize or Prizes, or who ſhall have ſubſequently deſerted from His Majeſty's Service, unleſs the Perſon ſo marked "Run," or who ſhall have ſubſequently deſerted, ſhall before any Action brought obtain a Certificate of his R. being taken off, and the Forfeiture of his Share of ſuch Prizes and Bounty Monies being diſcharged by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, or any other or

more of them, and ſhall produce ſuch Certificate to the ſaid Agent or Agents reſpectively, and unleſs the ſaid Agent or Agents, on the producing of ſuch Certificate, ſhall refuſe to pay the ſaid Prize or Bounty Money in caſe the ſame ſhall be due and payable according to the Directions in His Majeſty's Proclamation, within Three Months after any ſuch Demand made and ſuch Certificate produced: Provided always, that if the Share of any Prize or Bounty Money of any Perſon who ſhall have been marked "Run," upon the Books of, or ſhall have deſerted from any Ship or Ships in His Majeſty's Service, and who ſhall afterwards obtain a Certificate of the R. being taken off, and the Forfeiture of his or their Share or Shares being diſcharged as aforeſaid, ſhall at the Time when ſuch Certificate ſhall be produced to the Agent or Agents as aforeſaid, have been paid to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, ſuch Payment ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge to the Agent paying the ſame.

Diſtribution not compelable till Time of Appeal is elapſed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Agent ſhall be compellable to diſtribute any Proceeds of any Prize, except in the Caſes in this Act directed, until after the Time of Appeal has elapſed.

Diſtribution before Time of Appeal is elapſed, in certain Caſes.

V. And be it further enacted, That if the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, or of the Vice Admiralty Court, in which any Prize ſhall have been condemned, ſhall certify that the Ship or Veſſel ſo condemned ſailed under the Flag and Paſs of the Enemy, or under any Commiſſion of War granted by the Enemy, then and in ſuch Caſe, on the Application or by the Direction of the Captain or other Commander of the Ship or Veſſel making ſuch Capture, the Proceeds ſhall be diſtributed, and an Order of the Court may be obtained, at his Prayer, on the Agent or Agents, to diſtribute the Proceeds of ſuch Prize before the Time of Appeal is elapſed, ſubject nevertheleſs to the Liability of the Captor to anſwer any Appeal that may be inſtituted thereafter during the Time limited by Law for Appeals.

High Court of Admiralty may order Production of Accounts and Diſtribution when Time of Appeal is elapſed, or Appeal determined.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, in all Caſes, either in the preſent War or in any former War, in which the regular Time of Appeal has elapſed, or in which the Appeal hath been determined, or for any Judge of any Court of Vice Admiralty abroad, in any ſuch Caſe as aforeſaid, to which any Certificate from the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty ſhall be tranſmitted at the Time of Appeal being elapſed, without further Proſecution, together with an Order of Diſtribution thereon, to make an Order for Production and Verification of Accounts, and for the Diſtribution of the Proceeds, and to enforce the ſame by the Proceſs of the ſaid Court, by Monition and Attachment upon the Agent or Agents in whoſe Hands the Proceeds may be lodged, or any other Perſon whomſoever to whom ſuch Proceeds may have been committed, and likewiſe by further Proceſs againſt the Sureties of the ſaid Agent or Agents; and all Courts of Vice Admiralty are hereby empowered, directed, and required, to enforce upon all Perſons within their Juriſdiction all ſuch Orders, and all other Orders of the High Court of Admiralty, whether relating as Prizes, or to any Matter or Thing relating thereto, within their reſpective Juriſdictions.

Order to be enforced by Vice Admiralty Courts.

VII. And

Regulations as to Diſtribution and Accounts of Prize extended to Revenue Seizures, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all the Proviſions, Rules, Regulations, Forfeitures, and Penalties, reſpecting the Diſtribution of Prize Money, and the accounting for and paying over the Proceeds of Prize in this Act contained, ſhall be extended to all Seizures under the Revenue Laws, all Grants of His Majeſty, all Bounties granted by Act of Parliament, and all other Monies whatever, coming to and being in the Hands of the Prize Agents of the Officers and Crews of any of His Majeſty's Ships of War, for their Uſe and Benefit, by reaſon of any Capture, Recapture, or Seizure made by the ſaid Ships.

High Court of Admiralty may direct Proceeds of Property condemned to be inveſted.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes of Condemnation in the High Court of Admiralty, where there is no Claimant or Appellant before the Court, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court, at the Prayer of the Captors, to compel the Agents, by Proceſs of Monition and Attachment, to veſt the Proceeds of the Property condemned in ſuch Public Securities as the Captors ſhall elect, there to remain and accumulate, for the Benefit of the Parties entitled, till the Time of Appeal ſhall be lapſed, ſubject nevertheleſs to the further Directions of the Court, upon the Application of the Captors; and in all Caſes of Condemnation in any Court of Vice-Admiralty, where there is no Claimant or Appellant before the Court, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court, at the Prayer of the Captors, to direct the Property captured, or the Proceeds thereof, to be forthwith tranſmitted to *Great Britain*, there to be veſted in ſuch Public Securities, after being ſold (if not already converted by Sale), as the Captors ſhall elect, until the regular Time of Appeal ſhall have lapſed, ſubject nevertheleſs to the Directions of the High Court of Admiralty, upon the Application of the Captors.

Courts of Vice Admiralty may direct ſuch Proceeds to be tranſmitted, &c.

On Appeal, High Court of Admiralty may direct Proceeds to be brought in, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, in all Caſes wherein any Sentence of Condemnation pronounced in the ſaid Court is appealed from at the Time of ſerving the Inhibition thereon, or at any Time thereafter during the Pendancy of the ſaid Appeal, and without Prejudice to ſuch Appeal, to aſſign the Agent or Agents, or other Perſons in whoſe Hands the Proceeds of the Prize may be, at the Prayer of either Party, or of the Treaſurer of the Navy, or of the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy or Deputies for ſuch Purpoſe, to bring into and leave in the Regiſtry the Nett Proceeds of the Sales of ſuch Prize, deducting therefrom ſo much as in the Diſcretion of the Judge ſhall be requiſite to be left in the Hands of the Agent or Agents, for the Expences of defending the ſaid Appeal; and the Proceeds ſo brought in ſhall be depoſited, in caſe the Parties ſhall agree thereto, in ſome Public Securities at Intereſt in the Names of the Regiſtrar or Deputy Regiſtrars, and of ſuch Truſtees as the Parties ſhall appoint, and the Court ſhall approve; and in caſe either Party ſhall refuſe his Conſent thereto, the Party praying the ſame ſhall have ſuch Proceeds laid out and inveſted in Public Securities, in Manner aforeſaid, he giving good and ſufficient Security to the Court to anſwer to the other Party for any Loſs or Deficiency that may be occaſioned thereby, in caſe ſuch other Party ſhall be ultimately pronounced to be entitled to the Property.

Such Proceeds may be inveſted, &c.

Lords of Appeal may or-

X. And be it further enacted and declared, That the Lords Commiſſioners of Appeals are authorized and empowered in any Caſe of Appeal

peal before them, to order at their Diſcretion the Proceeds of any Prize, the Subject of ſuch Appeal, or any Part or Parts thereof, to be paid by the Agent or Agents for ſuch Prize, at the Requiſition of the Captors or Claimants, into the Court, to be laid out or diſpoſed of at the Diſcretion of the Court on any Application made for that Purpoſe, either by the Captors or Claimants. Proceeds to be brought in, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted, That on the Application of any Party intereſted in the Proceeds of any Prize, or of any Perſon on Behalf of the Treaſurer of the Navy or *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and an Affidavit of any ſuch Party, or any other Perſon, of his or her Belief that there are Proceeds of any Prize, or Papers, or Books relating thereto, in the Poſſeſſion of any Agent or Perſon or Perſons, whether the ſaid Prize or Prizes ſhall have been taken in the preſent or in any preceding War, it ſhall be lawful for the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, to compel the Production of the ſame, and the bringing in of ſuch Proceeds, and the anſwering to ſuch Interrogatories touching the ſame, as the Court ſhall approve; and if it ſhall appear that the Party hath been cited without ſufficient Cauſe, he ſhall be allowed his Coſts againſt the Party making ſuch Affidavit, or at whoſe Inſtance he hath been unduly ſummoned. High Court of Admiralty may compel Production of Accounts, and bringing in of Proceeds

XII. And be it further enacted, That any Captor, Agent, or other Perſon, who ſhall acquire or retain the Proceeds of any Prize contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, except for reaſonable Cauſe, to be allowed by the Court in which ſuch Prize ſhall be adjudged, or by the High Court of Admiralty, ſhall pay Intereſt thereon at the Rate of One Pound *per Centum per* Month, for ſuch Time as the ſame ſhall ſo be in their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion, beſides all other Penalties impoſed by this Act. Penalty on retaining Proceeds contrary to this Act.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Appraiſements and Sales of any Ship or Ships, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, which ſhall be taken by any Ship or Ships of War, ſhall be made by Agents appointed by the Flag Officers or Flag Officer, Captains or Captain, Officers or Officer, Ships' Companies or Company, and others entitled thereto; that is to ſay, that if the Flag Officers or Flag Officer of any Fleet or Squadron of Ships which ſhall take any ſuch Prize or Prizes, or the Majority, if more than One, ſhall appoint One or more Perſon or Perſons, Agent or Agents as aforeſaid, then the Captains and Commanders, or Captain and Commander entitled thereto, or the Majority of them, if more than One, may appoint the like Number to act for them; and all the Officers and others deſcribed in His Majeſty's ſaid Proclamations, and uſually deſignated the Commiſſioned and Warrant Officers, may appoint a like Number to act for them; and all the Remainder of the Crew, uſually deſignated the Petty Officers, and the Seamen or Marines, may appoint a like Number. Directions as to appointing Prize Agents.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſo nominated and appointed Agent or Agents as aforeſaid, for any Prize or Prizes taken by any Ship or Ships, Veſſel or Veſſels of War, or for receiving the Bounty granted by this Act, ſhall exhibit and cauſe to be regiſtered in the ſaid High Court of Admiralty in *Great Britain*, or in the reſpective Courts of Vice-Admiralty in any of His Majeſty's Dominions where the ſaid Prize and Prizes, and every of them, ſhall be proceeded Agents to regiſter their Powers of Attorney.

ceeded againſt, his or their reſpective Letter or Letters of Attorney, appointing him or them Agent or Agents for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed Agent or Agents as aforeſaid ſhall, without ſufficient Cauſe to be approved by the Court, omit or delay ſo to do for the Space of Twenty Days after the Monition has been taken out in the ſaid High Court of Admiralty in *Great Britain*, or in any Court of Vice-Admiralty in His Majeſty's Dominions, every Perſon ſo omitting or delaying ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and be diſqualified for acting as Agent for any ſuch Prize or Prizes.

