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CAP. CXXVII.

An Act to ſettle the Share of Prize Money, Droits of Admiralty, and Bounty Money payable to *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and for ſecuring to the ſaid Hoſpital all unclaimed Shares of Veſſels found derelict, and of Seizures for Breach of Revenue, Colonial, Navigation, and Slave Abolition Laws.

[11th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS Doubts have ariſen whether by virtue of the ſeveral Laws now in force the Per-centage heretofore payable to the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich* out of all Prize Money, Droits of Admiralty, and Bounty Money, continued to be payable to the ſaid Inſtitution after the Expiration of the Hoſtilities which exiſted at the Time Proviſion was made for the Payment of the ſaid Per-centage; and it is expedient that further Proviſions and Regulations ſhould be made relating thereto: 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 immediately after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid Royal Hoſpital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent* ſhall be and are hereby declared to be entitled to receive the Sum

Greenwich Hoſpital entitled to Five per Cent on all Prizes,

taken up to the Termination of Hoſtilities, as well as thoſe taken ſince June 17, 1814, Grants to the Navy or Marines, and on Bounty Money and Seizures, and alſo on the Droits of the Admiralty.

Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum*, not only upon all Prizes taken by any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels up to the Termination of the ſaid Hoſtilities, but alſo upon the Net Proceeds of all Prizes taken and condemned ſince the Seventeenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and upon all Grants made to the Royal Navy or Marines, and upon all Bounty Monies and Seizures under the Revenue, Colonial, Navigation, or Slave Abolition Laws; and alſo upon all Droits of Admiralty whatſoever, which ſhall have ariſen and become payable, or ſhall be diſtributable to or amongſt the Officers and Crews of any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels ſince the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen.

Prize Agents to retain and pay over to the Treaſurer the Five per Cent. on the Net Proceeds of Prizes, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every Prize Agent and Prize Agents already appointed or hereafter to be appointed by virtue of any Act now in force, or of any Prize Act hereafter to be paſſed, ſhall, from and out of the Net Proceeds of all Prizes taken and condemned ſince the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and from and out of the Net Proceeds of all Bounty Bills, and of all Seizures under the Revenue, Colonial, Navigation, or Slave Abolition Laws, and of all Monies ariſing from Derelicts, and of all Grants whatſoever which ſhall reſpectively have come into their Hands ſince the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and are not yet diſtributed, or ſhall hereafter come into their Hands, retain for the Uſe of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, and ſhall within Ten Days next after the Account of the ſaid Monies ſhall have been examined and certified by the Examiner of Naval Prize Accounts, or if there ſhould be no ſuch Officer, then within Ten Days from the Notification of any Diſtribution of the ſaid Monies, pay over to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, or his Deputy, or to any Perſon to be appointed by ſuch Treaſurer by Writing under his Hand and Seal to receive the ſame, for the Uſe of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, the Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum* on the Net Proceeds of every ſuch Prize, Grant, or other Monies; and ſuch Payment and the Receipt of the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy, or ſuch Perſon ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch Agent or Agents for the ſame in his or their Accounts with all Perſons entitled to any Share of any ſuch Proceeds.

Receiver of the Droits of Admiralty to pay over Five per Cent. on the Proceeds to the Treaſurer in like Manner.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Receiver of the Droits of Admiralty for the Time being ſhall and he is hereby authorized and required, as ſoon after the Net Proceeds ariſing from any ſuch Droits ſhall from Time to Time have been aſcertained, after the paſſing of this Act, and after the Expiration of the Period within which any Appeal can be lodged againſt any Adjudication in relation to ſuch Droits, as the ſame can be done, deliver in an Account thereof, and pay over to the ſaid Treaſurer or his Deputy, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the Treaſurer ſhall by any Writing under his Hand and Seal authorize and appoint to receive the ſame, Five Pounds *per Centum* upon the Amount of ſuch Net Proceeds for the Uſe of the ſaid Hoſpital.

