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An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of His Majesty King *George* the Second, for the Encouragement of Seamen employed in the Royal Navy, as it relates to certain Allowances to Navy Agents. [12th *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act 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* 31 G.2. c.10. *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 for preventing Frauds and Abuses attending such Payments;* it was declared that no Person or Persons whatsoever, who should be employed in receiving of any Wages, Prize Money, or any other Monies due or becoming due for or upon account of the Service of any Officer, Seaman, or other Person in the Royal Navy, should be entitled to take or retain more than Sixpence in the Pound for or upon account of receiving thereof and for paying the same to the Person or Persons by whom he or they should be employed: And whereas by a certain other Act, passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for establishing a more easy and* 35 G.3. c.94. *expeditious Method for the punctual and frequent Payment of the Wages and Pay of certain Officers belonging to His Majesty's Navy,* and by

subsequent Regulations established under His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Order in Council, certain Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Navy are permitted to receive Part of their Pay and Allowances by drawing Bills upon the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, and some are allowed to receive the Whole of their Pay in that Manner, though it is still required of them to pass the same Documents and Accounts annually, or on quitting a Ship: And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Act of the Thirty-first of His late Majesty *George* the Second; 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, so much of the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second as respects the said Allowance of Sixpence in the Pound for receiving and paying any Wages, Prize Money, or any other Monies as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be and shall be, to all Intents and Purposes, applicable and be applied to the full Amount of the Pay and Allowances receivable by all Commissioned and Warrant Officers of His Majesty's Navy who are by Law allowed to draw Bills upon the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, and shall not be deemed to be limited and restricted to Monies actually and *bonâ fide* passing through the Hands of the said Agents.

So much of 31 G. 2. c. 10. as respects the Allowance of 6*d.* in the Pound for Agents, shall be applied to the full Amount of Pay, &c.

II. And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, any Compensation may have been due to Navy Agents, in respect of passing the Accounts of Commissioned and Warrant Officers having annual or other Accounts to pass, beyond the Amount of such Allowance of Sixpence in the Pound by the said recited Act authorized to be taken and retained for paying and receiving Pay, Wages, Prize Money, or other Monies as aforesaid; be it therefore further enacted, That on all Accounts passed previously to this Act it shall and may be deemed lawful to and for Navy Agents to have made the usual and customary Charges for passing such Accounts; but that from and after the passing of this Act the said Allowance of Sixpence in the Pound for receiving and paying Wages, Pay, Prize Monies, or other Monies as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be a full Compensation for all Trouble whatsoever which Navy Agents may incur or be put unto for and in respect of passing the Accounts of any Commissioned or Warrant Officer (except as herein-after is excepted); and such Allowance of Sixpence in the Pound shall be paid and payable to such Navy Agents over and above all Public Fees and Allowances paid by them.

Charge made for Accounts of Commissioned and Warrant Officers already passed shall be deemed lawful:

In future the Allowance of 6*d.* in the Pound shall be the Charge for Agency:

III. And inasmuch as the Accounts of Captains and Pursers, and of Officers acting as Captains and Pursers, are intricate, and occasion much Trouble in the passing thereof; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for Navy Agents employed in receiving the Pay or other Monies of such Officers respectively, to charge, instead of the said Sum of Sixpence in the Pound herein-before allowed to be charged, the Sum of Three Pounds for every Hundred Pounds of the Amount of the Pay

But for passing Captains Accounts, the Agent may charge 3*l.* per Cent. on the Amount; and for Pursers, 3*l.* 15*s.* per Cent.

Pay of all Captains; and Officers acting as Captains, and so in proportion for any fractional Sum less than a Hundred Pounds; and the Sum of Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings for every Hundred Pounds of the Amount of the Pay, Allowances, and Balance Bills of all Pursers, or Officers acting as Pursers, and so in proportion for any fractional Sum less than a Hundred Pounds; and such Allowance of Three Pounds *per Centum*, and Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings *per Centum* respectively, shall be deemed to be a full Compensation for all Trouble whatsoever which Navy Agents may incur or be put unto for and in respect of passing the Accounts of such Captains and Pursers, or Officers acting as such respectively; and such respective Allowances shall be paid and payable to such Navy Agents, over and above all public Fees and Allowances paid by them: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, vary, or repeal any Part of the said recited Acts, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force for the better Payment of His Majesty's Navy, as far as the said Acts, any or either of them, relate to inferior Officers and Seamen.

Not to affect Actions commenced before June 21, 1819.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to affect the Plaintiff or Defendant in any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information which shall have been sued out, commenced, or prosecuted before the Twenty-first Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, or any Plea or Defence thereto, but such Plaintiff or Defendant shall and may be entitled in all Courts of Law and Equity to all the Benefit of the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, and of every Clause, Matter, and Thing contained, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been made.

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