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His Majesty's Fleet; and also an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second,
31 G. 2. c. 10. 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 an Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of His
32 G. 3. c. 33. late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for explaining and 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 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 an Act passed in the said Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty
32 G. 3. c. 67. King *George* the Third, intituled *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; and Two Acts passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty
35 G. 3. c. 28. King *George* the Third, the one intituled *An Act to enable Petty Officers in the Navy, and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, serving in His Majesty's Navy, to allot Part of their Pay for the Maintenance of their Wives and Families,* and the other in-
35 G. 3. c. 94. tituled *An Act for establishing a more easy and expeditious Method for the punctual and frequent Payment of the Wages and Pay of certain Officers belonging to His Majesty's Navy;* and an Act passed in the same Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled
35 G. 3. c. 95. *An Act to enable Boatswains, Gunners, and Carpenters to allot Part of their Wages or Pay for the Maintenance of their Wives and Families;* and an Act passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His
37 G. 3. c. 53. said Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for carrying into execution His Majesty's Order in Council of the Third Day of* May *One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, for an Increase of Pay and Provision to the Seamen and Marines serving in His Majesty's Navy, and to amend so much of an Act made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty as enables Petty Officers and Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and Marines, to allot Part of their Pay for the Maintenance of their Wives, Children, or Mothers;* and an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said
46 G. 3. c. 127. Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend and extend the Benefits of an Act made in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, to enable Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines serving in His Majesty's Navy to allot Part of their Wages or Pay for the Maintenance of their Wives and Families;* and Two Acts passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, the
49 G. 3. c. 45. one intituled *An Act for more conveniently paying of Allowances on the Compassionate List of the Navy, and of Half Pay to Officers of*

the Royal Marines, and the other intituled *An Act to amend the several Acts respecting the Payment of Wages and Prize Money, and Allotment of Wages, to Persons serving in His Majesty's Royal Navy*; and an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for amending Two Acts passed in the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Years of His present Majesty, 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 an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, 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*; and an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for enabling the Officers in His Majesty's Navy, and their Representatives, to draw for and receive their Half Pay, and for transferring the Duty of making certain Payments from the Clerks of the Checque at His Majesty's Dock Yards to the Clerks of the Treasurer of the Navy at the same Yards*; and an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making further Regulations in respect to the Pay of the Officers of the Royal Navy in certain Cases therein mentioned*; and an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *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*; and an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *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*; and an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to make further Provision for the Payment of the Crews of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels*; and an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for repealing several Acts relating to the Charity for the Relief of poor Widows of Commissioned and Warrant Officers in the Royal Navy, and for substituting other Provisions in lieu thereof*; shall be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided always nevertheless, that all Acts, Matters, and Things done previously to the Commencement of the Operation of this Act, in pursuance of any of the said Acts hereby repealed, and all Regulations and Provisions relating thereto, shall continue to be as good, valid, binding, and effectual as if the said Acts and every of them still continued in full Force; provided also, that all Offences committed before the Commencement of this Act against the Provisions of any of the said Acts shall be cognizable and punishable under the said Acts as if the same had not been repealed; and provided likewise, that

49 G. 3. c. 108.

53 G. 3. c. 85.

55 G. 3. c. 60.

56 G. 3. c. 101.

57 G. 3. c. 20.

59 G. 3. c. 119.

1 & 2 Geo. 4. c. 49.

6 G. 4. c. 18.

10 G. 4. c. 14.

Proviso for all Matters done, and Offences committed, previously hereto.

This Act not to revive any former Acts.

that the Repeal of the said Acts by this present Act shall not extend to revive the Provisions of any former Acts which were altered or repealed by any of the said recited Acts so hereby repealed.

Volunteers to receive Certificates to entitle them to Wages, Conduct Money, and Two Months Advance.

II. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Seaman or able-bodied Landman shall voluntarily enter his Name with any Officer of the Royal Navy authorized to receive Volunteers, in order to serve on board any Ship of His Majesty, such Officer shall make out and deliver to him gratuitously a Certificate of the Date of such Entry; and if such Volunteer shall forthwith proceed towards the Ship for which he shall have so entered, or on board the nearest receiving Ship to the Place of his Entry, and make his personal Appearance on board the same within the Space of Fourteen Days from the Date of such Certificate, including the Day of the Date thereof, provided the Place of his Entry be not above One hundred Miles distant from such Ship, or within the Space of Thirty Days if the Place of Entry be above Two hundred Miles distant, every such Volunteer shall be entitled to Wages from the Time of such Entry, including the Day of the Date thereof, and shall also be allowed Conduct Money after the usual Rate, and shall be paid an Advance of Two Months Wages, at the first fitting out of the Ship in which he shall be appointed to serve as Part of the Complement or as a Supernumerary for Wages, before such Ship shall proceed to Sea; and every Seaman and able-bodied Landman who shall be entered on the Books of any Ship of His Majesty as a Supernumerary, and who at the Time of such Entry shall not belong to or be borne for Wages on the Books of any other Ship, shall be borne for and entitled to Wages on the Books of the first Ship in which he shall serve as Part of the Complement thereof or as a Supernumerary for Wages: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom for the Time being, in Cases where they shall see necessary, to authorize the Payment from Time to Time of such Advance to Supernumeraries and others who may have entered themselves for His Majesty's Naval Service, after the Ship on board which they shall be serving shall have proceeded to Sea; and in case, through urgent Necessity of the public Service, the Ship shall have proceeded to Sea before Payment of the Advance can have been conveniently made, then the same shall be paid as soon as may be on the Ship's Arrival in any Port where there shall be an Establishment of Clerks of the Treasurer of the Navy.

Admiralty may order Advance in certain Cases.

Monthly Pay.

III. And be it further enacted, That from Time to Time, under such Authority as His Majesty in Council hath been or shall be pleased to direct, a certain Portion of the Pay due to such Warrant and Petty Officers (not entitled to draw Bills for their Pay as hereinafter provided), and also to such Seamen and others as may be desirous of receiving it, shall be issued to them at the Expiration of every Month, or as soon after as the Convenience of the Service will admit, on the Ship's Arrival, at Home or Abroad, where Money can be procured, in such Proportions *per* Month as hath been or shall be for that Purpose directed by the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being;

being; and to this end the Captain shall make out a complete List of the Names of the Men, with their respective Numbers on the Ship's Books, who shall be so desirous of receiving a Portion of their Pay, and who shall be actually on board at the Time of making out such List, which shall be signed by the Captain and proper signing Officers of the Ship; and that the Purser shall then draw, for the Amount of the said Portion of Pay so to be issued, a Bill of Exchange at Three Days Sight upon the Commissioners of the Navy, in the accustomed Form, or such other Form as shall be for that Purpose supplied to the Ship, which Bill shall be certified by the Captain, and shall be, when presented at the Navy Office, assigned for Payment to be made by the Treasurer of the Navy, and the Amount thereof shall be charged against the Purser; and so soon as Cash shall have been obtained by the Purser by the Negotiation of such Bill, the allowed Portion of the Pay shall be paid by the Purser to the Parties, in the Presence of the Captain and a Commission or Warrant Officer entitled to draw Bills, each of whom, with the Purser, shall certify the Payment on the List; and the Captain shall, by the first safe and convenient Opportunity after such Payment, transmit the said List to the Commissioners of the Navy; and the Captain and Purser shall likewise certify at the End of each Muster Book the full Amount, in Words at Length, of the Monies which shall have been so paid during the exact Period of Time of such Book, and that the several Sums so paid have been therein duly charged against the respective Persons so paid; and in case there shall be any Balance of Money left in the Purser's Hands, he shall give Credit for the Amount in the next Bill to be drawn by him for monthly Payments, so that he shall not be at liberty to draw for more than what, including such Balance and any Premium to be obtained on the Bill, shall be sufficient to answer the next monthly Payment.

Absent Men.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in case any such Person shall be absent with sufficient Cause at the Time of such Payment, his Name, on his Return to the Ship, shall be subjoined to the next Lists to be made out, in which the Cause and Dates of his Absence and Return shall be specified; and in case any Individual shall be discharged to another Ship, being then entitled to any Payment not made, the Captain of the Ship he leaves shall give him a Certificate specifying his Rating and the Time for which he shall be entitled to such Portion of Pay, which shall be paid to him at the next Payment to be made to the Crew of the Ship to which he shall be discharged.

Payments when no Purser is on board.

V. And be it further enacted, That in case of any such Payment being made on board a Ship which shall not have a Purser on board, the Commanding Officer shall act as and be deemed to be the Purser for all the Purposes of such Payments; and in such Case the Payment shall be made by him in the Presence of any other Commissioned Officer of the Ship and One Warrant Officer, or if there shall be no other Commissioned Officer, then in the Presence of any Two Warrant Officers, who shall certify and attest the Lists in the Manner before required.

Premium on Bills.

VI. And be it further enacted, That at the Foot of each Bill the Course of Exchange shall be truly certified by Two resident Merchants at the Place where the Bill shall be drawn; and the Purser or Commanding Officer, as the Case may be, shall debit himself and be charged with any Premium which such Bills may bear, as Part of the Balance remaining on hand at the Conclusion of each Payment; and in case the Bill shall be at a Discount, he shall add the Discount to the Amount of the Bill to be drawn, which Discount shall be allowed in his Accounts, if the Amount be truly certified at the Foot of such Bill: Provided nevertheless, that if the said Bills shall be drawn at any Port within the Foreign or Colonial Territories of *Great Britain* where there shall be a resident Naval Officer, such Naval Officer is hereby enjoined and directed to give Cash for the Amount of such Bills at Par, upon which no Premium or Discount shall be charged or taken; and in case he shall not have sufficient Cash in hand for the Purpose, he shall certify the same by Indorsement on such Bill; or if the Ship shall be at a Port where there shall be an Establishment of Clerks of the Treasurer of the Navy, the Bill to be drawn, certified and attested as aforesaid, shall be cashed by such Clerks out of the public Monies in their Hands, and the Amount thereof charged against the Drawer in manner aforesaid.

Naval Officer or Treasurer's Clerks to cash Bills.

Men turned over to be paid by Pay Lists.