Alſo if appointed after Condemnation.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Agent or Agents ſhall be appointed after the Time when any Sentence of Condemnation in any of the ſaid Courts of Admiralty ſhall be given, ſuch Agent or Agents ſhall, under the Penalties aforeſaid, regiſter or cauſe to be regiſtered in Manner aforeſaid, his or their reſpective Letter or Letters 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.

Penalty on Perſons not being Agents who ſhall ſhare in Emoluments of Agency Buſineſs, and on Agents permitting the ſame.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons, except the Perſon or Perſons ſo to be nominated and appointed Agent or Agents, and who ſhall actually diſcharge the Duties of Agent, ſhall, under any Colour or Pretence, receive any Part, Share, or Proportion, of any Commiſſion in reſpect of ſuch Agency Buſineſs, or any Emolument, Advantage, or Benefit, out of any ſuch Commiſſion; and all and every Perſon or Perſons ſo nominated and appointed Agents or Agent, who ſhall give to, or allow to be taken by any other Perſon or Perſons, and every Perſon who ſhall take, accept, or receive, either himſelf, or by any other Perſon on his Behalf, or for his Uſe, Benefit, or Advantage, or the Uſe, Benefit, or Advantage, of any Part of his Family, any Part, Share, or Proportion of any ſuch Commiſſion, or any Emolument, Advantage, or Benefit thereout, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and alſo Double the Amount or Value of what ſhall have been ſo given, or allowed to be taken, or ſhall have been ſo taken and received as aforeſaid.

Regiſtrars of Courts of Admiralty to regiſter Agents, Letters of Attorney,

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars of His Majeſty's High Court of Admiralty, and of all other Courts of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty in His Majeſty's Dominions, ſhall from Time to Time duly enter or regiſter, or cauſe to be entered or regiſtered, in one or more Book or Books to be by him or them kept for that Purpoſe only, all Letters of Attorney that ſhall be exhibited or delivered to them after the paſſing of this Act, by any Agent or Agents for any Prize or Prizes taken or to be taken by any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War, or hired armed Ships, or by any Agent or Agents for the Receipt and Diſtribution of any Bounty Bill or Bills, within Fourteen Days after the ſame ſhall be ſo exhibited or delivered to ſuch Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars, at his or their reſpective Offices, which Regiſtry ſhall contain the Days of Delivery and Entry, the Dates of the Letters of Attorney, the Names and Places of Abode of the Agents, the Names of the Prizes taken, or of the Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy taken, burnt, ſunk, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, together with the Names of the Ships or Veſſels by which ſuch

Prizes ſhall have been taken, or by which ſuch Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy ſhall have been taken, burnt, ſunk, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, together with the Date of the Condemnation, (if any Condemnation ſhall have paſſed thereon,) and of the Appeal, (if any, interpoſed,) and the Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars 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 Quarter Days as any Ship ſhall ſail for *Great Britain*, deliver or tranſmit unto the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, or to the lawful Deputy of ſuch Treaſurer for the Time being, a true Copy or Tranſcript, under his or their Hand or Hands, of all ſuch Entries as aforeſaid within the preceding Quarter of a Year; and if ſuch Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars ſhall neglect or refuſe to make or keep ſuch Entries, or to tranſmit or deliver ſuch Copies thereof as aforeſaid, within the reſpective Times herein-before limited for that Purpoſe, he or they ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

and tranſmit Copies of ſuch Entries to Greenwich Hoſpital.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Agent, when he ſhall regiſter the firſt Letter or Letters of Attorney, which, in purſuance of this Act, he ſhall regiſter after the paſſing thereof, ſhall at the ſame Time give Security, with Two Sureties, by a joint and ſeveral Bond, in the Sum of Five thouſand Pounds, to the Court of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty in which ſuch Letter or Letters ſhall be regiſtered, for the due Execution of his Truſt in all Matters of Prize Agency that ſhall be committed to his Care during the preſent War; and if he ſhall neglect or refuſe ſo to do, ſuch Letter or Letters of Attorney ſhall be null and void, and he ſhall be for ever diſabled from acting as an Agent in Matters of Prize.

Agents to give Security.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars of all and every the Court and Courts of Vice Admiralty in any of 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, make out and 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*, true Copies of all and every ſuch Letter and Letters of Attorney as ſhall have been ſo regiſtered in the ſaid Court or Courts in the Three preceding Months; and of all and every Bonds or Bond given to ſuch Court on regiſtering any ſuch Letters of Attorney purſuant to the next preceding Clauſe of this Act, Copies of which ſhall not already have been tranſmitted, to which Copies the Judge and Judges of the ſaid Court and Courts ſhall previouſly affix his and their Seal of Office; and the ſaid Copies, when received by the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, ſhall be there regiſtered and open to Inſpection, by any Perſon, *gratis*, the Charges of which Copies, and affixing the Seal or Seals thereto, and tranſmitting the ſame to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, 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

Regiſtrars of Courts of Vice Admiralty to tranſmit Copies of Letters of Attorney and Bonds to Greenwich Hoſpital.

tranſmit ſuch Copy and Copies of the ſaid Letter and Letters of Attorney in Manner aforeſaid, ſuch Regiſtrar and Regiſtrars ſo neglecting or refuſing ſhall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Copies of Letter of Attorney ſo tranſmitted and regiſtered to be Evidence of Agency.

XX. And, for the better and more effectual making ſuch Letters of Attorney Evidence of the Agency of the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be made, be it further enacted, That true Copies of ſuch Letter or Letters of Attorney, and of Tranſcripts, under Seal, tranſmitted by the ſaid Regiſtrar or Regiſtrars of the Court and Courts of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty in His Majeſty's Dominions, and regiſtered by the ſaid Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, ſhall from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, be good and ſufficient Evidence of the Agency of the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Letter of Attorney is or ſhall be made, and from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, ſhall be admitted, without further or other Proof thereof, to be legal Evidence in all His Majeſty's Courts of Record of Law or Equity; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Directions as to Prize Liſts to be ſent to Agents.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That upon every Capture there ſhall be ſent by the Captain or Commander of the capturing Ship, or ſome Perſon under his Authority, to the Agent or Agents for ſuch Capture, a Liſt of the Perſons entitled to ſhare therein, which Prize Liſt ſhall be ſubſcribed by the Captain or Commander, Lieutenants, and all the ſigning Officers on board the Ship at the Time of the Capture, and at the Time when the ſaid Liſt ſhall be made out and tranſmitted, and ſhall contain the Names, Ages, and Deſcriptions of the Perſons entitled to ſhare therein, the Names being arranged in the ſame Order in which they ſtand in the Muſter Books, which ſaid Names and Deſcriptions ſhall be taken from the Deſcription Book belonging to the ſaid Ship, and an Alphabetical Liſt or Index of the Names of all ſuch Perſons ſhall be prefixed to ſuch Prize Liſt, and the ſame ſhall be examined with and corrected by the Muſter Books of ſuch Ships by which ſuch Captures ſhall be made, depoſited in the Navy Office, and ſhall be certified by Two of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy; and in caſe no ſuch Prize Liſt as aforeſaid ſhall be ſent to ſuch Agent or Agents, he or they ſhall apply to the Commiſſioners of the Navy for a Liſt of the Perſons entitled to ſhare in ſuch Capture, and ſuch laſt-mentioned Liſt ſhall thereupon be made out from the Returns in the Office of the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Navy, who ſhall cauſe the ſame to be made out, and certify the Truth thereof under their Hands, or under the Hands of any Two or more of them; and any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall alter the Name or Rating of any Perſon or Perſons in any Liſt which ſhall have been ſo certified as aforeſaid, or eraſe or take away any Name therefrom, or add any Name thereto, after the ſame ſhall have been ſo certified as aforeſaid, with Intent to defraud any Perſon or Perſons, or any Corporation whatſoever, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds: Provided always, that in caſe it ſhall appear at or before Diſtribution, that any Error has been committed in the Prize Liſt, or in the Muſter Books tranſmitted to the Navy Office, nothing herein contained ſhall extend to prevent the Correction of ſuch Error; nor in caſe of the Omiſſion of any Name on the Diſtribution Liſt, ſuch Omiſſion having been made through Error, to charge the Agent further than with the Payment of the Sum due, together with all Ex-

Penalty on altering Liſts, 500l.

Directions as to correcting of Errors in Prize Liſts;

and as to Omiſſions, &c.

pences of the Party in recovering the ſame: Provided alſo, that if any Agreement ſhall have been made with any Perſon or Perſons not entitled under His Majeſty's Proclamation, or the Prize Act, to ſhare in any Capture, the Agent, or Hoſpital, making Diſtribution according to ſuch Agreement, admitted and acknowledged by the Perſons entitled under the ſaid Proclamation or Act of Parliament, ſhall not be liable to any Penalty on that Account: Provided alſo, that in all Caſes wherein any Officer, Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or other Perſon or Perſons 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, or included in a Claſs inferior in Rank to that in which he had really ſerved by Accident or Default, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, to certify ſuch Omiſſion or Error to the Board of Directors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, who ſhall thereupon cauſe the Amount of the Share to which ſuch Officer, Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or other Perſon or Perſons, if inſerted in the Diſtribution Liſt in his proper Claſs, would have been entitled, to be paid out of the nonclaimed or Run-Men's 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 Officer, Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or other Perſon or Perſons, 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 Officer, Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or other Perſon, 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 or them, or any of them, for any Charge or Damage thereby ſuſtained.

Clerks of the Navy Office to be reſponſible for Errors, &c.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where ſuch Omiſſions, Miſratings, improper Deſcriptions, or Errors, ſhall happen in Liſts which ſhall have been made out or certified at the Navy Office, the Clerk who ſhall have made out the ſaid Prize Liſts, or compared the ſame with the Muſter Books of the capturing Ship, ſhall be liable to make good to the Party injured by ſuch Omiſſion, Miſrating, improper Deſcription, or Error, the Loſs he ſhall have ſuſtained thereby, in like Manner as the Captain or Commander of any of His Majeſty's Ships is liable in Caſes which may happen when Prize Liſts are made out by him, or any Perſon or Perſons under his Authority, unleſs the Commiſſioners of the Navy ſhall be ſatisfied that the Party is entitled to Relief, and ſhall certify the ſame

to the Directors of *Greenwich* Hoſpital; in which caſe the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid to the Perſon or Perſons omitted, miſrated, or improperly deſcribed, or to his or their Repreſentatives, the Sum which, after due Inveſtigation, he or they ſhall appear to be entitled to, which Payment ſhall be made out of the unclaimed or Run-Men's Shares of the ſame Prizes, 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.

On Condemnations without Claim, the Court may compel Agents to give Security.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes of Condemnation in any Vice Admiralty Court, where there is no Claimant or Appellant before the Court, it ſhall be lawful for the Judge to compel the Agent, at the Requiſition of the Captor, to give Security at the Time of Condemnation for the faithful Diſtribution of the Proceeds, or for the remitting thereof to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or to ſuch Perſons in *England* as the Captors ſhall appoint, under the Directions of the Court, for the Purpoſe of being diſtributed in *England*.

