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C A P. XLIX.

An Act for making further Regulations in respect to the Payment by Remittance Bill of the Wages of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, in the Royal Navy; and for extending the Provisions of an Act made in the Fifty-fifth Year of His late Majesty, relating to the Execution of Letters of Attorney and Wills of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, in His Majesty's Navy.

[8th *June* 1821.]

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; and by another Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of
the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for explaining and* 32 G. 3. c. 33.
amending 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 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,' and for further*

further extending the Benefits thereof to Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, serving or who may have served on board any of His Majesty's Ships; and by another Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled 32 G. 3. c. 67. *An Act for extending certain Acts therein mentioned to Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines and Marines, serving or who may have served on board any of His Majesty's Ships, and residing in* Ireland; Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines and Marines in His Majesty's Navy, are enabled to cause Payment of their Wages to be made in the Cases in those Acts mentioned to their Wives and Relations by Remittance Bills; but Doubts have been entertained whether the said Acts authorize Payment by such Bills to such Petty Officers, Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines themselves, when discharged or paid off from His Majesty's Service; and it is expedient to remove such Doubts, and to alter the Form of Remittance Bills hitherto used in such Cases: 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, such Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, shall and may be enabled and empowered to obtain Payment of their Wages by Remittance Bill or Bills to themselves or to their Wives or Relations, as provided by the said Acts, whether they, such Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, be still serving His said Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or discharged or paid off from the Service; which said Remittance Bills shall be in the following Form, or to the like Effect:

Petty Officers and Seamen, &c. may obtain Payment of their Wages by Remittance Bills, whether serving or paid off.

Form of Remittance Bill.

'By virtue of the Act, Second *George* the Fourth, Chapter
'No.
Day of

£ s. d.

'Sir,
'PAY to of on
'producing and delivering the Duplicate
'hereof, the Sum of being
'on Account of the Wages of
'belonging to His Majesty's Ship the
'if the same be demanded within Six Calendar
'Months from the Date hereof, otherwise you
'are to return this Bill to the Treasurer of the
'Navy, at the Pay Office of the Navy, *London*.

To { The Receiver General of the Land Tax in the County of
The Collector of the Customs at the Port of
The Collector of the Excise at
The Clerk of the Treasurer of the Navy at

(*Signed*) Commissioner of the Navy.
(*Attested*) Clerk to the Treasurer of the Navy.

'*N. B.*—The personating, or falsely assuming, or procuring any other 'to personate or falsely assume the Name or Character of any 'inferior Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Ma- 'rines, or Marine, or the Wife or Relation, Executor, Admi- 'nistrator, or Creditor of any such Officer or Seaman, Non- 'commissioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, in order to 'receive the Wages due to such Officer or Seaman, Non-com- 'missioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, is made Felony 'without Benefit of Clergy, by the 55th *George* the 3rd, 'Cap. 60.

'The Officer to whom the aforegoing Bill is addressed is directed by 'the above-mentioned Acts of Parliament to examine the Dupli- 'cate thereof when presented, and enquire into the Truth by 'the Oath of the Person presenting the same, and being satisfied, 'he is to testify to that Purpose upon the Back of the Bill, and 'pay the Amount without Fee or Reward; but if he shall not 'be able to pay the Amount from not having Public Money 'sufficient in his Hands, he shall note the Cause of his refusing 'Payment, and shall appoint another Day, within One Month 'at farthest from that Time, and shall deliver back the Bill so 'noted to the Person presenting it; and if upon Complaint to 'the Commissioners of the Board of Revenue on whose Officer 'such Bill shall have been drawn, it shall appear that such 'Officer hath unnecessarily delayed Payment, taken any Fee, or 'made any Deduction whatsoever, he shall be fined in a Sum 'not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

'Navy Office. { To be paid out of Money received by the Right Honourable the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy for the Payment of Seamen's Wages.

'I HAVE examined the Duplicate hereof, and enquired into the 'Truth of it, on the Oath of , and am satisfied 'that is the real Person mentioned therein.

'Dated at this Collector.
'Day of

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Enactments, Provisions, Clauses, Regulations, Powers, Authorities, Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, contained in an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal several Acts relating to the Execution of Letters of Attorney and Wills of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, in His Majesty's Navy, and to make new Provisions respecting the same*, applicable to the Remittance Bills in that Act mentioned, shall be deemed and taken, and the same are hereby declared to be applicable to the Remittance Bills authorized by this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were repeated in this Act.

Provisions of 55 G. 3. c. 60. applicable to Remittance Bills extended to this Act.

III. And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions in the said last-mentioned Act should be extended to the Cases herein-after mentioned; be it therefore further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall cause or procure any other Person to sign or subscribe, or utter or publish, any such false Petition or Application to the Treasurer or Paymaster of His Majesty's Navy for the Time being, as

Persons procuring others to sign or utter false Applications to the Treasurer or Paymaster of the

Navy, or procuring Persons to apply for Pay, &c. on false Certificates, shall be liable to Transportation for Seven Years.

as is mentioned in the said last-mentioned Act, for any of the Purposes mentioned in that Act; or if any Person or Persons shall cause or procure any other Person to demand or receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowance of Money, due or supposed to be due for or in respect of the Services of any such Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, upon or by virtue of any Certificate from the Inspector of Seamen's Wills or his Assistant, knowing such Certificate to have been obtained by false Representations or Pretences; every such Person shall, on being convicted of any such Offence in due Form of Law, be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Seven Years, in like Manner as Persons convicted of Felony are directed to be transported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Persons procuring others to utter forged Letters of Attorney, or to apply for Pay on Probates of forged Wills, &c. guilty of Felony.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall cause or procure any other Person to utter or publish as true, any false, forged, counterfeited, or altered Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Certificate purporting to be a Certificate from the Inspector of Seamen's Wills and Powers, or his Assistant, Assignment, Last Will, or other Power or Authority whatsoever mentioned in that Act, for the Purpose and with the Intention therein also mentioned, knowing the same to be false, forged, counterfeited, or altered; or shall cause or procure any other Person to demand or receive any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money, due or supposed to be due for or in respect of the Services of any such Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, or other Person, as in that Act mentioned, 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 Probate of such Will or such Letters of Administration as last aforesaid to have been obtained by means of any such false Oath as in that Act mentioned, with the Intention therein also mentioned; 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.

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