VII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Petty Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall be turned over from one Ship to another, in any Port of the United Kingdom or on the Coast thereof, he shall on the Arrival of the Ship to which he shall be removed at any Port where there shall be an Establishment of Clerks of the Treasurer of the Navy, and before such Ship shall proceed to Sea, be paid all the Wages due to him upon or by Pay Lists (being Extracts from the Muster Books in the Form heretofore accustomed, or in such other Form as shall be found requisite, and as shall be directed by due Authority,) made out and signed by the Captain and proper signing Officers of the Ship from which he shall be turned over, save and except in urgent Cases, when the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being shall otherwise direct, and in such Cases he shall be paid whenever the Ship shall return to any Port where there shall be a Commissioner or other authorized Officer of the Navy to controul such Payment: Provided always, that no Petty Officer or Seaman who shall be turned over from one Ship to another shall be rated in a lower Degree than that in which he was rated in the Books of his former Ship.

No Person to be rated lower when turned over.

Foreign Remove Ticket.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Ship to which any Person shall be so turned over shall be then Abroad, the Captain shall, previous to his Removal, cause to be made out in the usual Form, or in such other Form as shall be authorized by the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, a Ticket, to be called a Foreign Remove Ticket, containing the Name, Age, Stature, and Complexion of the Party, the Date of his Entry and Discharge, his Number on the Ship's Books, the Particulars of all Slops and other Charges against his Wages, (the total

Amount of which shall be written in Words at Length,) and the Name of the Ship to which he shall be so turned over, which Ticket shall be signed by the Captain and the other proper signing Officers of the Ship, and then be delivered to the Party, to enable him to receive Payment of his Wages conformably with the established Regulations of the Navy.

Sick Ticket to be sent with Men sent to Sick Quarters.

IX. And be it further enacted, That when any Petty Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall be sent sick to any Hospital or Sick Quarters at Home or Abroad, a Ticket, to be called a Sick Ticket, shall in like Manner be made out by the Captain and sent with him, which, in addition to the Particulars to be contained in the Foreign Remove Ticket, shall describe the different Effects which shall be sent with him, and his Disorder or Infirmity, and shall be addressed to the Surgeon or Agent at such Hospital or Sick Quarters; and upon his being thence discharged back to his own Ship, he shall leave the Ticket with the said Surgeon or Agent; but if discharged to any other Ship not to rejoin his own Ship, the said Ticket shall be sent with him, and be paid conformably with the established Regulations of the Navy; and in case he shall be discharged from the said Hospital or Sick Quarters as unserviceable, a Certificate of his Discharge shall be delivered to him with the said Sick Ticket, to enable him to receive his Wages, and in the meantime he shall be maintained and subsisted either in such Hospital or on board some Ship of His Majesty, or otherwise, as shall be found convenient: Provided always, that all Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines who shall be wounded in Action with the Enemy shall receive the full Amount of their Wages and Allowances until their Wounds shall be healed, or, if declared incurable, until they shall receive a Pension or be admitted into the Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*; but no other Petty Officers, Seamen, or Marines who shall be discharged from Hospitals or Sick Quarters at Home, either to a Ship or from the Service, shall be allowed Wages for more than Thirty Days of the Time they shall remain in such Hospital or Sick Quarters.

Wounded Men to receive Pay till cured or pensioned.

Discharge of unserviceable Men.

X. And be it further enacted, That when a Petty Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall, by Wounds or Infirmity, be disabled or rendered unserviceable, the Captain shall represent the same to the Commander-in-Chief or senior Officer, who shall cause the same to be inquired into by a Survey, according to the Practice of the Navy; and if, upon such Survey, such Petty Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall be found unfit for further Service, he shall be discharged, and the Captain shall thereupon make out and sign in the usual and authorized Form a Ticket, to be called an Unserviceable Ticket, for the Wages due to such unserviceable Man; or if the Ship shall not be in any Port of *Great Britain*, nor on the Coast thereof, and shall not belong to any Squadron of Ships, or shall be separated from the Commander-in-Chief of any Squadron to which such Ship shall belong, then the Captain, being, upon the usual Survey, satisfied of such Disability, shall discharge such Person, and shall make out such Ticket as aforesaid, which he shall sign and cause to be signed by the proper signing Officers, and then deliver to him, together with a Certificate of his Discharge, containing a Description of his Person, to enable him to receive

receive his Wages: Provided always, that every such Person so discharged unserviceable (if discharged Abroad), and being sent on board any other of His Majesty's Ships for a Passage Home, shall be borne on the Books of such Ship for Wages and Victuals to the Date of her Arrival at any Port of *Great Britain* where there is a resident Commissioner of the Navy; and until the Payment of his Wages he shall be subsisted in some One of His Majesty's Ships either in Commission or in Ordinary, or at the nearest Naval Hospital, as shall be found most convenient.

Passage Home for unserviceable Men.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case there shall be no Opportunity of a Passage by a King's Ship, every Man so discharged Abroad, either from a Ship or from any Hospital or Sick Quarters, shall be sent Home by the first Convenience of a Merchant Vessel, the Master of which is hereby required to afford a Passage to and subsist all such Men, not exceeding Four Men for every One hundred Tons Burthen of his Ship, for which such Allowance *per* Day shall be made as shall be authorized by the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, except in Cases when the Man so discharged shall perform the Duty of One of the Crew of the Vessel, and for which he may be entitled to receive Wages from the Owner; and if he shall not have received or be entitled to any Wages or Consideration for Services on board thereof, the Master of such Vessel is hereby required to make out and deliver to him a Certificate to that Effect, specifying the Day of his Entry on board the Vessel and of his Arrival in *England*, to entitle him to receive Wages to that Period as an Invalid; and every Master who shall refuse to afford a Passage to and subsist, or to furnish such Certificate to, any such discharged Man, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds in respect of each and every such Man whom he shall refuse to afford a Passage to, subsist, or furnish a Certificate to as aforesaid; and every Collector of the Customs or Excise in any Part of the United Kingdom, where there shall be no Commissioner of the Navy, upon the Application of any such discharged Person, and on the Production of his Ticket and Certificate of Discharge, and also (in case he shall have received no Wages or other Consideration for his Services in any Vessel on board which he shall have arrived) of a Certificate to that Effect from the Master of the Vessel, shall and he is hereby required to receive such Ticket and Certificate, and shall require from the Master of the Vessel in which the Party shall have come Home, or from some respectable Inhabitant of the Place, a Certificate of the Identity of the Party, and being satisfied in every respect shall give such Party a Receipt for the Ticket and Certificate, and transmit the same forthwith, with the Party's Address, to the Commissioners of the Navy, in order that when due Examination shall have been made therein a Remittance Bill, as herein-after mentioned, may be forwarded to such discharged Person, to enable him to receive the Wages due to him.

Dead Ticket.

XII. And be it further enacted, That when any Petty Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall die in the Service of His Majesty, the Captain of the Ship to which he shall belong shall thereupon make out a Ticket in the usual and authorized Form, to be called a Dead Ticket,

Ticket, for the Wages due to the Deceased for his Service on board the same, which Ticket, after having been signed by the Captain and the proper signing Officers of the Ship, shall be transmitted by the Captain to the Commissioners of the Navy, in order that Payment thereof may be made to the legal Representative of the Deceased; and if the Deceased shall have left on board the Ship any Clothes or other Effects, a List shall be made thereof by the Purser, and the Captain shall cause the same to be publicly sold at the Mast, under the Inspection of the Purser, as soon as may be thereafter, and the Sums for which the same shall be sold shall be charged in the Ship's Books against the Wages of the respective Purchasers, but no Person shall be allowed to purchase beyond the Amount of the net Wages then due to him; and the Purser shall make out an Account specifying the Articles sold, the Names of the Purchasers, and the Prices at which they were purchased, which Account shall be signed by the Captain and Purser, and be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Navy, annexed to the Dead Ticket herein-before mentioned; and in case the Deceased shall not have left any Clothes or Effects, the Captain shall certify on the Dead Ticket to that Effect; and in consideration of the Allowance made by the established Regulations of the Navy to the Purser for his Trouble in the Disposition of the Effects, he shall be held responsible, as well to the Public as to the Representatives of the Deceased, and be answerable out of his Pay and Allowances for any Omission, Error, or Loss that shall arise through his Neglect: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to exempt the Captain from any Liability or Responsibility to which he may by this Act, or by the Regulations of His Majesty's Naval Service, be subject, for Errors in Tickets, Certificates, or other Documents issued by him or under his Authority.

Clothes of deceased Men.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Petty Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall be promoted Abroad to any Rank above the Rank of Petty or Non-commissioned Officer, the Captain shall cause to be made out and delivered to him a Ticket in the usual and authorized Form, to be called a Promotion Ticket, for the Wages due to him, certifying that he has been actually promoted to the Station therein mentioned, which Ticket shall consist of the same Particulars as are prescribed in regard to Foreign Remove Tickets, and shall be transferrable by Indorsement of the Party in whose Favour it is made out, and shall be payable to the Indorsee thereof.

Promotion Ticket.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Ticket herein directed to be made out, save and except the Promotion Ticket, shall be saleable or transferrable on any account, but shall, after having been examined at the Navy Office with the Muster Book of the Ship or other Returns, if received, be paid to the Party only to whom the same is made out; provided the Commissioners of the Navy shall be satisfied that the Ticket is genuine, and that the Party presenting the same is the identical Person to whom it is made out.

No Ticket, except the Promotion Ticket to be transferrable.

XV. And be it enacted, That all Tickets, Certificates, Pay Lists, and other Vouchers for Wages to be made out as aforesaid, shall be in the Forms heretofore established and now in use in His Majesty's

Forms of Tickets, &c.

Naval Service, or in such other Forms as the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, or, under their Authority, the Commissioners of the Navy, shall from Time to Time authorize; and if any Officer or other Person shall make out, sign, or issue any Ticket, Certificate, Pay List, or other Voucher or Document for Wages, other than in the Form and under the Regulations herein prescribed, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and if belonging to His Majesty's Naval Service shall moreover be liable to such Punishment and Forfeiture of Wages as a Court-martial shall adjudge.

Penalty for issuing Tickets contrary to the Act.

In case of Ticket being lost or not paid.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Ticket herein directed to be made out (except a Promotion Ticket) shall happen to be lost or destroyed, or if the Party to whom the same shall be payable shall not appear in Person and present the same as aforesaid, or if the Wages due thereon shall not be paid before the general Payment of the Ship's Company, then and in any such Case all such Wages shall become payable to the Party, his Executors or Administrators, in the same Manner as if such Ticket had not been made out; and such Ticket, if the same shall be forthcoming, shall be cancelled.