Agents to tranſmit Notice of Condemnations, and Accounts and Schedule, to Greenwich Hoſpital and Treaſurer of Navy.

XXIV. And be it 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, and to the Treaſurer or Paymaſter of His Majeſty's Navy, together with an Account of the State of the Property condemned at the Time of ſuch Tranſmiſſion, according to the Schedule marked A. in the Appendix to this Act, on Pain of forfeiting for every Neglect the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, unleſs a reaſonable Cauſe be ſhewn to and approved by the Court of Admiralty.

Agents to exhibit Copies of Accounts of Sales, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That every Prize Agent ſhall, after the Sale of any Prize is completed, and before the Time of the Firſt Payment of the Prize Money to be diſtributed, (or at any Time thereafter, at the Direction of the Court,) exhibit in the reſpective Court of Vice Admiralty in which the Prize ſhall have been condemned, or in the High Court of Admiralty; and if ſuch Prize ſhall have been condemned in any Court of Vice Admiralty abroad, ſhall, as ſoon as the ſame can be done, tranſmit to the High Court of Admiralty in *England* an atteſted Copy of the detailed Accounts of the Sales of ſuch Prize, duly verified upon Oath, together with atteſted Copies of all Vouchers required by the Court, which Copies, ſo tranſmitted to the ſaid High Court of Admiralty, ſhall be depoſited in the public Regiſtry thereof; and all Parties intereſted therein ſhall have Liberty to object to the Charges and Articles therein contained, and the ſaid Court ſhall confirm or diſallow the Accounts, upon hearing the Objections, and ſhall make ſuch further Order touching the ſaid Accounts, and the Diſtribution of the Proceeds, as the Caſe may require; and any Agent who ſhall neglect or refuſe to bring in a Copy of his Accounts at the Time hereby directed, or who ſhall proceed to diſtribute without having exhibited and tranſmitted a Copy of the ſaid Accounts, duly verified on Oath in Manner aforeſaid, or who ſhall refuſe or neglect to obey any Order of any Court of Admiralty, for the Diſtribution of the Proceeds of any ſuch Prize or Prizes, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*,

Objections thereto to be heard, &c.

Britain, and ſhall moreover be ſubject to the Proceſs of the Court of Admiralty, by Monition and Attachment, until he ſhall have obeyed the Order of the ſaid Court; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to pronounce the Bond given with the Letter or Letters of Agency to be forfeited, and to levy the Penalties ſecured thereby from the Sureties in the ſaid Bond.

Agents to tranſmit Copies of Accounts of Sales, &c. to Greenwich Hoſpital.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That every Prize Agent, at the ſame Time that he ſhall exhibit or tranſmit 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 this 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, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Agents to advertize when Accounts of Sales to be brought in.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Agent ſhall, Ten Days before he exhibits his Account of Sales in the Regiſtry of the High Court of Admiralty, cauſe Advertiſements to be Twice inſerted in the *London Gazette*, notifying to all Perſons concerned the Day on which the Account of Sales of ſuch Prize or Prizes will be brought into the Regiſtry of the ſaid Court.

Per Centage for Agency to be on Net Proceeds.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Per-centage for Agency, which in no Caſe ſhall exceed Five Pounds *per Centum*, ſhall be charged upon the Net Proceeds of any Prize or Prizes, Bounty Bills, or Salvage; ſuch Net Proceeds to be eſtimated previous to any Deduction for or in reſpect of Law Charges.

Notification to be made by Agents of the Payment of Prize Money, &c.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That after the Sale or Sales of any Prize or Prizes which have been or ſhall be taken from the Enemy by any of His Majeſty's Ships of War or hired armed Ships, in this or any former War, or after the Receipt of any Bounty, or other Monies in the Nature thereof, payable to His Majeſty's Navy, by the Agent or Perſon authorized to receive the ſame, public Notification, in Manner herein-after mentioned, ſhall be given by the Perſons or Agents appointed as aforeſaid, for the Payment of the ſeveral Shares to the Captors; (that is to ſay), if the Prize or Prizes ſhall have been or ſhall be condemned in His Majeſty's High Court of Admiralty of *Great Britain*, then the Perſon or Perſons, Agent or Agents, appointed or to be appointed in purſuance of this Act for the Appraiſement and Sale of ſuch Prize or Prizes, ſhall inſert and publiſh, or cauſe to be inſerted and publiſhed ſuch Notification, under his or their Hand or Hands reſpectively, together with a Notification of the Amount of an Individual's Share in each Claſs, in the *London Gazette*; and if in any Court of Vice Admiralty, then in ſome Gazette or Newſpaper of public Authority, of the Iſland or Place where the Prize or Prizes ſhall have been or ſhall be condemned, and if there ſhall be no Gazette, or ſuch other Newſpaper publiſhed there, then in ſome one of the moſt public Newſpapers of ſuch Iſland or Place; and if no Newſpapers are there publiſhed, then by affixing Notice to the Church,

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or ſome other public Building, directed by the Governor of ſuch Iſland or Place; and all Perſons or Agents publiſhing, or cauſing to be publiſhed every ſuch Notification reſpectively, ſhall deliver to the Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher for the Time being of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, reſiding at or belonging to the Port or Place where the Prize or Prizes ſhall have been or ſhall be condemned, or the lawful Deputy or Deputies of ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, Six of thoſe Gazettes or other Newſpapers in which ſuch Notification ſhall be ſo inſerted and publiſhed, together with Six Notifications of the Amount of an Individual's Share in each Claſs; and if there ſhould not be any public Newſpapers in any ſuch Iſland or Place, then ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Agent or Agents, ſhall give Six ſuch Notifications in Writing, under his or their reſpective Hand or Hands, together with Six ſuch Notifications of the Amount of an Individual's Share, to the ſaid Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, or the Deputy or Deputies of ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher aforeſaid; and every ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, or ſuch Deputy or Deputies, ſhall ſubſcribe his or their Name or Names on ſome conſpicuous Part of each of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications reſpectively, and ſhall forthwith deliver One of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications of Diſtributions, together with One of the ſaid Notifications of the Amount of an Individual's Share, 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 (after his or their Receipt of ſuch Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications reſpectively) from ſuch Port or Place to any Port in *Great Britain*, ſhall tranſmit or ſend to the Treaſurer of the Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, or the Deputy of ſuch Treaſurer for the Time being, One of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications, together with One of the ſaid Notifications of the Amount of an Individual's Share, with his or their Name or Names ſo ſubſcribed to and upon the ſame reſpectively, to be there regiſtered, and another to the Treaſurer of the Navy, or His Majeſty's Paymaſter of the Navy in *London*; and ſhall, by the ſecond Ship or Veſſel which ſhall ſail from the ſaid Port or Place to any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, tranſmit in like Manner to each of the before-mentioned Officers one other of the ſaid Gazettes, Newſpapers, or other Notifications, together with one other Notification of the Amount of an Individual's Share, marked by him, a Duplicate of the former, and ſhall faithfully preſerve and keep the other of the ſaid Six Gazettes, Newſpapers, or written Notifications, and the other Notification of the Amount of an Individual's Share, with his or their Name or Names thereon ſubſcribed as aforeſaid, in his or their Cuſtody; 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's Share, 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's Share,

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 that in every ſuch printed or written Notification as aforeſaid, the ſaid Perſon or Perſons, Agent or Agents, ſhall inſert or ſpecify the Name or Names of the Prize or Prizes about to be diſtributed, and of the Ship or Ships by which the ſame ſhall have been captured, and alſo the preciſe Day of the Month and Year on which ſuch Capture or Captures ſhall have been made, and alſo his or their Place or Places of Abode, Chriſtian and Surname or Chriſtian and Surnames at full Length, and the preciſe Day of the Month and Year appointed for the Payment of the ſeveral and reſpective Shares of the Prize or Prizes to the Captors; and all ſuch Notifications with reſpect to Prizes condemned or to be condemned in *Great Britain*, or of which being condemned abroad the Diſtribution ſhall be made in *Great Britain*, ſhall be publiſhed in the *London Gazette* Three Days at leaſt before any Part or Parts, Share or Proportion of any ſuch Prize or Prizes ſhall be paid to any ſuch Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto; and all ſuch Notifications with reſpect to Prizes condemned, or to be condemned, in any other Part of His Majeſty's Dominions, where the Diſtribution ſhall alſo be made in ſuch other Part of His Majeſty's Dominions, ſhall be delivered to the ſaid Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, Regiſtrar or Deputy Regiſtrar, or principal Civil Officer or Officers as aforeſaid reſpectively, or ſuch reſpective Deputy or Deputies, One Day at leaſt before any Part or Parts, Share or Proportion of any ſuch Prize or Prizes ſhall be paid to any Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto, after which ſeveral and reſpective Notifications, if any Man's Share ſhall remain in the Hands of the Perſons or Agents appointed as aforeſaid, either belonging to ſuch Men as ſhall be run from His Majeſty's Service, or which ſhall not be legally demanded and paid within Three Months next after ſuch Notification, then ſuch Share or Shares ſo remaining in ſuch Perſon's or Agent's Hands, or belonging to ſuch Men as ſhall run from His Majeſty's Service, ſhall go and be paid to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital.

Agents to keep Office open Two Days in a Week for Payment of Shares.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That every Prize Agent ſhall, for Three Months after the Diſtribution has commenced of the Proceeds of any Prize condemned in *England*, or of which having been condemned abroad, the Diſtribution ſhall have commenced in *England*, or Bounty hereby granted, or Money in the Nature of Bounty, keep an Office open Two Days at leaſt in every Week, during the uſual Hours of Attendance, for the Payment of Shares remaining due, which Days, together with the Place where ſuch Payments are to be made, ſhall be ſpecified in the Notification of Payments publiſhed in the Gazette, on pain of forfeiting for every Neglect therein Five hundred Pounds; and at the Concluſion of ſuch Three Months he ſhall ſuſpend all further Payments to the Captors.

