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An Act to repeal an Act of the Fifty-third Year of His present Majesty, for preventing the Embezzlement of Stores; and to extend the Provisions of the several Acts relating to His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores, to all other Public Stores. [29th *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Ninth and Tenth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for the* 9 & 10 W.3.
better preventing the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Stores of c. 41.
War, and preventing Cheats, Frauds, and Abuses in paying Seamen's Wages; and by another Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for continuing some Laws, and reviving others* 9 G. 1. c. 8.
therein mentioned, for exempting Apothecaries from serving Parish and Ward Offices, and upon Juries, and relating to Jurors; *and to the Payment of Seamen's Wages, and the Preservation of Naval Stores of War*; *and concerning the Militia and Trophy Money*; *and against clandestine Running of unaccustomed Goods, and for the more effectual preventing Frauds relating to the Customs, and Frauds in mixing Silk with Stuff to be exported*; and by another Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to continue the several Laws therein mentioned for pre-* 17 G. 2 c. 40.
venting Theft and Rapine on the Northern Borders of England; *for the more effectual punishing wicked and evil-disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Persons and Properties of His Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice*;

Persons interfering with Justices for continuing Two Clauses to prevent the cutting or breaking down the Bank of any River, or Sea Bank, and to prevent the malicious cutting Hop-binds; and for the more effectual Punishment of Persons maliciously setting on Fire any Mine, Pit, or Delph of Coal, or Cannel Coal; and of Persons unlawfully hunting or taking any Red or Fallow Deer in Forests or Chases, or beating or wounding the Keepers or other Officers in Forests, Chases, or Parks; and for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America, from the said Colonies directly to Foreign Parts in Ships built in Great Britain, and navigated according to Law; and to explain Two Acts relating to the Prosecution of Offenders for embezzling Naval Stores, or Stores of War; and to prevent the retailing of Wine within either of the Universities in that Part of Great Britain called England without Licence; and by another Act, passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of
40 G. 3. c. 89. His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better preventing the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Naval Ordnance and Victualling Stores*; divers Provisions were made for preventing the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores: And whereas by another Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty,
52 G. 3. c. 12. intituled *An Act for extending the Laws for preventing the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores to* Ireland, the said recited Acts, so far as the same severally relate to His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores therein respectively mentioned, were extended to *Ireland*: And whereas by another Act passed in the Fifty-
53 G. 3. c. 126. third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the Ninth and Tenth Year of King* William *the Third for preventing the Embezzlement of Stores of War to all Public Stores*; it was enacted, that the said recited Act of the Ninth and Tenth Year of King *William* the Third should extend to all Public Stores whatsoever: And whereas by reason of divers Omissions and Imperfections in the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is expedient that the same should be repealed, and such further Provisions made in lieu thereof as herein-after mentioned; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty shall be and the same is hereby
53 G. 3. c. 126. repealed. repealed, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, except as to any Offence or Offences which may have been committed against the said last mentioned Act and the Prosecution and Punishment of any Person or Persons for the same.

Recited Acts of 9 & 10 W. 3. c. 41. 9 G. 1. c. 8. 17 G. 2. c. 40. and 40 G. 3. c. 89. so far as relates to Naval Stores, shall extend to all Public Stores, and to all

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, not only the said recited Act of the Ninth and Tenth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, but also the said several other Acts of the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, and the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, herein-before recited, so far as the same severally relate to His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores therein respectively mentioned, and all the Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Restrictions, Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Matters and Things therein respectively contained, relating to His Majesty's Naval,

Ordnance, and Victualling Stores therein respectively mentioned, shall extend and be construed to extend to all Public Stores whatsoever under the Care, Superintendance, or Controul of any Officer or Person in the Service of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or employed in any Public Department or Office, either marked with the Marks or any of them in the said recited Acts or any of them specified, or with the Broad Arrow, and the Letters B. O., or with a Crown and the Broad Arrow, or with His Majesty's Arms, or with the Letters G. R., to denote the Property of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, therein, and to all and every Person and Persons, not authorized by the proper Officer or Officers, Person or Persons in His Majesty's Service, in that Behalf so to do, using any such Marks or making any Goods marked with such Marks, or any of them, and to all and every Person and Persons in whose Custody, Possession, or Keeping any such Public Stores so marked as aforesaid shall be found, or who shall willingly or knowingly receive or have in his, her, or their Custody, Possession, or Keeping, or who shall conceal any such Public Stores so marked as aforesaid, unless such Person or Persons shall upon his, her, or their Trial produce a Certificate or Certificates under the Hand or Hands of the proper Officer or Officers, Persons or Person in His Majesty's Service authorized to grant the same, of such and the like Nature as the Certificate in the said recited Acts of the Ninth and Tenth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, and Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty mentioned, and to all and every Person and Persons who shall wilfully and fraudulently destroy, beat out, take out, cut out, deface, obliterate, or erase, wholly or in part, any of the said Marks, or cause, procure, employ, or direct any other Persons or Person so to do, for the Purpose of concealing the Property of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, therein, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if all the same several Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Restrictions, Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things, in the said several Acts contained, so far as the same severally relate to His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance, and Victualling Stores, and the Punishment of Persons offending in Manner therein mentioned, were herein and hereby severally repeated and re-enacted in respect to all other Public Stores whatsoever.

Persons intermeddling therewith not authorized.

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