Payment not to be delayed for Want of Books.

Officer to be responsible for Errors.

XVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case the Muster or Pay Books of any Ship shall not have been regularly transmitted to or received by the Commissioners of the Navy, yet Payment of the Tickets, Certificates, or Pay Lists before mentioned shall not on that Account be delayed; and in case any Error to the Detriment of the public Treasure shall be made on any Ticket, Certificate, or List directed by this Act to be made out, the Amount of the Loss (if any) arising thereby shall be made good out of any Wages or Pay due or to grow due to the Officer by whom or under whose Directions the same shall have been made out; and the Purser, in case he shall have signed the same, shall be disallowed the Amount of Slops and other Charges for which he is responsible.

Regulations as to Payment of Ships.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That out of all Supplies to be granted by Parliament for Naval Services, the necessary Sums of Money shall first be appropriated, issued, and applied for the regular and punctual Payment of the Wages and Pay of the Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, in manner following; (that is to say,) that when any of His Majesty's Ships shall have been in Sea Pay Twelve Calendar Months or more, and shall be or arrive in any Port of *Great Britain*, or on the Coast thereof, the Captain of such Ship shall cause to be made out the requisite perfect Pay Book or Books, with an alphabetical Index to each, and an open List for the whole of the Officers and Crew thereof, for all the Time the Ship shall have been in Sea Pay and unpaid, except for the Period of the last Six Calendar Months, up to the Commencement of which last-mentioned Period the Wages due are hereby intended to be cleared, and shall forthwith transmit to the Navy Board such Pay Books, Indexes, and open Lists, with a Slop Book; and so soon as such Ship shall be or arrrive in any Port of *Great Britain* where any Commissioner of the Navy shall be

or reside, and so soon as Money shall have been issued for the Payment of the Ship, and the said Books shall have been prepared and transmitted to the Navy Office, and duly examined, (for which sufficient Time shall be allowed,) the Commissioners of the Navy shall cause Payment to be made of all the Wages due on the said Pay Books, abating therefrom whatever Charges shall stand in the said Books against any of the Officers and Crew, either in respect of Advance, Slops, Tobacco, or other Things, or on account of Desertion, Absence from the Ship, or of any Defalcation whatsoever, leaving always Six Months Wages in arrear and unpaid over and above the Wages accruing to the Time during which the said Books shall have been preparing and examining; and whenever any Ship shall return Home in order to be laid up, all the Wages due for such Ship shall be entirely paid off as soon afterwards as may be.

Payment at Ports where there is no Commissioner.

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, if they should deem it expedient so to do, to cause any of His Majesty's Ships to be paid at a Port where there shall not be any Commissioner of the Navy resident, and in every such Case the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy shall, upon receiving Directions in Writing for that Purpose, take the necessary Steps for causing Payment to be made accordingly by the Clerks to the Treasurer of the Navy, in the usual Manner, in the Presence of a Commissioner of the Navy to be sent thither, or in the Presence of an Officer of the Navy not under the Rank of Commander, to be appointed by the said Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to superintend and controul such Payment; and that all Payments made in the Presence and under the Superintendence of such Officer of the Navy shall be held as good and valid.

As to Seamen absent when a Ship is paid.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in Cases where Petty Officers, Seamen, or Marines may happen to be absent, either upon Duty or sick, or with Leave of the Commanding Officer, at the Time of the Payment of the Ship, the Commissioners of the Navy, upon Application from any such Person so absent and then being in His Majesty's Service, or from his Captain, in case the Ship shall be in any Port where a Commissioner of the Navy shall be or reside, shall cause the Pay Books of such Ship, or Extracts therefrom for such Persons, to be forwarded without Delay to the Commissioner of the Navy at the Port where such Ship shall be, in order that Payment may be forthwith made to him thereon.

In urgent Cases Payment may be made before Pay Books are examined.

XXI. And whereas it may be expedient to pay the Crews of Ships on their Arrival in Port, or previous to sailing from thence, under Circumstances which will not admit of the Delay which must necessarily occur in previously sending the Pay Books to the Navy Office to be examined; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, in Cases of Urgency, as they shall see necessary, to cause Payment to be made upon such Books without the previous Examination thereof as aforesaid; but it is nevertheless hereby required and directed that the said Books

Books shall, immediately after Payment shall have been so made thereon, be transmitted to the Navy Office, for the Purpose of undergoing the necessary Examination and Adjustment, and in order that any Charges omitted to be made, or any Over-payments that may have occurred thereon, may be set off or abated or recovered at the first Opportunity from the Arrears of Wages or growing Wages of the Men in respect of whom such Omissions or Over-payments may have taken place.

Deserters to forfeit their Wages.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer, Seaman, or Marine shall desert from His Majesty's Service, he shall thereby lose and forfeit all Wages, Prize Money, and other Allowances, Benefits, and Advantages to which he would otherwise have been entitled, as well in respect of his Services in the Ship from which he shall have deserted, as of those in all former Ships in which he may have served; and no Person against whose Name the Letter (R) shall be placed in the Muster Book of the Ship as denoting a Deserter shall, while such (R) so remains, be entitled to receive his Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowances: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, in such Cases as they shall deem fit, to order the (R) placed against the Deserter's Name in the Books of the Ship to be removed, and to authorize the Payment of the Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowances due to him.

Admiralty may authorize the Payment of Wages in certain Cases.

Officers on Appointment to receive Arrears of Half Pay;

and Three Months Full Pay in advance.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Commission or Warrant Officer, on being appointed to any Ship of His Majesty in Commission, he being entitled to Half Pay, and there being no Imprest standing against him, upon Application to the Commissioners of the Navy, and on the Production of the Affidavit usually required from Half Pay Officers, and a Certificate of the Date of his commencing Sea Pay, to receive the Arrears of Half Pay which may be due to him up to that Date; and every such Officer who shall have been on Half Pay for Three Months next before his Appointment to any Ship, and shall have no Imprest outstanding against him, shall, on joining his Ship, upon like Application to the said Commissioners, be entitled to receive the Amount of Three Months personal Sea Pay in advance: Provided always, that in case any such Officer shall be again put on Half Pay, from any Cause whatever, before the Expiration of Three Lunar Months from the Time of such Appointment to a Ship, the Amount of the Three Months Wages so paid to him in advance, or for such Part of the Time as he shall not serve shall be placed as an Imprest against his future Half Pay.

Proviso as to Officers again put on Half Pay.

Officers, not having Accounts to pass, allowed to draw Bills for Full Pay.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for every Flag Officer, Commission Officer, Master, (such Commission Officer or Master not being in the Command of a Ship, or not having Accounts to pass,) Secretary to a Flag Officer or Commodore, Physician, Chaplain, Second Master, and Assistant Surgeon (not acting as Surgeon), who shall be actually in the Naval Service of His Majesty, and entitled to Full Pay in the Fleet, at the Expiration of every Three, Six, or Twelve Lunar Months, or of any longer Period, to draw a Bill of Exchange, or a Set of Bills of the same Tenor and Date, upon the Commissioners of

of His Majesty's Navy for the net Balance of the personal Wages due to him, which Bill or Set of Bills shall be made payable to himself or to his Order at Ten Days Sight, and shall state the Rate or Description and Name of the Ship to which he shall belong, and his Station or Rank on board the same, and also the full Amount of the personal Wages then due to him, and the Period for which the same accrued, together with the Amount of such Charges and Deductions as shall appear on the Ship's Books against him, and the net Residue of the personal Wages due to him, for which Residue and no more the Bill shall be drawn.

Certain Officers to draw for 3-4ths only.

As to Petty Officers.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for every Captain, Lieutenant, or Master commanding a Ship, Surgeon, Purser, and Assistant Surgeon acting as Surgeon, to draw Bills of Exchange, in like Manner and under similar Regulations, for Three Fourths, and no more, of their net personal Pay; and that it shall also be lawful for every Mate, Midshipman, and Master's Assistant who shall have passed his Examination for a Lieutenant, Master, or Second Master respectively, and for every Schoolmaster, Secretary's Clerk, and Captain's Clerk, to draw Bills, in like Manner and under similar Regulations, at the End of every Six or Twelve, but not for a shorter Period than Six Lunar Months, for the net personal Pay due to him: Provided always, that no Person allowed by this Act to draw Bills periodically, who shall have received Three Months Advance, shall be permitted to draw any such Bill for the first Three Months after he shall have joined his Ship.

Officers sent to Sick Quarters may draw Bills for Pay due.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for every Commission Officer, Master, Secretary, Physician, Chaplain, Surgeon, Purser, Second Master, and Assistant Surgeon, who shall be sent to a Hospital or Sick Quarters, to draw a Bill of Exchange upon the Commissioners of the Navy for the Pay or Proportion of Pay, as by this Act allowed, that may be due to him on the Day of his being discharged to Sick Quarters: Provided always, that every such Bill, in addition to the Certificate and Approval hereafter mentioned, shall be accompanied by a Certificate indorsed thereon, under the Hand of the Medical Officer superintending the Hospital or Sick Quarters to which such Officer shall have been so discharged, of the Day on which he was received into the same.

Extracts of Particulars from Ship's Book to accompany Officers to Sick Quarters.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That when any such Officer shall be sent to Sick Quarters, there shall be made out, and he shall take with him, a perfect Extract from the Books of the Ship, containing all the Particulars therein entered relating to such Officer; and upon his Discharge from Sick Quarters the Medical Officer superintending such Sick Quarters shall certify on the Back of such Extract the Period he shall have been therein, and the Day of his Discharge therefrom, to enable him to receive the Balance of his Pay in case he shall not be discharged back to his Ship.

Officers discharged or removed to take Extracts with them.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any such Officer shall be discharged, superseded, or removed from one Ship to another, having less than Three Months Pay due to him, he shall take with him a similar Extract, to enable him to draw for his Pay at the

Expiration of Three Months from the Date of his last Bill, in which Bill so to be drawn the Periods of his Service in each Ship for which Pay shall be due shall be distinguished.