Penalties for Neglect of Notification and of tranſmitting the ſame.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Agent appointed or to be appointed for Appraiſement or Sale of any Prize or Prizes taken or to be taken from the Enemy by any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels of War, or hired armed Veſſels, or for the Diſtribution of any Bounty Money, ſhall neglect or refuſe to publiſh, give, or deliver any Notification herein directed or required to be publiſhed, given, or delivered, or ſhall

not give, publiſh, or deliver, any ſuch Notification before the Payment of any Part of ſuch Prize or Bounty Money, or other Money in the Nature of Bounty Money, and within the Times herein limited, or in the Manner herein appointed, or ſhall not ſpecify or ſet forth in ſuch Notification the Matters and Things herein directed to be ſpecified and ſet forth, every ſuch Perſon or Agent ſhall for ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Court in which the ſame ſhall be ſued for; and if any Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, Regiſtrar of any Vice Admiralty Court, or principal Civil Officer or Officers, or ſuch Deputy or Deputies as aforeſaid, ſhall neglect or refuſe to receive or to atteſt, or ſhall not tranſmit or ſend any ſuch Gazette, Newſpaper, or written Notification or Notifications of the Amount of an Individual's Share as aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as is by this Act directed, every ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, Regiſtrar of any Court of Vice Admiralty, principal Civil Officer or Officers, or ſuch Deputy or Deputies ſo offending, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Notifications in Gazettes, &c. tranſmitted and regiſtered to be Evidence of Agency.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Notifications in all ſuch Gazettes, Newſpapers, and in Writing reſpectively as aforeſaid, which ſhall be ſo tranſmitted and atteſted by ſuch Collector, Comptroller, or Searcher, Regiſtrar of any Court of Vice Admiralty, or principal Civil Officer or Officers, or ſuch Deputy or Deputies as aforeſaid, and regiſtered at the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, on Proof of the Hand-writing of ſuch Collector, Comptroller, Searcher, Regiſtrar, principal Civil Officer or Officers, or Deputy or Deputies, from Time to Time, and at all Times, ſhall be good and ſufficient Evidence in all His Majeſty's Courts of Law and Equity, and Admiralty, that the Perſon or Perſons whoſe Name or Names is or are therein ſet forth and ſpecified as the Agent or Agents of the Prize or Prizes therein reſpectively mentioned, is or are ſuch Agent or Agents.

Agents after Four Months to pay over Balances to Greenwich Hoſpital with Accounts, &c.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That at the End of Four Months after the Notifications of Diſtribution ſo given as by this Act directed, every Prize-Agent and Perſon authorized to receive any Bounty Money or other Monies in the Nature thereof, to which His Majeſty's Navy are or ſhall be entitled, ſhall pay over all Shares and Balances then remaining unpaid, to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as he ſhall appoint and depute to receive the ſame; and ſhall likewiſe make out and tranſmit to the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, a true Statement and Account in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands, of the Produce of all ſuch Prize or Prizes, Bounty, or other Monies, as aforeſaid, together with an Account of the Payments of the ſeveral Shares to the Captors, which ſhall have then been really and truly by him paid, and ſhall verify ſuch Statement and Account on Oath, which Oath the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, is and are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter; and ſuch Agent, or other Perſon authorized as aforeſaid, ſhall, at the ſame Time, deliver to the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, an authentic Copy of the Diſtribution Liſt, on which the Payments have been made, and alſo the original Prize Liſt delivered by the Commander of the capturing Ship, or the Commiſſioners of the Navy, as the Caſe may have been, to the Prize Agent, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid; and every Prize

Agent and Perſon authorized to receive Bounty and other Monies, as aforeſaid, who ſhall refuſe or neglect, as herein directed, to pay ſuch Shares and Balances within Thirty Days after the Expiration of ſuch Four Months, ſhall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and every Prize Agent or Perſon authorized to receive ſuch Bounty or other Monies as aforeſaid, who ſhall have neglected or refuſed to tranſmit and verify, within ſuch Four Months, an Account as above directed of the Proceeds of ſuch Prize, Bounty, or other Monies, as aforeſaid, and of the Diſtribution thereof, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds. Penalties.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Agent or Agents appointed by the Captors of any Prize or Prizes for the Sale and Diſtribution thereof, ſhall, after the Proceeds of ſuch Prize or Prizes, or any Part thereof, or any ſuch Bounty Money as aforeſaid, ſhall have been received, appoint or ſubſtitute any other Agent or Agents or Perſon or Perſons to diſtribute and pay over to any of the Captors their Shares for or on account of ſuch Prize or Prizes, and ſhall remit to ſuch ſubſtituted Agent or Agents or Perſon or Perſons any Sum or Sums of Money for Diſtribution as aforeſaid, ſuch ſubſtituted Agent or Agents, Perſon or Perſons, as alſo the original Agent or Agents, ſhall, from the Time of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money being received by them reſpectively, be and they are hereby declared to be anſwerable and accountable to the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for all and every Part and Parts, Share and Shares of ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall be unclaimed or forfeited by any of the Captors entitled to the ſame, and ſuch ſubſtituted Agent or Agents, Perſon or Perſons, ſhall not repay or refund the unclaimed or forfeited Shares of ſuch Prize or Bounty Money, or any Part thereof, to the original Agent or Agents, who ſhall have remitted ſuch Money for Diſtribution as aforeſaid, but ſhall, after the Time for Diſtribution of ſuch Prize Money ſhall have ceaſed, and in the Time in which Prize Agents are directed by this Act to pay over Shares or Balances remaining in their Hands, pay or cauſe to be paid all unclaimed and forfeited Shares of ſuch Prize or Bounty Money unto the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy, in the ſame Manner and under the ſame Reſtrictions and ſubject to the ſame Penalties for Non-compliance as is directed reſpecting the original Agents appointed by the Captors of any Prize or Prizes. Subſtituted Agents to be accountable to Greenwich Hoſpital.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That every Prize Agent, or Perſon authorized and empowered to receive and diſtribute any Bounty Monies, or other Monies, as aforeſaid, ſhall, within Ten Days after he ſhall have rendered to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy, and verified his Statement and Account of the Proceeds and Diſtribution of any Prize or Prizes, Bounty or other Monies as aforeſaid, deliver or tranſmit to the Treaſurer or Paymaſter of His Majeſty's Navy a Copy of ſuch Statement and Account under the like Penalty for Neglect as is by this Act impoſed upon him for neglecting to render ſuch Statement and Account to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy. Agents to tranſmit Accounts to Treaſurer of Navy.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That after the Balances ſhall have been ſo paid over to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy, the ſaid Treaſurer, or his Deputy or Deputies, and the Clerk of the Cheque Treaſurer, &c. of Greenwich Hoſpital to keep Office open to

receive Claims for Shares.

Cheque of the ſaid Hoſpital, or his Chief Clerk, ſhall reſpectively keep an Office open from Nine of the Clock in the Morning to Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, on every Day in the Week (*Sundays* excepted) for the Purpoſe of receiving Claims for Shares to be refunded according to the Proviſions of this Act; and ſhall jointly pay and refund ſuch Shares, when demanded, according to the Regulations herein-after contained.

Officers may direct their Shares to remain with Agents for Three Years.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Flag Officer, or Commiſſioned or Warrant Officer, ſhall direct by any Order in Writing that his diſtributive Share or Balance ſhall not be paid over to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy or Deputies, the ſame ſhall for the Space of Three Years remain in the Hands of the Agent, ſubject to all ſuch further Orders as ſuch Officer may give reſpecting the ſame: Provided nevertheleſs, that if at the End of Three Years ſuch Share or Balance ſhall not have been paid over to the Officer entitled to the ſame, the Agent ſhall pay the Share or Balance remaining in his Hands to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy or Deputies.

No Deduction to be allowed on forfeited Shares without Vouchers.

XXXVIII. 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 of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or his Deputy or Deputies, for any Sums not appearing upon the Prize Liſt of Diſtribution to have been thereon paid and acknowledged, unleſs ſatisfactory Vouchers from the Parties entitled thereto, or their lawful Attornies, are produced for the ſame.

Periods for remitting unclaimed Shares from Foreign Parts.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Agent, acting as ſuch for any Prize in any of His Majeſty's Settlements, Colonies, or Plantations abroad, or in any Place out of the United Kingdom, ſhall make up his Accounts, and deliver up and verify the ſame in the Vice-Admiralty Court in which ſuch Prize ſhall have been condemned, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Court ſhall require, within Six Months after the Commencement of the Diſtribution of the Proceeds of ſuch Prize, and ſhall, under the Direction of the Court, on the Application of the Deputy of the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital there reſident, and in ſuch Manner as ſhall be ſpecified in any Order made for that Purpoſe, remit all unclaimed Balances and Shares, and all Shares of Run Men, to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital in *England*, or pay the ſame over to the Deputy Treaſurer for the Purpoſe of being remitted, at the Election of the Deputy, ſo as that the ſame, as to every Place except the *Eaſt Indies*, may be paid to the ſaid Treaſurer within Six Months, and as to any Place in the *Eaſt Indies*, within Twelve Months next after exhibiting his Accounts in ſuch Court, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Court ſhall require, as aforeſaid, on Pain of forfeiting his Bond of Five thouſand Pounds.

Liſts of Prizes accounted for to Greenwich Hoſpital to be ſent to Perſons appointed to receive

XL. And be it further enacted, That Liſts of all Prizes accounted for to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, condemned in the High Court of Admiralty, or in any Court of Vice-Admiralty, ſhall be tranſmitted Six Times in every Year from the Office of the Clerk of the Cheque at *Greenwich* Hoſpital, to the ſeveral Perſons appointed by the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, to receive Applications and Claims for

Prize and Bounty Monies, which Lists so transmitted, shall be open to Inspection by any Person or Persons who shall desire to inspect the same, on every Day, (*Sunday* excepted,) between the Hours of Ten and Four, for which Inspection no Fee or Gratuity whatever shall be due or payable.

ceive Claims, and to be open to Inspection.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That in every Case in which any Ship or Vessel, Ships or Vessels, having made any Capture or Captures, shall not be in a Port of this Kingdom, or in the *British* or *Irish* or North Seas at the regular Time of Distribution, so as to enable the Officers and Men thereof to receive the same, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer of the said Hospital, or his Deputy or Deputies, to cause the Proceeds of such Capture or Captures to be paid to him or them, within One Month after the regular Period of Distribution, and when so paid to be forthwith lodged in the Bank, or invested in Exchequer Bills or other public Securities, in the Names of the said Treasurer, the Secretary, and Clerk of the Cheque of the said Royal Hospital, till the Return of the Ship or Ships, by which the Capture or Captures shall have been made, for the Benefit of the Captors; and on the Return of any such Ship or Ships, to cause such Proceeds, with all Accumulations thereon, under the Authority of the Directors of the said Royal Hospital, to be distributed within Three Months thereafter: Provided always, that if any Person or Persons entitled to share in such Prize and Bounty Monies, or other Money, as aforesaid, by reason of any Change of Ship or other Cause, shall apply for such his or their Share or Shares of any such Prize or Bounty Money or other Money as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Treasurer, Secretary, and Clerk of the Cheque, to sell out a sufficient Part of any such Securities, and pay to such Person or Persons the Monies he or they shall be entitled to as aforesaid, or to pay the same out of any other Monies in the Hands of the said Treasurer on Account of Prizes or otherwise, and to retain for the Benefit of *Greenwich* Hospital such Proportion as shall have been so paid, together with all Interest thereon, when such Securities shall afterwards be sold for Distribution.

If Capturing Ship be absent, the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital may invest Money.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That upon every Order for receiving the Prize or Bounty 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*),

Notice to be put on Orders for receiving Prize Money.

