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CAP. X.

An Act for the Relief of Parishes from the Expences of maintaining the Wives and Families of Men convicted under the Laws for the Prevention of Smuggling, and sentenced to serve His Majesty in His Naval Service. [8th *April* 1830.]

WHEREAS many Seamen are now serving in His Majesty's Naval Service under and by virtue of certain Acts heretofore made and passed for the Prevention of Smuggling: And whereas it is expedient to make Provisions respecting the Payment and Distribution of the Wages of such Seamen, and of such others as may be hereafter entered to serve in the said Naval Service under or by virtue of any Act made or to be made for the Prevention of Smuggling, and also respecting the Relief of Parishes to which the Wives or Families of any such Seamen are or may become chargeable whilst they continue in the Service; 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 no Person who shall be hereafter adjudged or entered to serve in His Majesty's Naval Service under or by virtue of any Act made or to be made for the Prevention of Smuggling shall be entitled to receive more than Half the Pay of his Rating in the Ship's Books.

Persons adjudged to serve in the Navy under the Smuggling Laws not to receive more than Half the Rating.

II. And

Distribution of the Wages of Seamen serving under the Smuggling Laws.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Wages of every Seaman now serving or who shall hereafter be adjudged or entered to serve in His Majesty's Naval Service under or by virtue of any such Act made or to be made for the Prevention of Smuggling, whose Wife or Family is or shall become chargeable to any Parish or Place, shall from and after the passing of this Act be distributed as follows; (that is to say,) a Proportion, not exceeding One Half, of the Wages at which such Seaman is rated in the Ship's Books shall be made available for the Support of his Wife and Family; and in order to effectuate the said Purpose, it shall be lawful for any One or more of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Place where the Wife or Family of such Seaman shall be or become chargeable, to make Complaint thereof on Oath to any Two Justices of the Peace acting for the County in which such Parish or Place shall be situate, and upon the Transmission by the said Justices of a Certificate thereof to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, specifying therein the Proportion (not exceeding One Half) of the Wages they shall deem necessary to be paid for the Relief of the Parish, according to the Circumstances, having regard to the Number of the Family; and the said Commissioners shall thereupon take the requisite Measures for causing Payment thereof to such Person as shall for that Purpose be named in the Justice's Certificate, in the same Manner and under similar Regulations as Allotments of Seamen's Wages are now or shall be payable, and that the Monies so paid shall be applied towards the Relief and Indemnity of the Parish; and all Payments to be made by the Treasurer of the Navy under the Authority of this Act shall be deemed good and valid Payments, and shall be allowed as such in his Accounts.

Such Seamen to be deemed to be in Full Pay within the Meaning of the Act 22 G. 2. c. 33.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That notwithstanding such Provisions for the Limitation and Distribution of Wages as aforesaid, every Seaman whatsoever, now serving or who shall hereafter be adjudged or entered to serve in the said Naval Service under and by virtue of any Act made or to be made for the Prevention of Smuggling, shall be deemed and taken to be in actual Service and Full Pay within the Meaning of an Act made and passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, for amending, explaining, and reducing into One Act the Laws relating to the Government of His Majesty's Ships, Vessels, and Forces by Sea, until such Seaman shall be paid off, or receive a Ticket of Discharge from the said Service.

Seamen so serving to be sent Home when entitled to their Discharge.

IV. And whereas it frequently happens that the Ships to which such Seamen as aforesaid belong are absent from the Kingdom at the Time at which by Law such Seamen are permitted to receive their Discharge from His Majesty's Naval Service; be it enacted, That the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, shall cause Orders and Instructions to be given to all Admirals and other Officers in command of His Majesty's Ships, that about the Time at which any Seaman now serving or who shall hereafter be entered to serve in His Majesty's Naval

Naval Service under or by virtue of any Act made or to be made for the Prevention of Smuggling shall by such Act be permitted to receive his Discharge, the said Seaman shall be sent Home by the earliest convenient Opportunity.

Regulations as to the Discharge of such Seamen.

V. And be it further enacted, That if the Time at which such Seaman is permitted by Law to receive his Discharge as aforesaid shall expire before the Arrival of the Ship in which he is sent Home or to which he belongs in any Port of the United Kingdom, he shall be entitled to receive his Discharge within Ten Days after her Arrival in such Port; and if the said Time shall expire whilst such Ship is within any such Port, he shall be entitled to receive his Discharge forthwith: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt any such Person from the Performance of the Duties of such Service until he be actually discharged.

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