The Manner in which quarterly Bills shall be certified and approved.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Bill for personal Pay to be drawn as aforesaid (save and except those drawn by Flag Officers, Commodores, and Captains,) shall be certified and approved as follows; every Bill to be drawn by a Commission Officer (not commanding a Ship), Master, Chaplain, Surgeon, Second Master, Assistant Surgeon, passed Mate, passed Midshipman, and passed Master's Assistant, Schoolmaster, and Captain's Clerk, shall be certified by the Purser, and approved by the Captain; every Bill to be drawn by a Secretary to a Flag Officer or Commodore shall be certified by the Purser, and approved by the Flag Officer or Commodore; every Bill to be drawn by a Physician of a Fleet shall be certified by the Purser, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet; every Bill to be drawn by a Purser shall be certified by the Master, and approved by the Captain or Commanding Officer; every Bill to be drawn by a Commanding Officer, acting as Purser, shall be also certified by the Master or acting Master; and every Bill to be drawn by a Secretary's Clerk shall be certified by the Purser, and approved by the Secretary; and the Officer by whom any Bill shall be approved shall be held responsible that the Party drawing the Pay has been borne for Pay during the Period for which the Bill is drawn, and is entitled to draw such Bill, and that the Purser hath previously certified his Right to draw for the Sum mentioned in the Bill; and the Purser or Officer certifying shall also be held responsible for the Correctness of his Certificate to the Bill.

Approving Officers made responsible.

Penalty for drawing for more Pay than due.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer authorized to draw a Bill as aforesaid shall knowingly and fraudulently draw any such Bill for Pay when there shall not be Pay to the Amount so drawn for due and owing to him, every Person so offending shall forfeit all Pay and other Allowances to which he shall be then entitled, and moreover, upon being convicted thereof by Court-martial, shall be cashiered, and rendered thereafter incapable of holding any Office, Civil or Military, in His Majesty's Service: Provided always, that no Officer whose Duty it shall be, according to the Rules of the Service, to transmit any Logs, Journals, Returns, or other Documents, either to the Admiralty Office or to the Navy Office, shall be entitled to receive any Pay that may be due at the Time of his Discharge, or any Half Pay afterwards to accrue due, until he shall have duly transmitted such Logs, Journals, Returns, or other Documents, or unless he shall have obtained a dispensing Order for that Purpose from the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid for the Time being.

No Officer whose Duty it is to transmit Logs, &c. shall be entitled to be paid until the Logs, &c. are produced.

Officers having passed their Accounts to be entitled to general Certificates negotiable.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Officer who is required to pass Accounts to entitle him to the Balance of his Pay shall have cleared his Accounts for the Period during which he shall have been on Full Pay, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Navy and Victualling respectively, and in the Manner in which Accounts are required to be passed, he shall be entitled to a Bill usually called a General Certificate, specifying the net Balance due

to him, which shall be payable by the Treasurer of the Navy, and be negotiable like other Bills.

Allotments.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for every Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenter, Petty Officer, (not entitled to draw Bills for Pay,) Seaman, Landman, (Boys excepted,) and Non-commissioned Officer and Private of Marines, being Part of the Complement of a Ship, or borne on the Books as a Supernumerary for Wages and Victuals, to make an Allotment of a certain Portion, not exceeding One Moiety, of the monthly Wages to which he may be entitled while such Allotment shall continue in force, and which shall be calculated so as to avoid Fractions of small Sums in the Payment thereof, and that such Allotments shall and may be made in favour or for the Maintenance of the following Relatives only, (that is to say,) Wife, Father, Mother, Child or Children being under the Age of Fourteen Years or labouring under any bodily Infirmity; which Allotments shall be made according to the Forms and in the Manner heretofore used in the Royal Navy, or in such other Form and Manner as shall by the Commissioners of the Navy be deemed best adapted to answer the Intentions of this Act; and that all the Monies which shall hereafter be allotted shall, at the Expiration of every Calendar Month, (the first Payment to be reckoned from the First Day of the Month subsequent to the Date of the Declaration of Allotment, and not to include the Period between that Date and the First of the ensuing Month,) be paid to the Parties entitled to receive the same; but that no Payment shall be made at any One Time for a shorter Period than a Calendar Month, and that whenever any Increase or Decrease shall take place in the Rate of Allotment by Promotion, disrating, or otherwise, Payment of the same shall commence from the ending of the last preceding Payment.

Captain to cause Declarations of Allotment to be made out.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Person entitled to make an Allotment shall declare his Intention so to do, the Captain shall cause such Person to subscribe his Name or Mark to a Declaration or to a List of Declarations for that Purpose, which the Captain shall sign and cause to be signed by the signing Officers of the Ship, and then transmit to the Commissioners of the Navy, in order that they may take the necessary Measures for causing Allotment Bills to be made out thereon, and Payment to be made of the Portion of Wages so allotted; and the Captain shall also cause to be noted in the Muster Book, against the Names of such Persons, the Date of the making of such Allotments; and in case any Person having made an Allotment shall desert, die, or be discharged sick, or otherwise, the Captain shall notify the same to the Commissioners of the Navy without Loss of Time for their Guidance; and to the like end, every Agent of a Hospital or Sick Quarters to which any such Person shall be sent shall make a periodical Return of all such to the said Commissioners in a Form to be furnished to him for that Purpose; and if any such Person shall die at or desert from such Hospital or Sick Quarters, the Date of his Death or Desertion shall also be returned; and in case any Captain or Agent shall make Default therein, he shall be liable to make good out of his Pay any Loss that shall accrue to the Public thereby.

XXXIV. And

Allotment Bills to be made out.

Payment.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Allotment Bill, to be made out in Duplicate at the Navy Office, shall be made payable by the Treasurer of the Navy, and by the respective Collectors of the Customs and Excise of the United Kingdom, and that one of such Duplicates shall be transmitted to the Party entitled to receive thereon, and the other Duplicate to the Treasurer of the Navy or his Clerk, or to the Officer of the Revenue who is to pay the same, as the Case may be; and that upon the Production by the said Party of such Duplicate, together with a Certificate under the Hands of the Minister and Churchwardens or Elders of the Parish or Place where such Party shall reside, that he or she is the Party mentioned in the Allotment Bill, and on due Proof, in the Case of a Wife, of her Marriage with the Person making the Allotment, and the Treasurer's Clerk or Officer of the Revenue being satisfied of his or her Identity, the Monies thereby allotted shall be paid to such Party upon his or her Receipt, to be signed in the Presence of and to be attested by the Officer or Clerk making Payment thereof, who shall also mark thereon the Number of the Allotment Bill, and shall note on the Back of each Duplicate of the Bill the Date and Amount of each Payment, and the Time from and to which the same became payable.

If the Wife of any Person by whom an Allotment has been made shall die, or desert her Family, &c. Payment may be stopped, or made to some other Person.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Wife of any Person so making an Allotment shall happen to die, or shall desert her Children, or so misconduct herself as to be considered undeserving of Support from her Husband, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Navy in any of such Cases, upon a Certificate to that Effect under the Hands of the Minister and Churchwardens or Elders of the Parish or Place where such Wife shall have been resident, to stop further Payments on such Allotment Bill; and if such Wife shall have left any Child or Children of the Party who shall have made the Allotment, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, in case such Child or Children shall have no other Provision for Maintenance, upon a Certificate to that Effect from the Minister and Churchwarden or Elders of the Parish or Place where such Child or Children shall have been left, to revoke the Allotment Bill so payable to the Wife, and to make out another Bill to any Person, being resident there, as the said Minister and Churchwardens or Elders shall recommend to receive the Money so allotted, to be applied to the Support and Maintenance of such Child or Children.

Allotments may be revoked by the Person making the same;

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall have made an Allotment as aforesaid shall be desirous of revoking the same, and shall signify his Desire so to do and his Reasons for so doing to his Commanding Officer, such Officer shall communicate the same to the Commissioners of the Navy; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, if they shall be satisfied with such Reasons, forthwith to stop further Payments upon the Allotments so revoked, and to cause a fresh Allotment Bill to be made out, if the Circumstances shall require it.

XXXVII. And

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall appear to the Commissioners of the Navy, by the Muster Book or by any other Return from the Ship or from the Hospital or Sick Quarters, that any Person who has made an Allotment shall have died, deserted, or by any other Means have ceased to be entitled to Wages, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to call in and revoke the Allotment made by any such Person, and from thenceforth all Payment thereon shall cease.

or by Commissioners in Cases of Death or Desertion.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That so soon as it shall come to the Knowledge of the Minister or of any Churchwarden or Elder of the Parish that any Person resident therein and entitled to receive Payment of an Allotment Bill is dead, such Minister, Churchwarden, or Elder shall immediately give Notice thereof by Letter to the Commissioners of the Navy, or to the Officer of the Revenue, or Clerk to the Treasurer of the Navy, by whom such Allotment is payable, who shall immediately indorse the Date of the Receipt of such Notice upon such Allotment Bill, and transmit the same to the Navy Office, and from that Time all Payments thereunder shall be discontinued.

Notice of Death of Parties entitled to receive Payment of Allotment.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That at the Expiration of every Three Calendar Months, but not oftener, the Collectors of the Customs and Excise by whom any Payments of Allotments shall have been made shall transmit to their respective Boards, to be forwarded to the Commissioners of the Navy, an Account, containing in numerical Order, as the Allotment Bills are numbered, the Numbers and Dates of the Bills, the Names of the Parties making the Allotment, the respective Sums and Periods for which the Payments are made, the Amount of Payments made by each Collector, and the total Amount of the Payments made during the Quarter, which Account shall be accompanied by the Receipts of the Parties to whom the Allotments shall have been paid, and the Certificates upon which Payments shall have been made; and so soon as such Account shall have been examined and found correct, the said Commissioners shall cause the necessary Measures to be taken for the Repayment, by the Treasurer of the Navy, of the Amount, or of so much as shall be payable, to the respective Boards of Customs and Excise; and similar Measures shall be adopted for the Repayment to the said Boards respectively of Monies which shall be paid by any such Revenue Officers upon Remittance Bills to be made out as herein-after provided.

Payments of Allotments made by Collectors of Customs and Excise to be refunded every Three Months.