'TAKE Notice, that no Prize or Bounty Money can be received under this Order, except by an Agent duly licensed, in conformity to the Act of Parliament of the Fifty-fourth Year of King *George* the Third, or by the Wife, One of the Parents, Children, Brothers or Sisters of the Grantors, and that every Offence against the said Provision of the above-recited Act, is punishable as a Misdemeanor.'

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall insert or cause to be inserted in any Order or Authority for receiving Prize or Bounty Money, after Attestation thereof as herein-before directed, the Name or Description 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.

Altering Orders for receiving Prize Money Misdemeanor.

Remedies and Actions given to Captors may be uſed by Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital and Treaſurer of the Navy.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all Powers and Remedies given by this Act to, or that may by Law be uſed or enforced, or Actions that may be brought by any Captor or Captors to compel Agents to exhibit their Accounts, and verify the ſame, and bring in Proceeds and enforce Diſtribution, or the Performance of any other Duty in his ſaid Character as Agent, or for the Recovery of any Penalty or Penalties, may and ſhall be uſed, exerciſed, enforced, and put in Execution on Behalf of the Captors, generally, or on Behalf of any individual Captor, by the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, or by the Treaſurer of the Navy, in as full and ample a Manner as by the Captors themſelves, or any individual Captor himſelf.

Directions as to Powers of Attorney for receiving Prize Money, &c.

XLV. And whereas Petty Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, in His Majeſty's Naval Service, have heretofore been, in many Inſtances, defrauded of their Prize and Bounty Monies, or large Proportions thereof, in conſequence of their having improvidently, and without ſufficient Conſideration for the ſame, executed Powers of Attorney, and other Inſtruments, by which they have transferred their Intereſt not only in all ſuch Prize and Bounty Money, which at the Time of executing ſuch Powers of Attorney or Inſtruments might have been due to them, but alſo all Prize and Bounty Money to which they might thereafter become entitled; for Remedy thereof, and for preventing a Continuance of ſuch Frauds and Impoſitions, be it enacted, That all Share 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 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 Cheque 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 other 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 in either of the Royal Naval Hoſpitals, then ſuch Certificate, ſpecifying the Particulars before mentioned, ſhall be ſigned by the Governor and Agent of the ſaid Royal Naval Hoſpitals reſpectively; 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, if he ſhall have an Aſſiſtant, which Certificate ſhall be written or printed on the ſame Paper on which ſuch Order ſhall be written or printed, 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 revocable 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.

Orders to be revocable.

No Order valid if Party reſident within Five Miles.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That upon every Order made under the Authority of this Act, directing the Payment of Prize or Bounty Money, a Stamp Duty of One Shilling, and no more, ſhall be payable to His Majeſty, and that no Order purporting to authorize the Receipt of Shares due to more than One Perſon ſhall be deemed valid, but that the ſame ſhall be void and of no Effect.

Stamp Duty on Orders One Shilling.

XLVII. And whereas Doubts have ariſen, whether any Orders or Powers of Attorney heretofore made and executed under the Authority of an

Orders under former Act void,

Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled
43 G. 3. c. 160. *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 was by the ſaid herein-before recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, 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 purſuant 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
except in certain Caſes. 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.

Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital may appoint Deputies to receive Claims, &c.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for the Time being, to nominate and appoint ſuch Perſon or Perſons, to be his Deputy or Deputies, for receiving Applications and Claims for Prize and Bounty Monies, and for other the Purpoſes of this Act, at ſuch Port or Places within the United Kingdom, as he ſhall from Time to Time think neceſſary, whoſe Duty it ſhall be to prepare ſuch Petitions and Applications, and tranſmit the ſame, together with the Certificates, to the Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Hoſpital, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Directions as to Claims to be made for Shares paid to Greenwich Hoſpital.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons claiming any Share or Shares, or Balance or Balances, of any Prize or Bounty Monies paid into *Greenwich* Hoſpital, to apply to any ſuch Perſon ſo to be appointed by the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital as aforeſaid, and reſiding in any Part of the United Kingdom, and upon producing to him ſuch Certificates of Service in His Majeſty's Navy as ſuch Claimant or Claimants may have in his, her, or their Poſſeſſion, to ſign a Petition or Petitions, Application or Applications, to the Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital, to be prepared by ſuch Perſon or Perſons in Manner aforeſaid, praying that ſuch Share or Shares, Balance or Balances, may be paid or refunded to ſuch Claimant or Claimants; which Petition or Petitions, Application or Applications, together with the ſaid Certificates, ſhall be tranſmitted to the Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Hoſpital, who ſhall report thereon the Sum or Sums due to the Claimant or Claimants, with the Circumſtances under which the ſame was or were paid into the Hoſpital; and, if he ſhall deem it neceſſary, refer the ſaid Petition or Application, Petitions or Applications, to the Navy Office, that the Service of the Claimant or Claimants may be aſcertained, and returned to the ſaid Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his chief Clerk, who, if ſuch Service ſhall be found to correſpond with the Cer-

tificates produced and tranſmitted, or Statement made by the Perſon or Perſons claiming ſuch Prize or Bounty Monies, ſhall certify the ſame to the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, who ſhall thereupon ſend a Remittance Bill or Remittance Bills for the Amount, in the Manner and Form herein-after mentioned, or ſhall pay or remit the ſame in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, and the Clerk of the Cheque, or his chief Clerk, ſhall from Time to Time judge more expedient.

Directions as to ſuch Claims made where there is no Deputy of the Treaſurer.

L. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for every Perſon claiming any Share or Balance of Prize or Bounty Money paid into *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and reſiding and being in any Port or Place of the United Kingdom at which there ſhall be no ſuch Deputy to the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for the Purpoſes laſt aforeſaid, to apply for ſuch Share or Balance by Letter or otherwiſe, to the Treaſurer or Clerk of the Cheque at the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, and ſuch Claimant or Claimants ſhall thereupon, if neceſſary, be furniſhed by ſuch Treaſurer or Clerk of the Cheque with blank Petitions and Forms, to be filled up and atteſted by the Miniſter, Churchwardens, or Elders of the Pariſh in which ſuch Claimant or Claimants ſhall reſide; which Petitions, when filled up, ſhall be tranſmitted to the Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, together with any Certificate of the Service of ſuch Claimant or Claimants in the Navy, which ſuch Claimant or Claimants may have in his or their Poſſeſſion; and when the ſame ſhall have been returned from the Navy Office upon ſuch Atteſtation and Certificate (in caſe the Clerk of the Cheque ſhall judge it neceſſary to refer them to that Office), and a Certificate ſhall have been obtained from the Navy Office of the Service of ſuch Claimant or Claimants, correſponding with the Certificates which ſhall have been produced by him or them as aforeſaid, ſuch Share or Balance, Shares or Balances, ſhall be forthwith paid to ſuch Claimant or Claimants, on Application at the proper Office at *Greenwich* Hoſpital; or if from Diſtance of Reſidence, or any other Cauſe, ſuch Claimant or Claimants ſhall not be able conveniently to attend at the ſaid Royal Hoſpital to demand the ſame, a Remittance Bill, in the Form or to the Effect herein-after ſet forth, and in Manner herein-after mentioned, ſhall be forwarded and ſent for the Amount of ſuch Share or Balance, Shares or Balances, or the ſame ſhall be remitted to or for the Uſe of ſuch Claimant, in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy, and the Clerk of the Cheque, or his chief Clerk, ſhall from Time to Time judge more expedient.

Directions for facilitating the Payment of Prize Money by Greenwich Hoſpital, and for preventing Frauds therein.

LI. And, in order to facilitate the Payment of Prize and Bounty Monies by the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital to Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others entitled thereto, who may be ſerving in His Majeſty's Navy, or who may be reſident in any Part of the United Kingdom diſtant from the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, and for preventing Frauds and Abuſes attending the ſame, be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, and they are hereby reſpectively authorized and required, as often as there ſhall be Occaſion, to make out or cauſe to be made out Two Bills for every Sum of Money which they ſhall have Occaſion to pay to any Perſon of the Deſcription laſt herein-before mentioned; which Bills ſhall be Duplicates, and joined together with oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or

Devices, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy ſhall think proper, and ſhall be payable to ſuch Perſon by the Receiver General of the Land Tax for any County, Riding, or City, within the United Kingdom, Collector of the Cuſtoms for any Port, or Collector of Exciſe for any Collection in the United Kingdom reſpectively, near which ſuch Perſon ſhall happen to reſide, according to the Appointment of ſuch Bills; and the ſaid Bills, being numbered and dated, ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy, and atteſted by the Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his chief Clerk, and be written or printed according to the following Form, or ſuch other Form as the ſaid Treaſurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Hoſpital ſhall from Time to Time deem more convenient and proper.

Form of Bills to be made by Greenwich Hoſpital for Payment of Prize Money.

'SIR, 'Royal Hoſpital, *Greenwich.*

'PAY to of in the
'County of upon producing the Duplicate
'hereof, together with a Certificate under the Hands of the Captain
'and One other ſigning Officer of the Ship to which ſuch
'belongs, (in caſe he is in His Majeſty's Naval Service,) or of the
'Miniſter and Churchwardens [or, *in that Part of the United Kingdom of* Great Britain *and* Ireland *called* Scotland, *under the Hands of the Miniſter and Two Elders*] of the Pariſh where he reſides, (in caſe he
'is not in ſuch Naval Service), That to the beſt of their Knowledge and
'Belief he is the Perſon named in ſuch Bill, the Sum of
' Sterling, being on Account
'of Monies due to the ſaid
'for Captures made by His Majeſty's Ship
'if the ſame ſhall be demanded within Six Calendar Months from the
'Date hereof, otherwiſe you are to return this Bill to the Treaſurer of
'the ſaid Royal Hoſpital.

} Treaſurer or his Deputy.

'Atteſted } Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Hoſpital, or his chief Clerk.

'To the Receiver General of the Land
'Tax of the County of

'To the Collector of the Cuſtoms of
'the Port of

'To the Collector of Exciſe at

'N. B. The perſonating or falſely aſſuming the Name and Character
'of any Perſon entitled or ſuppoſed to be entitled to Prize Money,
'for Services performed in His Majeſty's Navy, in order to receive
'the ſame, is Felony without Benefit of Clergy.'