Perſons falſely aſſuming the Names or Characters of

IV. And be it further enacted, That, in order to bring into One Act the ſeveral Proviſions made for the Prevention and Puniſhment of the Crimes of Perſonation and Forgery for the Purpoſe of obtaining Prize Money,

if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall willingly or knowingly perſonate or falſely aſſume, or cauſe or procure any other Perſon to perſonate or falſely aſſume, the Name or Character of any Commiſſioned Officer, Warrant or Petty Officer, or Seaman, or any Commiſſioned or Non-commiſſioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or any other Perſon entitled or ſuppoſed to be entitled to any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Penſion Money, or other Allowances of Money for or in reſpect of Services performed or ſuppoſed to have been performed on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or the Wife, Widow, Executor or Adminiſtrator, Relation or Creditor of any ſuch Officer, Seaman, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Penſion Money, or other Allowances of Money due or ſuppoſed to be due for or in reſpect of the Services of any ſuch Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, performed or ſuppoſed to have been performed on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors; or ſhall falſely make, forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cauſe or procure to be falſely made, forged, counterfeited, or altered, or willingly act or aſſiſt in the falſe making, forging, counterfeiting, or altering, any Letter of Attorney, Order, Bill, Ticket, Certificate of Service, or other Certificate whatſoever, Aſſignment, laſt Will, or other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive or to enable any other Perſon to receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Penſion Money, or other Allowances of Money due or ſuppoſed to be due for or in reſpect of the Services of any ſuch Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, performed or ſuppoſed to have been performed on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, with Intention to defraud any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate whatſoever; or ſhall utter or publiſh as true, or ſhall aid or aſſiſt in uttering or publiſhing as true, any falſe, forged, counterfeited, or altered Letter of Attorney, Order, Bill, Ticket, Certificate of Service, or other Certificate whatſoever, Aſſignment, laſt Will, or other Power or Authority whatſoever, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Penſion Money, or other Allowances of Money due or ſuppoſed to be due for or in reſpect of the Services of any ſuch Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, performed or ſuppoſed to have been performed on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, with Intention to defraud any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate whatſoever, knowing the ſame to be falſe, forged, counterfeited, or altered; or ſhall willingly and knowingly take a falſe Oath to obtain the Probate of any Will or Wills, or to obtain Letters of Adminiſtration, in order to receive or to enable any other Perſon to receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Penſion Money, or other Allowances of Money due or ſuppoſed to be due for or in reſpect of the Services of any ſuch Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, performed or ſuppoſed to have been performed on board of any Ship or Veſſel of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors; or ſhall demand or receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Penſion Money, or other Allowances of Money due or ſuppoſed to be due for or in reſpect of the Services of any ſuch Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, performed or ſuppoſed to have been performed on board any of His Majeſty's Ships or Veſſels, upon or by virtue of any Probate of any Will or Letters of Adminiſtration, knowing the Will on which ſuch Probate ſhall have been obtained to be falſe, forged, and counterfeited, or knowing the

others entitled to Pay or Prize Money, in order to receive the ſame,

or counterfeiting Letters of Attorney, &c.

or uttering ſuch Letters of Attorney, &c.

or taking a falſe Oath to obtain Probate of Wills or Letters of Adminiſtration, in order receive Pay or Prize Money, ſhall ſuffer Death.

the Probate of such Will, or such Letters of Administration as last aforesaid, to have been obtained by Means of any such false Oath as aforesaid, with Intention to defraud any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate whatsoever, then every such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof convicted according to due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

The Per-centage to be appropriated to the current Services of the Hospital.

V. And be it further enacted, That when and as the said Per-centage shall have been paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital, the same shall be appropriated to the current Services of the said Royal Hospital.

Hospital entitled to all forfeited and unclaimed Shares.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* shall be and they are hereby declared to be entitled to all forfeited and unclaimed Shares of and in the Proceeds which shall have arisen or shall hereafter arise out of and from all Vessels found derelict by any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, and out of and from all Seizures for Breach of the Revenue, Colonial, Navigation, and Slave Abolition Laws, made by any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, and of and from all Bounties given under the Laws for the Prevention of or relating to the Slave Trade; and all and every the Agent or Agents for the Payment or Distribution of all such Proceeds and Bounty or other Monies shall be subject to the same Regulations, Rules, Penalties, and Forfeitures, with respect to the unclaimed and forfeited Shares thereof, and the transmitting of Accounts and Payment of Balances to the said Royal Hospital as Prize Agents were subject to with respect to the Transmission of Accounts and Payment of Balances of Prize Money to the said Royal Hospital under an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Payment of Navy Prize Money, and the Transmission of Accounts and Payment of Balances to* Greenwich *Hospital.*

Agents for the Distribution of the Proceeds to be subject to the Regulations of 54 G. 3. c. 93.

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