XL. And be it further enacted, That whenever a Ship, not being in any Port of the United Kingdom, or on the Coast thereof, shall have been Twelve Calendar Months in Sea Pay, and so from Time to Time at the End of every Six Months, the Captain shall, at the next subsequent Muster of the Ship's Company, cause to be read over the Names of the Petty Officers, Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of Marines, and cause each to answer to his Name; and if any of them who shall not have made any Allotment of their Pay shall thereupon declare their Desire that the Whole or any Part of the Pay which shall then be payable to them, excepting always for the

Foreign Remittance Bills.

last Six Months, shall be paid either to a Wife, Child or Children above the Age of Eighteen Years, Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, Brother, or Sister, the Captain shall cause to be made out and transmitted to the Commissioners of the Navy a List of such Persons, containing their Names, their Numbers on the Ship's Books, and the Names and Residence of the Parties to whom they shall desire the same to be paid; and upon the Receipt of such List the said Commissioners shall cause the requisite Steps to be taken for making out the necessary Remittance Bills in the Form heretofore used, or in such other Form as shall be found most convenient, to be signed by a Commissioner of the Navy, and to be addressed to the same Persons and in the same Manner as Allotment Bills are by this Act required to be addressed.

Remittance of Wages payable.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant Officer not authorized to draw Bills, and every Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer, or Marine, entitled to the Payment of any Wages, or the Wife of any such Warrant Officer (being legally empowered to receive her Husband's Wages), shall, if present at the Place where such Wages are paid, be at liberty in like Manner to make a Remittance thereof, or of any Part thereof, to any Person within the United Kingdom, or if not present, but resident more than Seven Miles from the Place of Payment, shall, upon transmitting to the Commissioners of the Navy a regular Certificate of Discharge from the Service, or other satisfactory Proof of Identity, be entitled to a Remittance Bill (but payable to the Party only) in any Part of His Majesty's Dominions where Naval Payments are usually made; and that Payment may in like Manner be made to the Executors and Administrators of any such deceased Warrant Officer, if they shall desire it: Provided always, that in the Absence of a Commissioner of the Navy comptrolling the Payment of Wages at any of the Ports where there shall be an Establishment of Treasurer's Clerks, it shall be lawful for the senior Officer of the Dock Yard to sign any Remittance Bill in the Stead of the absent Commissioner, noticing after his Signature the Fact of such Absence.

Remittance of Half Pay and Pensions, Compassionate Fund, and Out Pensions.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That any Officer of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines entitled to Half Pay or to a Pension, and also any Person entitled to any Money or Allowance from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, or to His Majesty's most gracious Bounty given to the Relatives of Persons slain in Fight with the Enemy, or to a Pension as the Widow of an Officer of the Navy, and any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer, or Private Marine entitled to a Pension or Allowance in respect of his Services or Wounds, shall be at liberty, whenever he or she shall think fit, to receive such Pay, Allowance, Bounty, or Pension by means of a Remittance Bill as aforesaid, to be made out by the Commissioners or Treasurer of the Navy, or his Clerk, or by the Paymaster of the Royal Marines, as the Case may be.

Penalty on any Collector, Clerk, &c. delaying

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Collector of the Customs or Excise, or Clerk of the Treasurer of the Navy, or other Person authorized to make Naval Payments, to whom any Allotment

Bill or Remittance Bill to be made out under this Act shall be addressed or presented for Payment, shall not then have in his Hands sufficient public Monies to answer the same, or shall be unable, from any other sufficient Cause, to make such Payment, he shall forthwith deliver to the Party presenting the same a Note specifying such Cause of his Refusal or Delay in making Payment, dated on the Day the Demand shall be made, and shall appoint thereon some future Day for Payment, not later than Twenty-eight Days from the Date of such Demand; and if he shall unnecessarily and wilfully refuse or delay Payment, or if he shall directly or indirectly accept any Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, or make any Deduction or Discount whatsoever from any Payment made under any Allotment or Remittance Bill, he shall forfeit and pay a Penalty of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence.

Payment or taking any Fee.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That Payment on Allotment and Remittance Bills shall be made only to the Party to whom the same shall be expressed to be payable, except in Cases where such Party shall by Illness or bodily Infirmity be disabled from appearing personally; in which Cases, such Disability being certified by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish or Place where the Party shall reside, or by the Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary attending him or her, and there being no Reason to doubt the Authenticity or Truth of such Certificate, Payment shall on that Occasion be made, on the Production of the Allotment or Bill, to the Order in Writing of the Party to whom it is made payable: Provided always, that in case the Officer of the Revenue, or Clerk to the Treasurer of the Navy, or other Person whose Duty it shall be to make Payment on any Allotment or Remittance Bill, shall entertain any Doubt as to the Identity of the Party, the Authenticity of the Vouchers produced, or his or her Title to receive Payment, such Officer, Clerk, or other Person shall inquire into the same by the Oath of the Party so applying, which Oath such Officer, Clerk, or other Person is hereby authorized to administer for that Purpose.

Party to whom Allotment Bills are payable to appear personally.

Power to administer Oaths.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That in case Payment shall not be demanded upon any Allotment or Remittance Bill, during the Space of Six Calendar Months from the Day of the Receipt thereof, by the Person by whom it is to be paid, or from the Date of the last Payment which shall have been made on any Allotment, such Person shall return the same to the Commissioners of the Navy; and whenever any such Person shall have received Notice from the said Commissioners of the Determination of any Allotment, or of its becoming no longer payable, he shall in like Manner return the same within Two Days after the Receipt of any such Notice, and no Payment to be thereafter made shall be allowed to him: Provided always, that when any Bill made out under the Provisions of this Act shall for any Cause whatever be returned to the Commissioners of the Navy by the Person to whom the same shall have been addressed, before the Expiration of the Time prescribed by this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to cancel such Bill, and also, on its being certified on one Part of the original Bill by the said Commisssioners or by the Treasurer of the Navy that reasonable Cause had been assigned by the Party to whom such Bill was payable for so cancelling the same, to cause to

If Payment of Allotment is not demanded within Six Months, the Bill to be returned.

Renewal of Bills.

to be made out another similar Bill in Duplicate for the like Sum of Money, which shall be forwarded and paid in the same Manner as is provided with respect to the original Bill; and if such new Bill shall not be paid within the like Period as before specified, the same shall be returned and cancelled in like Manner, and the Sum of Money therein mentioned shall then become payable to the Party for whose Wages or Pay it was so made out, or, in case he shall be dead, to his Executor or Administrator.

Naval Officers and Widows entitled to Half Pay or Pensions, may draw on the Navy Board or be paid by Extract.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for Commission and Warrant Officers entitled to Naval Half Pay, or to a Pension in respect of Service or Wounds, and for Widows of any such Officers entitled to a Pension as such Widows, and for the Executors and Administrators of every such Officer, to receive such Half Pay or Pension, or Arrears thereof, by drawing a Bill of Exchange upon the Commissioners of the Navy in the Manner hitherto used, provided they shall previously signify their Intention so to do by Application to the said Commissioners; or if any such Officers or Widows shall be residing near any of His Majesty's Dock Yards where there shall be any Clerk of the said Treasurer authorized to pay Wages, and they shall signify to him, or to the proper Clerk of the Navy Pay Office in *London*, their Desire to be paid by Extract, such Clerk shall take a Note thereof, and shall at such Periods as may be necessary make out and transmit to the Commissioners of the Navy Lists of the Names of such Officers and Widows, and the Particulars of the Half Pay or Pension claimed, with the usual Affidavit in Cases of Half Pay, and the usual Certificate of Life in the Cases of Pension (which Vouchers shall be supplied to the Clerk by the Party making the Application); and Measures shall thereupon be taken at the Navy Office for forwarding to the proper Clerk at the Dock Yard at which Payment is desired to be made Extracts from the Half Pay Book or List of Officers of the Navy entitled to Half Pay, and from the Book or List of Pensions payable to Commission and Warrant Officers in respect of Services or Wounds, and from the Widows Pension List or Book (as is used in the Cases of Payment of Wages upon Extracts from the Ship's Books), in order that Payment of such Half Pay and Pension may be made accordingly; and in Cases when the Parties so entitled to receive any Payment of Half Pay or Pension shall not express their Desire to receive Payment by Bill of Exchange or Extract or by Remittance, such Half Pay and Pension respectively shall be paid upon the said Lists or Books to be made out quarterly as has been heretofore used with respect to Half Pay, or in such other Manner as the Commissioners of the Navy shall deem most convenient for the public Service: Provided always, that no Person residing out of His Majesty's Dominions shall be entitled to the Benefit of Payment of Half Pay or Pension either by Bill of Exchange, Extract, or Remittance.

Assignments of Half Pay, &c. void.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Assignments or Sales and Contracts made or to be made by any Person entitled to any Marine Half Pay, or by any Person entitled to an Allowance from the Compassionate Fund, or to any Pension as the Widow of an Officer, of or in relation to such Half Pay, Allowance, or Pension respectively, and

and all Assignments or Sales and Contracts of or relating to any Wages, Half Pay, Prize Money, Pension, Gratuities, and other Allowances payable in respect of the Services of any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes.

Mode of executing Letters of Attorney and Wills.