And as ſoon as the ſaid Bills ſhall be ſo made out and ſigned, the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, ſhall cauſe them to be cut aſunder indentwiſe, through the oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices aforeſaid, and ſhall cauſe one of the ſaid Bills to be tranſmitted forthwith to the Perſon nominated and appointed as the Payee in ſuch Bills, and the other of the ſaid Bills ſhall be tranſmitted forthwith to the

ſaid

ſaid Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, or Collector of the Exciſe, on whom ſuch Bills ſhall be ſo drawn as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, or Collector of Exciſe, if the ſaid Bills ſhall be produced and delivered to either of them reſpectively within Six Months, if in *Great Britain*, and if in *Ireland*; then within Nine Months from the Date thereof, are hereby required and enjoined to examine ſuch Duplicate, together with the Certificate to be produced as aforeſaid, and to enquire into the Truth thereof by the Oath of the Perſon producing the ſame, or, ſuch Perſon being a Quaker, by the ſolemn Affirmation of ſuch Perſon, (which Oath or Affirmation they are hereby reſpectively authorized and required to adminiſter), and upon being duly ſatisfied of the Truth of ſuch Certificate, to teſtify the ſame on the Back of ſuch Bill, and immediately to pay to ſuch Perſon, without Fee or Reward, on any Pretence whatſoever, the Sum directed to be paid by ſuch Bill, taking his Receipt for the ſame on the Back thereof; but in caſe the Duplicate of ſuch Bill ſhall not be produced and delivered, and the Payment thereof be demanded within Six or Nine Calendar Months from the Date, as the Caſe may be as aforeſaid, or if a proper Certificate of the Perſon claiming ſuch Prize or Bounty Money be not likewiſe produced, then the ſaid Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, or Collector of the Exciſe, ſhall return ſuch Bill to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, who ſhall cauſe ſuch Bill to be cancelled, and from and after the cancelling of the ſame, ſuch Prize and Bounty Money ſhall remain payable in like Manner as if the ſaid Bill had not been made out; all which ſaid Bills and Receipts to be ſo made and given as aforeſaid, and alſo all other Receipts for Prize and Bounty Money, which ſhall be at any Time paid and refunded by the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, ſhall be free and exempt from and not liable to any Duty of Stamps whatſoever; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital to repay Remittance Bills.

LII. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Remittance Bills which ſhall be drawn upon and paid by the Receiver General of the Land Tax for any County, Riding, or City, Collector of the Cuſtoms for any Port, or Collector of Exciſe for any Collection in the United Kingdom, upon being produced and delivered at the Office of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, ſhall be immediately repaid by ſuch Treaſurer or his Deputy to ſuch Receiver General of the Land Tax, Collector of the Cuſtoms, or Collector of Exciſe, or to their reſpective Orders.

Directions if Receiver General, &c. have not Money to anſwer Bills.

LIII. Provided always, and be it hereby further enacted, That if any ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, or Collector of the Exciſe, to whom the Duplicate of any of the Bills herein-before directed to be made out ſhall be tendered for Payment, ſhall not then have in his Hands public Money ſufficient to anſwer the ſame, and ſhall therefore refuſe or delay the immediate Payment thereof, ſuch Receiver General, Collector of the Cuſtoms, or Collector of the Exciſe, ſhall immediately indorſe on the Back of the ſaid Duplicate the Day of its being ſo tendered to him, and the Cauſe of his Refuſal or Delay to pay the ſame; and, in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Receiver General or Collector ſhall forthwith tranſmit the ſaid Duplicate, with his Certificate of Non-payment thereon, to the

Clerk of the Cheque of the Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, who ſhall take ſuch Steps as may be neceſſary for remitting the Amount of the Duplicate to the Perſon entitled to receive the ſame; and if, upon Complaint made to the reſpective Commiſſioners appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to manage the ſaid ſeveral Duties of the Land Tax, Cuſtoms, or Exciſe, it ſhall appear that ſuch Receiver General, Collector of Cuſtoms, or Collector of Exciſe, hath unneceſſarily and wilfully refuſed or delayed the Payment of ſuch Bill, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners to convict and fine any ſuch Offender, under their reſpective Direction, in any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, according to the Nature or Degree of the Offence, which Conviction ſhall be made by the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners; and ſuch Fine ſhall be levied and recovered in ſuch and the ſame Manner, to all Intents nd Purpoſes, as any Conviction may be made, and any Penalty may be levied or recovered for any Offence againſt any Law by which any Cuſtoms or Exciſe is impoſed or laid; and the ſaid Fine, when levied, ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers againſt ſuch Offender.

Penalty on Refuſal or Delay of Payment.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon paying any Share or Balance of Prize Money refunded by *Greenwich* Hoſpital ſhall receive any Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, from or on Account of any Payment thereof, or of any Act, Matter, or Thing done, relating to the procuring or paying the ſame to any Claimant, or any Perſon on his Behalf, under any Pretence whatever, on Pain of forfeiting, for every ſuch Offence, One hundred Pounds.

No Fee, &c. to be taken on Payments of Greenwich Hoſpital.

LV. 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 (C.), 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 the 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 hereinbefore mentioned, upon ſuch Agent or Agents, ſhall be and be deemed

Agents to anſwer Claims of Prize Money made by Greenwich Hoſpital or Navy Pay Office.

ſufficient Evidence in Support of any ſuch Action; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

None but licenſed Perſons to receive Wages, Prize Money, &c.

LVI. 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, or Money in the Nature of 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, or Money in the Nature of Bounty Money, due or to become due to any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, 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 conjunct Expedition of Sea and Land Forces, under any ſuch Orders as herein-before mentioned, other than 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, Soldiers, or Marines 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. Exceptions.

Fraud in receiving Prize Money, &c. Miſdemeanor.

LVII. 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, or Marine, 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, or Marine; or if any Agent or Perſon whoſe Licence ſhall have been revoked as herein-after 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 be thereof duly convicted, ſhall be deemed guilty of a Miſdemeanor.

Directions as to Licences for receiving Wages, Prize Money, &c.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon, not being a Prize Agent, and having given Security as ſuch, according to the Proviſions of this Act, 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, or Marines, ſhall take out a Licence for that Purpoſe 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 Three 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 the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and no more, over and above any Stamp Duties that may be due and payable thereon, ſhall be paid by the Perſon taking out the ſame, to the Officer of Prizes in the Office of the Treaſurer of the Navy, who ſhall pay over the Amount thereof to the Paymaſter of Incidents in the ſaid Office, towards the incidental Expences therein incurred; which Licence ſhall be in force for the Space of Three Years from the Date thereof.

Licence may be revoked.

LIX. 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 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, or Marines, ſhall abſolutely ceaſe and determine.

Liſts of licenſed Agents to be hung up.

LX. 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 Offices at the ſeveral Outports 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 to give Notice in caſe of Removal, on Penalty of 50l.

LXI. 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 for every Neglect thereof the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

LXII. And

Letters of Greenwich Hospital on Prize Matters to be free of Postage.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all Letters or Packets addressed to the said Treasurer or Clerk of the Cheque of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being, upon any Business or Affairs relative to Prize Matters, or upon any other Business or Affairs of the said Royal Hospital, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be free from the Duty of Postage; and also that all Letters or Packets sent by the said Treasurer, or by the Clerk of the Cheque of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being, upon such Business or Affairs as aforesaid, or by the Officer for Prize Matters in the Navy Pay Office, upon any Business relating to such Prize Matters in Manner and Form herein-after directed, shall be sent free from the said Duty of Postage; and all Letters and Packets relating to the Matters aforesaid, that shall be forwarded by the said Treasurer or Clerk of the Cheque, or by such Officer for the Prize Matters in the Navy Pay Office as aforesaid, shall be under Cover, with the Words "Pursuant to Act of Parliament, Fifty-fourth *George* the Third," printed upon the same; and the said Treasurer or Clerk of the Cheque of the said Royal Hospital, or Officer for Prize Matters in the Navy Pay Office, as the Case may be, shall write his Name under the same; and they and each of them are and is hereby strictly prohibited from inclosing or sending under such Covers any Writing, Paper, or Parcel whatsoever, excepting such as relate to the Business or Affairs of the said Royal Hospital, or to such Prize Matters respectively.

Penalty on sending other Papers, &c. under free Covers, &c. 100l.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any such Treasurer or Clerk of the Cheque, or Officer for Prize Matters as aforesaid, shall send or convey under any of the Covers aforesaid, any Writing, Paper, or Parcel, other than those relating to the Business or Affairs of the said Royal Hospital, or such Prize Matters as aforesaid, the Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Officers to send Accounts of Captures to Treasurer of Navy and Greenwich Hospital.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, or hired armed Ships, shall from Time to Time, as soon as the same can be done, transmit to the Treasurer of the Navy, and to the Clerk of the Cheque of the said Hospital, Accounts in Writing of all Prizes taken, with the Name of the Port to which the Capture was sent, with the Name and Place of Abode of the Agent or Agents, stating whether it is a sole or joint Capture, and, if joint, the Names of the several Ships alledged to be aiding in such Capture, with the Date of the Capture, and the Place where the same was made.

Payment to Representatives of Seamen.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the Prize and Bounty Money due to the Representatives of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines deceased, shall be paid only to their Representatives, or their lawful Attorney or Attornies, upon Production of the Cheque to be granted by the Inspectors of Seamen's Wills.

Expences of executing this Act, &c. to be paid out of Interest or Principal of unclaimed Shares.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Expences incurred in executing this Act, and the Sums paid in remunerating the Officers of the Navy Office, Navy Pay Office, or of *Greenwich* Hospital, for their Care, Pains, and Trouble in executing the Regulations thereof, shall be subject to the Discretion of the Commissioners of the Navy, as far as the same relate to Officers of or Persons employed in the Navy Office, or otherwise under

the Orders of ſuch Commiſſioners of the Treaſurer of the Navy, as far as the ſame relate to Officers of or Perſons employed in the Navy Pay Office, and of the Board of Directors of the ſaid Hoſpital, as to all Officers and Perſons employed or belonging to *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and ſhall be paid by the ſaid Board of Directors out of the Intereſt of unclaimed Shares, and Shares of Run-Men, inveſted in Government Securities, or if neceſſary, out of the principal Sums in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, on Account of ſuch Shares of Run-Men, the Accounts of ſuch Remunerations and Expenditures being annually returned to Parliament; and the Commiſſioners of the Navy, and the Treaſurer of the Navy reſpectively, ſhall Quarterly cauſe an Account to be ſent of the Amount of ſuch Expences to the ſaid Board of Directors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, who ſhall immediately cauſe the ſame to be paid to the Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners and Treaſurer reſpectively.

No Fees to be paid for tracing Services of Perſons claiming Shares, &c.

LXVII. Provided always, and it is hereby declared and enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act all Fees heretofore paid by the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at the Navy Office, for tracing the Services of Perſons claiming Shares of Prize or Bounty Money, ſhall ceaſe, and be no longer due or payable.

No Perſon employed by Greenwich Hoſpital, to act as Prize Agent.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon employed by *Greenwich* Hoſpital in executing the Regulations of this 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.

Puniſhment of Perſons guilty of Perjury, &c.

LXIX. 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 that if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall counterfeit, eraſe, alter, or falſify any Commiſſion for War or Letter of Marque, or any Warrant for making out the ſame, or any Certificate required or directed by this Act to be given for obtaining the ſame, or ſhall publiſh or make uſe of any ſuch Commiſſion for War, or Warrant for making out the ſame, or any Certificate as aforeſaid, knowing the ſame to be counterfeited, eraſed, altered, or falſified, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Penalty on Perſons counterfeiting any Commiſſion for War, &c. 500l.

