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An Act to regulate the iſſuing of Licences to allow Open Boats to proceed to Foreign Parts, and for revoking the ſame when neceſſary.

[11th *July* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to empower the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* reſpectively, to revoke Licences which have been iſſued for Open Boats not belonging to Ships or Veſſels, allowing ſuch Boats to proceed to Foreign Parts, and in future either to refuſe Licences for ſuch Boats or to limit and confine their Employment or Navigation, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively may ſee fit, whenever it ſhall appear to them expedient ſo to do, for the Prevention of Smuggling and the Safety and Protection of the Revenue; 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 it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, or any Three or more of them, to revoke Licences which have been iſſued for Open Boats not belonging to Ships or Veſſels, allowing ſuch Open Boats to proceed to Foreign Parts, and in future either to refuſe Licences for ſuch Open Boats, or to limit and confine the Employment or Navigation thereof in any Manner and within any Limits and Diſtance of the Coaſts of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, as they the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively may deem fitting and proper, whenever it ſhall appear to the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively that ſuch

Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms may revoke Licences allowing Open Boats to proceed to Foreign Parts, and in future limit the Navigation of ſuch Boats.

Revocation, Refusal, or Limitation is expedient for the Prevention of Smuggling, and the Safety and Protection of the Revenue.

On Order of Revocation being left with the Owner of the Open Boat, Licence to be void, and delivered up, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That after the said Commissioners respectively shall by any Order in Writing under their Hands have revoked any such Licence, a Copy of the Order of Revocation shall be left either with any One of the Owners of such Open Boat or with the Person having the Care or Custody thereof, and from and after the Delivery of a Copy of such Order as aforesaid, the Licence granted for such Boat shall and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and the Owner and Owners is and are hereby required to cause the said Licence to be delivered up to the Collector of the Customs of the Port to which such Boat shall belong, within Three Months from the Day on which the Order of Revocation shall have been delivered as aforesaid; or in case of the said Licence being lost or taken by the Enemy, satisfactory Proof on Oath shall be within the same Period made before the Collector or Comptroller of such Port, which Oath they are hereby authorized and required to administer; and in case such Licence shall not be delivered up, and no such Proof shall be made within such Period as aforesaid, the Owner or Owners of such Open Boat shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; or if such Open Boat shall be used or navigated after a Copy of the Order revoking the Licence shall have been delivered as aforesaid, every such Open Boat shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs.

Penalty.

Penalties how to be recovered and applied.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures created or imposed by this Act shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and disposed of, in such Manner and by such Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalties or Forfeitures for any Offence against the Laws of Customs may now legally be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and disposed of.

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