XLVIII. And whereas it is expedient to establish Regulations for the Prevention of Forgery and Fraud, which have been heretofore much practised in relation to the Pay of the Royal Navy; be it further enacted, That no Will made by any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, before his Entry into His Majesty's Service, shall be valid to pass any Wages, Prize Money, or other Monies payable in respect of Services in His Majesty's Navy; and that no Letter of Attorney made by any such Person who shall be or shall have been in the said Service, or by the Widow, next of Kin, Executors, or Administrators of any such Person, shall be valid or sufficient to entitle any Person to receive any Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowance of Money of any Kind for the Service of any such Person in His Majesty's Navy, unless such Letter of Attorney shall be therein expressed to be revocable, and that no such Letter of Attorney shall be valid or sufficient to entitle any Person to receive any such Wages or other Monies; nor shall any Will made or to be made by any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, who shall be or shall have been in the Naval Service of His Majesty, be valid or sufficient to pass any such Wages, Prize Money, or other Monies, unless such Letter of Attorney or Will respectively shall contain the Name of the Ship to which the Person executing the same belonged at the Time or to which he last belonged, nor unless such Letter of Attorney, if made by an Executor or Administrator, shall contain the Name of the Ship to which his or her Testator or Intestate last belonged, and also in every Case a full Description of the Degree of Relationship or Residence of the Person or Persons to whom or in whose Favour, either as Attorney or Attornies, Executor or Executors, the same shall be made, and also the Day of the Month and Year and the Name of the Place when and where the same shall have been executed, nor shall any such Letter of Attorney or Will be valid for the Purposes aforesaid unless the same respectively shall, in the several Cases herein-after specified, be executed and attested in the Manner herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) in case any such Letter of Attorney or Will shall be made by any such Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, while belonging to and on board of any Ship of His Majesty as Part of her Complement, or borne on the Books thereof as a Supernumerary or as an Invalid, or for Victuals only, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by the Captain, or (in his Absence) by the Commanding Officer for the Time being, and who in that Case shall state at the Foot of the Attestation the Absence of the Captain at the Time, and the Occasion thereof; and in case of the Inability of the Captain, by reason of Wounds or Sickness, to attest any such Will or Letter of Attorney, then the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by the Officer next in Command, who shall state at the Foot of such Attestation the Inability of the Captain to attest the same, and the Cause thereof;

thereof; and if made in any of His Majesty's Hospital Ships, or in any Naval or other Hospital, or at any Sick Quarters either at Home or Abroad, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by the Governor, Physician, Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, Agent, or Chaplain of any such Hospital or Sick Quarters, or by the Commanding Officer, Agent, Physician, Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, or Chaplain for the Time being of any such Hospital Ship, or by the Physician, Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, Agent, Chaplain, or Chief Officer of any Military or Merchant Hospital or other Sick Quarters, or One of them; and if made on board of any Ship or Vessel in the Transport Service, or in any other Merchant Ship or Vessel, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by some Commission or Warrant Officer or Chaplain in His Majesty's Navy, or some Commission Officer or Chaplain belonging to His Majesty's Land Forces or Royal Marines, or the Governor, Physician, Surgeon, or Agent of any Hospital in His Majesty's Naval or Military Service, if any such shall be then on board, or by the Master or First Mate thereof; and if made after he shall have been discharged from His Majesty's Service, or if such Letter of Attorney be made by the Executor or Administrator of any such Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, if the Party making the same shall then reside in *London* or within the Bills of Mortality, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by the Inspector for the Time being of Seamen's Wills and Powers of Attorney, or his Assistant or Clerk; or if the Party making the same shall then reside at or within the Distance of Seven Miles from any Port or Place where the Wages of Seamen in His Majesty's Service are paid, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by One of the Clerks of the Treasurer of the Navy resident at such Port or Place; or if the Party making such Letter of Attorney or Will shall then reside at any other Place in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or in the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or by the Minister or officiating Minister or Curate of the Parish or Place in which the same shall be executed; or if the Party making the same shall then reside in any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions, or in any Colony, Plantation, Settlement, Fort, Factory, or any other Foreign Possession of His Majesty, or any Settlement within the Charter of the *East India* Company, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by some Commission or Warrant Officer or Chaplain of His Majesty's Navy, or Commission Officer of Royal Marines, or the Commissioner of the Navy, or Naval Storekeeper at one of His Majesty's Naval Yards, or a Minister of the Church of *England* or *Scotland*, or a Magistrate or Principal Officer residing in any of such Places respectively; or if the Party making the same shall then reside at any Place not within His Majesty's Dominions, or any of the Places last mentioned, the same shall be executed in the Presence of and be attested by the *British* Consul or Vice Consul, or some Officer having a public Appointment or Commission, Civil, Naval, or Military, under His Majesty's Government, or by a Magistrate or Notary Public of or near the Place where such Letter of Attorney or Will shall be executed; nor shall any Will of any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of

Marines or Marine, be deemed good or valid in Law, to any Intent or Purpose, which shall be contained, printed, or written in the same Instrument, Paper, or Parchment with a Power of Attorney: Provided always nevertheless, that if it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, in the Case of any Will or Letter of Attorney executed on board any of His Majesty's Ships, that in the Attestation thereof the Captain's Signature hath by Accident or Inadvertence been omitted, and that in all other respects the Execution has been conformable to the Provisions and to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Inspector of Seamen's Wills and Powers to pass the same as valid and sufficient.

Exception as to Wills made by Prisoners of War.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Letter of Attorney or Will which hath been or which hereafter shall be made by any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, while any such Person hath been or shall be a Prisoner of War, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, provided it shall have been executed in the Presence of and be attested by some Commission Officer of the Army, Navy, or Royal Marines, or by some Warrant Officer of His Majesty's Navy, or by a Physician, Surgeon, or Assistant Surgeon in the Army or Navy, Agent to some Naval Hospital, or Chaplain of the Army or Navy, or by any Notary Public; but so as not to invalidate or disturb any Payment which hath been already made under any Letter of Administration, Certificates, or otherwise, in consequence of the Rejection of any such Wills by the Inspector of Seamen's Wills for Want of the due Attestation thereof according to the Directions of any former Act of Parliament.

Wills, &c. to be noted in the Muster Book.

L. And be it further enacted, That all Officers commanding Ships shall, upon their monthly Muster Books or Returns, distinguish which of the Persons therein named have made any Letter of Attorney or Will during that Month, or other Space of Time from the preceding Return, by inserting the Date of such Letter of Attorney or Will opposite the Party's Name, under the Heads of "Letter of Attorney" or "Will," or both, as the Case may require; and shall likewise transmit to the Treasurer of the Navy, at the Time such Returns are transmitted to the Navy Office, a List to the same Effect of all such Persons.

Letters of Attorney and Wills to be examined by the Inspector.

LI. And be it further enacted, That before any Letter of Attorney or Will shall be attempted to be acted upon or put in force, the same shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Navy, at the Navy Pay Office, *London*, in order that it may be examined by the Inspector of Seamen's Will and Letters of Attorney, who, or his Assistant, shall, on Receipt thereof, duly register the same in a numerical and alphabetical Manner in separate Books to be kept for that Purpose, specifying the Date, the Place where executed, the Name and Description of the Party making the same, the Names and Additions of the Persons described therein either as Attornies or Executors, and also of the Witnesses attesting the same, and shall mark the same with the corresponding Numbers in the Ship's Books; and the said Inspector shall take due Means to ascertain the Authenticity of every such

such Letter of Attorney and Will, and in case he shall have Reason to suspect its Authenticity, he shall give Notice in Writing to the Attorney or Executor, as the Case may be, that the same is stopped, and the Reason thereof, and shall also report the same to the Treasurer of the Navy, and shall enter his Caveat against such Letter of Attorney or Will, which shall prevent any Money from being received thereon until the same shall be authenticated to the Satisfaction of the said Treasurer; but if there shall be no Reason, upon such Examination, to doubt its Authenticity, the said Inspector or his Assistant shall sign his Name thereto, and also put a Stamp thereon in Token of his Approbation thereof, and, as to such Letters of Attorney, forthwith send to the Person therein named as Attorney a Check specifying the Number of such Letter of Attorney, the Name and Description of the Person granting the same, the Name and Addition of the Person in whose Favour the same is granted, the Date and Place when and where executed, and the Names of the Witnesses attesting the same, which Check shall be a sufficient Authority for the Attorney to demand and receive Payment of and to give Acquittances for all such Wages, Pay, or other Allowances of Money to which the Person granting the same was entitled for his Service on board any of His Majesty's Ships.

No Letter of Attorney to be passed until a Certificate be produced.

LII. And be it further enacted, That no Letter of Attorney of any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, which shall not have been made or executed on board the Ship to which the Party shall have belonged, in the Manner required by this Act, shall be passed, stamped, or allowed by the said Inspector until a Certificate shall have been produced to him, under the Hand of the Captain, specifying the Period of the Party's Service on board under the Command of such Captain, and a Description of his Height, Complexion, and Age, unless reasonable Cause shall be shown to and allowed by the said Treasurer or Inspector for dispensing with such Certificate.

As to Wages claimed under Powers of Attorney and Indentures.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer of the Navy shall not be bound to pay regard to any Power of Attorney, or Check of any Power, under which any Wages may be claimed as due to any Officers, Seamen, or Marines, unless such Power or Check of Power, as the Case may be, shall be actually produced at the Time Payment is claimed, and, in the Case of an Officer's Pay, unless the Power or a Copy of the Power be left with the proper Officer of the said Treasurer, accompanied with the usual Certificates and Papers; and in Cases of the Wages of a Seaman or Marine being claimed by any Master under any Indenture of Apprenticeship, every such Master shall, before he shall be entitled to receive the same, adduce satisfactory Proof to the Officer of the said Treasurer that the Indenture to be produced by him was in full Force during the Period for which such Wages are claimed, and that the Apprentice was, at the Time of the Execution of the Indenture, under the Age of Eighteen Years, and had not previously used the Sea; but in case the Indenture shall not be produced at the Pay Table when the Wages shall be demanded, and such Proof as aforesaid shall not be given, such Wages shall be paid to the Apprentice, and not to the Master.

LIV. And

LIV. And be it further enacted, That all Wages, Pay, and other Allowances payable for the Service of any Commission or Warrant Officer of His Majesty's Navy shall be paid to the Officer himself, if present, at the Pay Table, or to his lawful Attorney, upon the Production of the usual Certificates; but if he shall have assigned or sold his Pay, the same shall be paid to the Assignee, being duly authorized to receive the same; and if there shall be more Assignments than One, they shall be satisfied according to Priority of Date; but the Treasurer of the Navy shall not pay regard to any Assignment which shall not be presented at the Pay Table, accompanied by the usual Certificates and Papers, at the Time the Wages or Pay are appointed to be paid, and unless a true Copy of such Assignment be left at the same Time with the said Treasurer, nor shall he be liable to pay under any Assignment conveying generally any annual or other periodical Wages or Allowance to grow due, but only under such Assignments of Wages, Pay, or other Allowances due, as shall be made to secure Payment of any Sum advanced by the Assignee, which shall be truly set forth in such Assignment, and for the Amount of which, and no more, the Wages, Pay, and other Allowances payable to the Officer shall be liable.

Assignment of Pay by Commission and Warrant Officers.