Penalty on not delivering Accounts, 100l.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons hereby directed to tranſmit or deliver all or any of the Accounts before mentioned, who ſhall refuſe or neglect to tranſmit or deliver all or any ſuch Account or Accounts to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, or his ſaid Deputy or Agent, within the Time before limited and appointed, in Manner and Form as herein-before mentioned, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and ſhall pay the Expence of any Application to any Court to compel the Production and Delivery of the ſame.

Penalty on Frauds in Accounts, 500l.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Fraud, Colluſion, or Deceit ſhall be wittingly or willingly made, uſed, committed, permitted,

or done or ſuffered in making, ſtating, or balancing ſuch Accounts, then every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be thereof duly convicted, and his and their Aiders and Abettors, ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Proceeds of Captures before 1ſt Jan. 1805, to be diſtributed according to this Act, and Agents to account, &c. accordingly.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Proceeds of all Captures made prior to the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and five, in this or any former War, which ſhall not have been already advertiſed for Diſtribution, ſhall be diſtributed under the Regulations of this Act, and the forfeited and unclaimed Shares be accounted for and paid to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital within the ſame Period, and in like Manner as by this Act is directed; and that the Agents for all Captures made previous to the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and five, in this or any former War, and which have already been advertiſed for Diſtribution, ſhall render Accounts, and pay the forfeited and unclaimed Shares to the ſaid Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital within Three Months after the paſſing of this Act, any Thing in any former Act contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Regiſtrars to ſend Account to Greenwich Hoſpital of Money in their Hands:

LXXIII. And whereas divers Sums of Money are now remaining in the Hands of the Regiſtrars of the High Court of Appeals, High Court of Admiralty, and of the ſeveral Courts of Vice Admiralty reſpectively, ariſing from Prizes which have been finally adjudged to the Captors, and which have not been claimed by them, or any Perſon or Perſons on their Behalf; be it therefore enacted, That the Regiſtrars of the ſaid High Court of Appeals, of the High Court of Admiralty, and of every Court of Vice Admiralty in His Majeſty's Dominions, ſhall, within Three Months, ſo far as relates to the High Court of Appeals and the High Court of Admiralty, and with reſpect to Courts of Vice Admiralty in the *Eaſt Indies*, within Two Years, and with reſpect to ſuch Courts in any other Parts of His Majeſty's Dominions, within One Year next after the paſſing of this Act, render or tranſmit to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich*, or his Deputy, an Account of all Sums of Money which had been paid into the ſaid Courts as aforeſaid reſpectively, up to the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, and which at the Time of rendering ſuch Account ſhall remain in their Hands reſpectively; and at the ſame Time pay over or remit to the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital all ſuch laſt-mentioned Sums of Money; and that the Receipt of the ſaid Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, to the Regiſtrar paying ſuch Money, ſhall be a good and effectual Diſcharge to ſuch Regiſtrar, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and with reſpect to all Monies which have been ſo paid to the ſaid Regiſtrars reſpectively, ſince the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, or which ſhall hereafter be ſo paid, and which ſhall have remained in their Hands reſpectively for the Space of Twelve Calendar Months after the Prize or Prizes, from which ſuch Monies ſhall have proceeded, ſhall have been finally adjudged to the Captors, unclaimed by the ſaid Captors, or by any Perſon or Perſons on their Behalf, it ſhall be lawful for the Judge or Judges of the ſaid Courts reſpectively, upon Application by the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, to order Payment thereof to the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy; which ſeveral Sums, when ſo paid to the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy as aforeſaid,

And to remit.

Judges to order Payment of unclaimed Money which is to be diſtributed.

aforeſaid, ſhall be diſtributed among the Captors, or their legal Repreſentatives, by the Treaſurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Hoſpital, in like Manner, and ſubject to the ſame Regulations, ſo far as the ſame can be made applicable, as in Caſes of Diſtribution by the Agents of the Captors.

Treaſurer and Clerk of the Cheque may iſſue Precepts to licenſed Perſons to account for Prize or Bounty Monies.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Treaſurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, from Time to Time as they ſhall ſee Occaſion, to iſſue Precepts under their Hands, directed to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be licenſed as hereinbefore mentioned, and whom they may have Reaſon to believe have received Prize or Bounty Monies upon Orders executed ſince the paſſing of this Act, requiring him or them, within Two Calendar Months next after the Time at which ſuch Precept ſhall have been ſerved, to deliver or tranſmit upon Oath to the ſaid Treaſurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, according to the Directions contained in the ſaid Precept, (which Oath any Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate, or the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for the Time being, is hereby authorized to adminiſter) an Account of all Monies which may have been received by ſuch Perſon or Perſons upon Orders executed ſince the paſſing of this Act; and in caſe the ſame, or any Part thereof, ſhall have been paid over, then to whom the ſame, or any Part thereof, has been ſo paid over as aforeſaid, and ſhall at the ſame Time pay or remit to the Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, as may be required by ſuch Precept, ſuch Part of the ſaid Monies as ſhall remain in his or their Hands unpaid, to the Parties beneficially entitled to it, or to their Uſe; and in caſe ſuch Monies ſhall not be paid over or remitted to the ſaid Treaſurer or Deputy Treaſurer within the Time limited by this Act, the ſame ſhall be recoverable from the Perſon detaining the ſame, by Action for Money had and received, or otherwiſe, in the Name of the Commiſſioners and Governors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, and the ſame, when ſo paid in or recovered, ſhall be for the Uſe of the Parties beneficially entitled thereto, and be otherwiſe applied as forfeited and unclaimed Shares of Prize and Bounty Monies are by this Act directed to be applied; and in caſe any ſuch Perſon or Perſons upon whom any ſuch Precept ſhall be ſerved as aforeſaid, ſhall neglect or refuſe to deliver or tranſmit ſuch Account within the Time hereby limited, he or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the ſaid Commiſſioners and Governors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, in either of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, unleſs ſufficient Cauſe ſhall be ſhewn to the Satisfaction of the Board of Directors of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, why ſuch Precepts have not been complied with.

Precepts on ſuch Perſons may be repeated, &c.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any ſuch Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, upon whom any ſuch Precept or Precepts as aforeſaid ſhall have been ſerved, ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay Obedience thereto, and ſhall in conſequence thereof pay the Penalty incurred by ſuch Diſobedience, it ſhall nevertheleſs be lawful for the ſaid Treaſurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, and they are hereby empowered to repeat ſuch Precept or Precepts until the Accounts thereby required ſhall have been duly rendered and delivered; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared to be, liable to a ſeparate Penalty of

Twenty Pounds, for every Precept to be ſerved upon him or them, to which due Obedience ſhall not be paid, to be recovered in Manner aforeſaid.

Regiſtrars of Courts of Appeal and Admiralty to tranſmit Liſts to the Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Regiſtrars of the High Court of Appeals and High Court of Admiralty reſpectively, 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, tranſmit to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, and to the Treaſurer of the Navy, a Liſt of all the Prizes which ſhall have been adjudged in their Courts reſpectively, in the Three Months preceding, together with the Names of the capturing Ships and their Commanders, and of the Agents for the Captors, and the Dates of the Captures and Sentences reſpectively.

Regiſtrars of Vice Admiralty Courts to tranſmit Liſts to the Regiſtrar of the High Court of Admiralty and Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital Quarterly.

Liſts to be hung up for public Inſpection.

Penalty of 50l. if Regiſtrars neglect.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Regiſtrars of every Vice Admiralty Court ſhall, on the Twenty-ſixth Day of *March*, and 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 which have been adjudged in their Courts reſpectively during the preceding Quarter of a Year, together with the Dates of the ſeveral Captures, as far as the ſame may appear, the Names of the capturing Ships and their Commanders, the Agents of the Captors, a Copy of the decretal Part of the Sentences upon the ſame; and at the ſame Time deliver, or cauſe to be delivered, a Duplicate of the ſame to the Deputy of the ſaid Treaſurer, reſident at the Place 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 at Doctors' Commons, together with ſimilar Liſts of the Prizes adjudged in the High Court of Admiralty, and in the Court of Appeal; and in caſe any ſuch Regiſtrar of any Vice Admiralty Court ſhall neglect or refuſe to tranſmit ſuch Liſts, or to deliver Duplicates thereof, at the Times and in the Manner aforeſaid, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Penalty of 50l. on Regiſtrar for neglecting to make Returns of Prizes.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where the Regiſtrar of any Vice Admiralty Court ſhall have neglected to make the Returns of Prizes proceeded againſt in the reſpective Courts as required by Law, he ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay a like Sum of Fifty Pounds, unleſs the Returns ſhall be tranſmitted in Manner above required within Eighteen Months, ſo far as the ſame relate to the *Eaſt Indies*, and within Nine Months from every other Vice Admiralty Court in His Majeſty's Foreign Dominions.

Treaſurer of the Navy may appoint a Perſon to examine Accounts of Prizes.

LXXIX. And whereas it is expedient that Proviſion ſhould be made for the ſpeedy and effectual Examination of all Accounts relating to Prizes taken by His Majeſty's Ships, in order to enſure the full Value thereof being duly accounted for to the Captors; be it enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Treaſurer of the

the Navy to appoint a Perſon duly qualified to examine all ſuch Accounts, and that every Prize Agent and every Perſon who ſhall be authorized and empowered to receive and diſtribute any Bounty Monies or other Monies for the Uſe or Benefit of the Officers and Crews of any of His Majeſty's Ships of War, by reaſon of any Capture or Seizure made by them, ſubject to the Proviſions of this Act, ſhall, before he ſhall exhibit his Account of Sales in the High Court of Admiralty, tranſmit a Copy thereof to the Treaſurer of the Navy, in order to the ſame being ſubmitted to the immediate Examination of the Officer ſo to be appointed by him.

Such Perſon to give Certificates of Accounts allowed.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That when the Perſon ſo to be appointed ſhall have carefully examined the Accounts of any Prize Agent or other Perſon ſo tranſmitted to him, and ſhall be ſatisfied therewith, he ſhall give to ſuch Agent or other Perſon Two Certificates ſigned by himſelf, ſetting forth the Names of the Prize and of the capturing Ship or Ships, and the Amount of the Nett Proceeds for Diſtribution, One of which Certificates ſuch Agent or other Perſon ſhall tranſmit to the Treaſurer of *Greenwich* Hoſpital, together with a Copy of his Accounts and Vouchers exhibited in the High Court of Admiralty.

Such Perſon to deliver a Scheme for Diſtribution.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That when ſuch Agent or other Perſon ſhall deliver his Accounts for Examination as aforeſaid, he ſhall at the ſame Time deliver a Scheme for the Diſtribution of the Nett Proceeds to the Captors of the Prize in queſtion, according to the following Forms:

For all Captures made prior to June 1808.