LV. And be it enacted, That when any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, who shall have belonged to any Ship of His Majesty, shall have died, leaving a Will, no Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowance of Money shall be paid over to or recovered by his Executor or Executors except upon the Probate of the Will, to be obtained in the following manner; *videlicet*, after such Will shall have been so transmitted, registered, and approved as herein-before directed, the Inspector shall cause to be issued to the Person named therein as Executor a Cheque in lieu thereof, containing Directions to return the same, with his or her Signature thereto, upon the Testator's Death, to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, which Cheque shall be in the Form heretofore used in such Cases, or in such other Form as the Treasurer of the Navy shall deem most expedient and conducive to the Purposes of this Act, and shall have the requisite Certificates in Blank subscribed thereto, to be filled up as herein-after mentioned; and in the Event of the Testator's Death, the Minister or Curate of the Parish in which the Party named as Executor shall then reside shall, upon the Application of the Executor, examine him, and such Two inhabitant Householders of the Parish as may be disposed to certify their personal Knowledge of the Holder of the Cheque, touching his Claim, and that they are satisfied of his being the Person therein described as Executor; and the said Executor shall subscribe his Name to the Application, and the Two Householders their Names to the Certificate for that Purpose subjoined to the Cheque (the Blanks therein being first filled up agreeable to Truth), in the Presence of the Minister or Curate, for which respective Purposes the said Executor and Householders shall attend at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by the Minister or Curate, who being, upon Examination of the several Parties, satisfied with their Answers, and that the Person holding the Cheque is the Executor therein named, and that the Two Persons certifying as before required are

Mode by which Executors are to obtain Probate.

inhabitant Householders of the Parish, and having seen the said Parties sign the Application and Certificate respectively (which he is hereby required to do), shall add thereto a Description of the Height, Complexion, Colour of Eyes and Hair, Age, and any particular Marks about the Person of the Party claiming as Executor, and, after the several Blanks shall have been filled up agreeable to Truth, shall certify to the several Particulars by subscribing his Signature thereto; and the said Executor shall, before signing the Application, pay to the said Minister or Curate a Fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence for his Trouble on the Occasion; and the said Application and Certificates being in all Things completed according to the Directions therein and hereby given, the same shall be transmitted by the said Minister or Curate by the General Post, addressed to the Treasurer of the Navy, *London*; and the said original Will having been passed in the Manner directed by this Act, the Inspector shall note thereon the Amount of the Wages due to the Deceased, as calculated on the Search to be obtained from the Navy Office, and shall then forward such Will to a Proctor, in order to his obtaining Probate thereof; and in case the Executor shall not reside within the Bills of Mortality, the Inspector shall also forward to such Proctor a Letter addressed to the Minister, in the usual or other requisite Form, for the Purpose of its being transmitted to him with the Commission for administering the necessary Oath to the Party as Executor; and such Proctor, having received the Will and the said Letter of the Inspector (in case such Letter shall be necessary), shall immediately sue out the previous Commission or Requisition, or take such other Steps as may be necessary towards enabling the Executor to obtain Probate, and shall inclose in the said Letter a Copy of the Will and the Commission or Requisition, with Instructions for executing the same, and forward the same to the Minister by the General Post, agreeably to the Address put thereon by the Inspector.

Mode of obtaining Administration to Intestate's Effects.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That when any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, shall die intestate, leaving any Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowances of Money of any Kind due to him in respect of Services in His Majesty's Navy, the same shall not be paid to his Representatives, except upon Letters of Administration, to be obtained in the following Manner; *videlicet*, the Person claiming Administration shall send a Letter to the Inspector, stating his Place of Abode, the Parish in which the same is situate, his Degree of Relationship to the Deceased, the Names of the Deceased and of the Ship or Ships to which he belonged, that he has been informed of the Intestate's Death, and requesting the Inspector to give such Directions as may enable him to procure Letters of Administration to the Deceased's Effects, or to the like Effect, upon Receipt whereof the Inspector shall send by Post, under Cover, to the Minister of the Parish wherein the Claimant shall reside, a Petition in the Form heretofore in such Cases used, or in such other Form as the Treasurer of the Navy shall deem most expedient and conducive to the Purposes of this Act, together with the requisite Certificates in Blank, to be filled up as hereafter mentioned, and a Letter pointing out the Steps to be taken

taken thereon as herein-after in that Behalf contained, and shall also send to the Claimant a Letter advising him of the forwarding of the said Petition or Paper as aforesaid, and pointing out the Measures to be taken by him for substantiating his Claim; and upon Receipt of the said Petition the Minister, officiating Minister, or Curate shall, on the Application of the Claimant, examine him, and also such Two inhabitant Householders of the Parish as may be disposed to certify their personal Knowledge of him, and their Belief of his Right to administer to the Effects of the Intestate, according to the Degree of Relationship set forth at the Head of the Petition; and the Minister or Curate being, upon due Examination of the Claimant and the said Two Householders, satisfied of the Truth of their Answers, and having seen the Claimant sign the Application, and the Two Householders sign the Certificate (which the Minister is required to do), shall add thereto a Description of the Height, Complexion, Colour of Eyes and Hair, Age, and any particular Marks about the Person of the Claimant, and after the Blanks in the said Petition, Certificates, and Description for those several Purposes shall have been filled up agreeable to Truth, shall certify to the several Particulars by subscribing his Signature thereto, for which respective Purposes the said Claimant and the Householders shall attend at such Time and Place as the Minister or Curate shall appoint; and the Claimant shall, before signing the Petition, pay to the Minister or Curate a Fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence for his Trouble on the Occasion; and the said Paper being in all Things completed according to the Directions therein and hereby given, the Minister shall return the same by the General Post, addressed to the Treasurer of the Navy, *London;* and upon the Receipt thereof at the Navy Pay Office, the Inspector shall examine the same, and, being satisfied of the Claim, he shall transmit to a Proctor a Certificate thereof (in the Form heretofore used, or in such other Form as the Treasurer of the Navy shall deem expedient); and in case the Claimant shall not reside within the Bills of Mortality, the Inspector shall at the same Time inclose and send to the said Proctor a Letter addressed to the Minister and Churchwardens or Elders, (as the Case may be,) of the Parish within which the Claimant then shall reside, signifying the Transmission of a Commission (which the Proctor is to obtain) for swearing the Claimant as Administrator, with the necessary Instructions for executing the same; and the Proctor shall, upon Receipt thereof, take the requisite Steps towards enabling the Claimant to obtain Letters of Administration, and shall, in the Inspector's Letter to the Minister, inclose the Commission or other necessary Instrument, with Instructions for executing the same, and shall forward such Letter and Inclosures by the General Post, agreeably to the Address put thereon by the said Inspector.

Minister or Curate rejecting Petition to state his Reasons.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Minister or Curate shall reject any Petition for Want of satisfactory Proof of the Claim, he shall state his Reasons for such Rejection on the said Petition, and forthwith return the same to the Treasurer of the Navy as aforesaid; and in case no Application shall be made to the Minister or Curate by the Claimant, or no effectual Steps shall be taken by him to complete the Petition and the Certificates within the Space of Two Calendar Months from the Date of the Inspector's Letter

Letter accompanying such Petition, the Minister or Curate shall, at the Expiration of that Time, return the Petition to the Treasurer of the Navy as aforesaid, with his Reason for doing so noted thereon.

Minister to procure Execution of Commission.

LVIII. And be it enacted, That every Minister to whom any such Letter, with a Commission or Requisition for swearing any Executor or Administrator, shall be transmitted, shall, immediately upon the Receipt thereof, take the necessary Steps for procuring the Execution of the same, and shall transmit the same, when executed, directed to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, *London;* and if the Executor or Administrator shall reside at a Distance from the Place where the Wages or other Allowances of Money are payable, he shall specify the Name and Residence of the nearest or most convenient Collector of Customs or of Excise; and upon Receipt of the said Commission at the Navy Pay Office, the same shall be forwarded to the Proctor, who, in pursuance thereof, shall forthwith procure the requisite Probate or Letters of Administration, and when obtained transmit the same to the Inspector at the Navy Pay Office.

Check to be issued by Inspector.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That when any Probate or Letters of Administration shall have been so obtained, the Proctor employed therein shall immediately send the same to the Treasurer of the Navy, with a Copy of the Will (in the Case of Probate), and an Account of his Charges for the same; and upon Receipt thereof the Inspector shall issue a Check, containing the Heads of such Probate or Letters of Administration, and shall note thereon the Amount of the Proctor's Charges and the Address of the Claimant, which Check shall be in the Form heretofore used in the Navy Pay Office, or in such other Form as the Treasurer of the Navy shall deem most expedient for the Purpose; and so soon as the Wages and Prize Money due to the Deceased shall have been calculated in the proper Departments, the Amount shall be noted on the Check, and, after abating the Proctor's Charges, the Balance shall be paid to the Party personally, or by Means of a Remittance Bill, in the Manner and under similar Regulations as are herein-before provided with respect to other Remittances of Wages, and the Check shall then be delivered to the Party to stand instead of Probate or Letters of Administration, to enable him to receive whatever other Sums may become payable to the Deceased's Estate.

No Proctor to deliver out Probate or Letters of Administration to any other than the Treasurer.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Proctor, Registrar, or other Officer of any Ecclesiastical Court shall deliver or cause to be delivered any Letters of Administration, Probate of Will, or Letters of Administration with Will annexed, to any other Person than the Treasurer of the Navy or the said Inspector, in the Manner directed by this Act, such Proctor or other Officer so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and if any Agent or Agents for Prizes shall pay any Prize Money due to a Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, under any Authority whatever, other than the Inspector's Check directed by this Act, such Payment shall be null and void, and the

Agent or Agents so paying the same shall forfeit for every and each such Offence a Sum equal to the Amount of the Prize Money paid.

Limiting the Expence of Probate.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That no Registrar, Proctor, or other Officer of any Ecclesiastical Court shall, under any Pretence, take or receive any more for the Stamp, Seal, Parchment, Writing, Fees, and Trouble attending the suing forth the Probate of any Will or any Letters of Administration to the Effects of any Warrant or Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, whereby any Person may be enabled to obtain any Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowance of Money of any Kind in respect of Services in the Navy, than the several Sums specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed: Provided nevertheless, that if any Increase or Diminution shall take place in the Stamp Duties payable on any Instrument connected therewith, then the Charges shall be increased or diminished to the Extent of the Change in such Duties, but no further: Provided always, that in Cases of extraordinary Trouble or Expence, the Proctor shall be allowed to make additional Charges in proportion thereto, and if the same shall appear reasonable to the Inspector he may allow the same, but otherwise the same shall be submitted to the Treasurer of the Navy, and if he shall disapprove thereof, the same shall be taxed by the proper Officer of the Court, without Fee or Reward, unless the Charges shall have arisen in consequence of any Litigation or Suit, in which Case a Fee of Three Shillings shall be allowed to the Officer for Taxation.