Ships, &c. entitled to ſhare.	Names of Diſtributing Agents for each Ship, &c.	Number of Perſons in each Claſs, with the Amount of an Individual Share.					Proportion due to each Ship.
		1ſt Claſs, each £73 12 3.	2d Claſs, each £10 0 9.	3d Claſs, each £3 18 10¼.	4th Claſs, each £1 17 5	5th Claſs, each £0 8 4¾.	
							£ s. d.
Ship No. 1	A. & B.	1	4	9	22	232	287 15 11¼
2	C. & D.	1	4	11	24	213	291 9 0½
3	E. & F.	1	3	8	13	80	193 3 5
	G. & H.		Flag Proportions -				110 8 4½
					Fractions		— 10 2¾
						£	883 7 0

For all Captures made ſubſequent to June 1808.

Ships, &c. entitled to ſhare.	Names of Diſtributing Agents for each Ship.	Number of Perſons in each Claſs, with the Amount of an Individual Share.								Proportion due to each Ship.
		1ſt Claſs, each £51 15 3¾.	2d Claſs, each £8 13 3½.	3d Claſs, each £5 1 10½.	4th Claſs, each £1 16 0.	5th Claſs, each £1 4 0.	6th Claſs, each £0 12 0.	7th Claſs, each £0 8 0.	8th Claſs, each £0 4 0.	
										£ s. d.
Ship No. 1	A. & B.	1	7	10	41	13	253	83	29	449 11 1¼
2	C. & D.	1	3	7	10	6	54	14	12	185 16 3¾
	E. & F.					Flag Proportions -				57 15 3¾
								Fractions		— 1 2¼
										693 3 11

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That an Allowance or Payment ſhall be made for ſuch Examination by the Agent or Perſon delivering ſuch Accounts; and the Sum ſo paid ſhall be charged by the ſaid Agent or other Perſon in his Account for Diſtribution; the ſaid Allowance or Fee to be regulated after the following Proportions: If the nett Proceeds for Diſtribution amount to

Allowance for ſuch Examination.

£200	and are under	£500	- -	2	Guineas.
500	- -	1000	- -	3	—
1000	- -	2000	- -	4	—
2000	- -	3000	- -	5	—
3000	- -	4000	- -	6	—
4000	- -	5000	- -	7	—
5000	- -	6000	- -	8	—
6000	- -	7000	- -	9	—
7000	- -	8000	- -	10	—
8000	-	9000	- -	11	—
9000	- -	10000	- -	12	—
10000	- -	15000	- -	13	—
15000 and upwards		-	-	15	—

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if, upon the Examination of any Account as aforeſaid ſo exhibited, it ſhall appear that the full Value of any Prize taken, or Bounty, has not been ſtated in the Account made up by the Agent for Diſtribution, or if upon ſuch Examination any Sum or Sums ſhall be diſallowed as improperly charged againſt the Captors, then all further Sums ſo appearing to be due to the Captors, and recovered by the Authority of any competent Court, ſhall be conſidered as a Part of the

Sums recovered in conſequence of Examination to be diſtributed, &c.

Proceeds to be distributed among the Captors; and if by any Delay in recovering the same, such Sum or Sums cannot be included in the first Distribution, then the said Sum or Sums shall be paid to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital or his Deputy, to be distributed to the Captors or their legal Representatives by the Treasurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the said Hospital, in like Manner and subject to the same Regulations as far as the same can be made applicable thereto, as in Cases of Distribution by the Agents of the Captors.

Account of Money received for such Examination to be rendered.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That an attested Account shall be annually rendered to the Treasurer of the Navy and Treasurer of the Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*, by such Examiner of Prize Accounts of all Sums of Money received as Allowance or Payment for Examination as aforesaid, and that out of the same shall be paid all Charges incurred in carrying into Effect the Provisions of this Act with respect to the examining of Prize Accounts, together with such Remuneration for the Examiner of the said Accounts as shall by the Treasurer of the Navy be thought reasonable; and whatever Balance shall remain after satisfying such Charges as aforesaid, the same shall be paid to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital.

Account to be laid annually before Parliament.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That there shall be laid annually before both Houses of Parliament within Fourteen Days after their First Meeting, by the Treasurer of the Navy, an Account of the Charges and Remunerations allowed and paid as aforesaid.

Offences against this Act may be tried in any County of England.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That where the Offence of taking a false Oath, or suborning any Person so to do, or any of the Offences by this Act made cognizable in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Great Britain*, shall be committed out of this Realm, the same may be alledged to be committed, and may be laid, enquired of, tried, and determined in any County in *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.

How Penalties are to be recovered.

LXXXVII. 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 Monition and Attachment thereon, in His Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, unless in Cases where any other Mode is by this Act particularly directed; 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.

LXXXVIII. 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

pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed, other than as aforeſaid, and other than ſuch as are by this Act directed to be otherwiſe applied and diſpoſed of, ſhall go and be applied to the Uſe of the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, and ſhall be ſued for in the Name of the Commiſſioners and Governors thereof.

Puniſhment of perſonating Officers and Seamen to receive Prize Money, and for forging or uttering Orders for Payment thereof.

LXXXIX. And whereas by a certain Act of Parliament, made and paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen employed in the Royal Navy; and for eſtabliſhing a regular Method for the punctual, frequent, and certain Payment of their Wages; and for enabling them more eaſily and readily to remit the ſame for the Support of their Wives and Families, and preventing Frauds and Abuſes attending ſuch Payments*, after reciting that divers wicked Practices had been carried on, by perſonating and falſely aſſuming the Names and Characters of Officers, Seamen, and others entitled or ſuppoſed to be entitled to Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize-Money, for ſerving on board of Ships or Veſſels of the Royal Navy, and by forging and counterfeiting Letters of Attorney, Bills, Tickets, Aſſignments, laſt Wills, and other Authorities and Powers from ſuch Officers and Seamen, and by falſely taking out Probate of Wills and Letters of Adminiſtration to ſuch Officers and Seamen; it is enacted, That from and after the Firſt Day of *November*, which was in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty-eight, whoſoever willingly and knowingly ſhould perſonate, or falſely aſſume the Name or Character of, or procure any other Perſon to perſonate or falſely to aſſume the Name or Character of any Officer, Seaman, or other Perſon entitled, or ſuppoſed to be entitled to any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, for Service done on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or the Executor or Adminiſtrator, Wife, Relation, or Creditor of any ſuch Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due or payable for or on Account of the Services of any ſuch Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon as aforeſaid; or ſhould forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate, Aſſignment, laſt Will, or any other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any ſuch Wages, Pay, or other Allowance of Money or Prize Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due, to any ſuch Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, or ſhould 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 the Payment of any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due or that were ſuppoſed to be due, to any ſuch Officer, Seaman, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, who had really ſerved, or had been ſuppoſed to have ſerved, on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending, being lawfully convicted of any ſuch Offence or Offences, ſhould be deemed guilty of Felony, and ſhould ſuffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy:

And whereas by a certain Act of Parliament, made and paſſed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for repealing ſo much of an Act, paſſed in the Tenth Year of Her late Majeſty Queen Anne, as relates to the Harbour Moorings of the Royal Navy, and for the more* 9 G. 3. c. 35.

more effectual Preſervation of ſuch Harbour Moorings; and Puniſhment of Perſons guilty of ſtealing or embezzling His Majeſty's Naval Stores; or of Forgery or Perjury, in relation to Seamen's Wages, it is (among other Things) enacted, That if any Perſon ſhould, from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, which was in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-nine, utter or publiſh as true, any falſe, forged, or counterfeited Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate, or Aſſignment, laſt Will, or any other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due to any Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon who ſhould have really ſerved, or ſhould have been ſuppoſed to have ſerved, or ſhould hereafter ſerve, or ſhould be ſuppoſed to have ſerved, on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, with Intent to defraud any Perſon, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged, or counterfeited, every ſuch Perſon, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhould be deemed guilty of Felony, and ſhould ſuffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy: And whereas Doubts have ariſen, whether the Puniſhment inflicted by the ſaid Two laſt-recited Acts of Parliament on Perſons guilty of the ſeveral Offences therein mentioned, extends to ſuch Offences, when committed with an Intention to defraud any Corporation; be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, whoſoever willingly and knowingly ſhall perſonate or falſely aſſume the Name or Character of, or procure any other to perſonate or falſely to aſſume the Name or Character of any Officer, Seaman, or other Perſon entitled, or ſuppoſed to be entitled, to any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, for Service done on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or the Executor or Adminiſtrator, Wife, Relation, or Creditor, of any ſuch Officer or Seaman or other Perſon, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances or Money, or Prize Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due or payable, for or on Account of the Services of any ſuch Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, or ſhall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate, Order, Aſſignment, laſt Will, or any other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any ſuch Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, which ſhall be due, or be ſuppoſed to be due, to any ſuch Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon 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 the Payment of any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, which ſhall be due, or be ſuppoſed to be due to any ſuch Officer, Seaman, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, who ſhall have really ſerved, or ſhall be ſuppoſed to have ſerved on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors; or if any Perſon ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, utter or publiſh as true any falſe, forged or counterfeited Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate, Order, or Aſſignment, laſt Will, or any other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money, or Prize Money, due or ſuppoſed to be due to any Officer or Seaman, or other Perſon who ſhall have really ſerved, or ſhall be ſuppoſed to have ſerved, or ſhall hereafter ſerve, or be ſuppoſed to have ſerved on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or

Succeſſors, with Intent to defraud any Corporation whatſoever, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged, or counterfeited, every ſuch Perſon, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be deemed guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Actions to be commenced within Three Years.

XC. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action ſhall be brought againſt any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for any Matter or Thing whatſoever, done or committed under or by virtue or in the Execution of this Act, unleſs ſuch Action ſhall be brought within Three Years next after doing or committing of ſuch Matter or Thing, ſave as to Matters or Things ariſing out of Captures in any former War: Provided alſo, that if any Action or Suit ſhall be hereafter commenced or proſecuted againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Matter or Thing done under or by virtue or in the Execution of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become non-ſuited, or ſuffer Diſcontinuance, or forbear further Proſecution, or if Judgement ſhall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover Treble Coſts, for which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have the like Remedy as where Coſts by Law are given to Defendants.

SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

FORM of CONDEMNATIONS to be ſigned by the Prize Agent, and tranſmitted to Greenwich Hoſpital, agreeably to the 23d Sect. of this Act.

Date of Capture.	Name of Prize.	Maſter's Name.	Capturing Ship, or Ships entitled to Share.	Commander's Name.	Date of Sentence.	Date of Appeal, if any.	Decretal Part of Sentence, whether for Capture, Salvage, or Head Money, &c.	State of the Property condemned, and in what it conſiſts, whether ſold or Part ſold only, the Produce of ſuch Part as is ſold, and in what the unſold Part conſiſts.

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, *videlicet* [*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

SCHEDULE (C.)

Act of Parliament, 54th 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 Cheque of Greenwich Hoſpital,
(*as the Caſe may be.*)

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