Penalty on Proctors, &c. offending against this Act.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer, Proctor, or other Person shall take more than the several Sums allowed in the said Schedule, every Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, with full Costs of Suit; or if any Registrar, Proctor, or other Officer of any Ecclesiastical Court shall knowingly or willingly be aiding or assisting in procuring Probate of any Will or Letters of Administration, whereby any Person may be enabled to claim any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, or Allowance of Money of any Kind for the Services of any such Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, otherwise than in the Manner prescribed by this Act, every such Registrar, Proctor, or other Officer shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and shall moreover forfeit his Office and be rendered incapable of acting in any Capacity in any Court of Admiralty or Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Manner of proceeding in case of Executors, &c. dying before the Receipt of Wages.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That when the Executor or Administrator of a deceased Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, shall die before he shall have received the Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowances payable to his Testator or Intestate, it shall be lawful for the Inspector to investigate the Right of any Person claiming Payment of the same or to represent according to Law the Person of such deceased Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, and, being satisfied of such Right, to certify the Name and Place of Abode of such Person upon the Check or Certificate, and that in his Judgment the Claimant is the rightful Representative of such deceased Petty

Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, and entitled to receive whatever may remain due in respect of his Services as aforesaid; and thereupon if the Wages, Prize Money, and other Allowances remaining unpaid shall appear to the Inspector not to amount nor likely to amount to more than the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer, and also for any Agent or Agents for Prizes respectively, to pay to such Person all Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, and other Allowances of Money so due or to become payable, without requiring him to take out fresh Letters of Administration; but if the same shall amount or appear to the said Inspector to be likely to amount to more than that Sum, then the same shall only be paid upon fresh Letters of Administration, to be obtained in the Manner herein-before directed.

For preventing fraudulent Claims by pretended Creditors of Seamen and Marines.

LXIV. And for preventing Frauds, which have been frequently practised by Persons falsely pretending to be Creditors of deceased Seamen and Marines; be it further enacted, That no Letters of Administration shall be granted to any Person claiming as a Creditor of any deceased Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, but that every such Creditor shall be entitled to receive the Amount of his Claim (if just) out of the Assets of the Deceased, or so far as the same will extend for that Purpose, when the just Amount of the Debt or Claim shall have been ascertained and approved as herein-after provided; (that is to say,) every Person claiming as a Creditor shall deliver to the said Inspector an Account in Writing, subscribed with his Name, stating the Particulars of the Demand and the Place of his Abode, and verified by his Oath, or, being a Quaker, by his Affirmation in Writing taken before any Justice of the Peace, which Oath or Affirmation any such Justice is hereby empowered to administer; and if any Application for a Certificate to obtain Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration to the Effects of the Deceased shall be made, the Inspector shall give Notice to the Applicant of the Name and Place of Abode of the Creditor, and the Amount of the Debt, and shall also cause Notice to be given to the Creditor of the Place of Abode of such Applicant; but if no such Application shall have been made at the Time of the Delivery of the Claim, the Inspector or other Person authorized by the said Treasurer shall proceed to investigate the Account of such Creditor, for which Purpose he is hereby empowered and directed to require from such Creditor a Production before him of all Books, Accounts, Vouchers, and Papers relating to his Demand, and satisfactory Evidence thereof; and if such Creditor shall, by due Proof, satisfy the said Inspector or other authorized Person of the Justice of the Demand in part or in the whole, then the same shall be allowed as shall appear just; but if all Books, Accounts, Vouchers, and Papers shall not be produced, or a sufficient Reason assigned for not producing the same, or if the said Inspector or other authorized Person shall not be satisfied of the Justice of the Demand, then he shall disallow the same: Provided always, that in case such Creditor shall be dissatisfied, he shall be at liberty to appeal against such Decision to the said Treasurer, who shall thereupon inquire into the same by the Examination of the Parties and their Witnesses upon Oath or Affirmation taken or made before the said Treasurer or any Justice

of the Peace, (which Oath or Affirmation the said Treasurer and any Justice as aforesaid are hereby severally authorized to administer,) and to allow or disallow the Claim, in part or in the whole, as to the said Treasurer shall seem fit, and the Decision of the said Treasurer shall be final and conclusive in the Premises: Provided always, that no Claim of any Creditor shall be admitted or allowed unless the same be made within Two Years next after the Death of the Party upon whose Assets the Claim is made, nor unless the same shall appear to have accrued within Three Years next before the Death of such Party.

Creditors to be paid if there are no Executors or Administrators.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That if within the Space of Twelve Calendar Months from the Delivery of the Claim no Application shall have been made by any Person in the Character either of Executor or Administrator, the Creditor shall be entitled to receive so much as shall have been allowed to be due to him as aforesaid out of the Monies payable in respect of the Services of the Deceased, so far as they will extend to satisfy the same, and thereupon the Inspector shall grant to the Creditor a Certificate of the Allowance of such Claim in the Form heretofore used, or in such other Form as shall by the said Treasurer be deemed expedient, and so much of such Wages as shall be sufficient to satisfy the Claim so allowed shall be paid or remitted to the Creditor in the Manner herein provided for the Remittance of Wages to Executors or Administrators: Provided always, that if any Prize Money or Bounty Money shall be due to the Deceased, the same shall be payable to such Creditor only in the Manner herein-after directed; (that is to say,) if the Wages and other Allowances of Money shall not be sufficient to discharge the Claim, the proper Officer in the Navy Pay Office shall state at the Foot of the Certificate the Amount paid to the Creditor, and it shall not be lawful for the Creditor to demand or receive from any Person any Prize Money or Bounty Money due to the Deceased except as herein-after next mentioned; (that is to say,) such Prize and Bounty Money, if the same shall be in the Hands of an Agent, shall be paid over as in Cases of unclaimed Prize Money, and the Creditor, on the Production of such Certificate to the Officer appointed to pay the Prize Money, shall be entitled to receive from him so much of the Deceased's Prize Money or other Allowances as shall be sufficient to discharge his Demand, and upon the same being satisfied, the Inspector shall retain the Certificate as a Voucher or Document of Office: Provided also, that if there shall be more Creditors than One, they shall be satisfied according to the Priority of the Allowance of their respective Claims, but so as not to deprive any Creditor of any Priority he may by Law be entitled to by reason of any Specialty, provided Notice in Writing of the Particulars of such Specialty shall have been given to the Treasurer of the Navy in due Time.

Agents not to produce Prize Orders executed within Six Miles of the Place of Payment.

LXVI. And whereas by an Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, for regulating the Payment of Navy Prize Money, Agents for Prizes are prohibited from paying any Prize Money or Bounty Money to any Person upon any Order made within the Distance of Five Miles of the Place where the same shall be payable, (such Prize Money or Bounty Money being in course of Distribution

Distribution at the Time of making such Order,) under the Penalty therein mentioned; be it further enacted, That if any Agent licensed by the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, or if any other Person, shall insert or cause to be inserted in any Order for Payment of Prize Money or Bounty Money payable in respect of the Services of any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, in His Majesty's Navy, the Name of any captured Ship, Vessel, Fortress, or Place, the Proceeds of which or the Bounty Money payable in respect whereof shall be then in course of Distribution within Six Miles of the Place where such Name or Names shall be inserted, and where such Order shall be intended to be attested under the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, or shall utter any such Order with the Name or Names of any such captured Ship, Vessel, Fortress, or Place inserted therein, for the Purpose of demanding or receiving Payment of any Prize Money or Bounty Money for or in respect of such captured Ship, Vessel, Fortress, or Place, such Prize Money or Bounty Money being then in course of Distribution or Payment within Six Miles of the Place where such Order shall have been made or drawn and attested, every such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Captains to deliver Certificates to discharged Seamen.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, shall be discharged for any Cause from any Ship of His Majesty, the Captain shall cause to be made out and sign a Certificate describing the Period of such discharged Person's Service on board the Ship, his Number on the Ship's Books, and his Stature, Complexion, and Age, which shall be delivered to the Party at the Time of his Discharge; and no Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer, or Marine shall be entitled to receive his Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowances, unless he shall produce such Certificate at the Time the same are claimed, or unless he shall be identified by One or more of the Commission or Warrant Officers who belonged to the Vessel during some Part of the Period for which he may so claim; and no Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, who shall be discharged from any Ship of His Majesty into any other such Ship, shall be entitled to receive any Wages or Allowances for the Ship to which he shall have last belonged unless he shall enter and be mustered Three Times in the Ship into which he shall be so discharged, or shall appear upon the Books of the Ship into which he shall next go to have been regularly discharged therefrom; or in case of his having been taken by the Enemy, or if the Ship in which he shall have last served shall have been lost or destroyed, and he shall have survived, unless he shall return so soon as it shall be in his Power to do so, and enter again within a reasonable Time on board some Ship of His Majesty; or in case he shall be discharged from his Ship to any Naval Hospital or Sick Quarters, unless he shall return to his Ship when discharged from such Hospital or Sick Quarters, or be discharged out of the Service; or unless in any of the said Events reasonable Cause be shown to and allowed by the Commissioner of the Navy comptrolling such Payment, and the Clerk of the Treasurer of the Navy making the same, for not producing such Certificate or for Noncompliance with any thing herein directed.

LXVIII. And

Payment of Orders under 10*l.* executed by Seamen.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Wages not exceeding Ten Pounds shall be payable by the Rules of the Navy to any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, it shall be lawful for him to make an Order in Writing for Payment of the same upon the Treasurer of the Navy, which Order nevertheless shall be revocable as in the Case of Powers of Attorney, and the same shall be attested by the Captain or any other of the signing Officers, or a Lieutenant of the Ship on board of which such Wages were earned, accompanied with a Certificate, from One of the signing Officers or Lieutenants, of the Particulars of the Service of the Drawer of such Order; and the said Order and Certificate shall be examined by the Inspector of Seamen's Wills, and if he sees no Cause to suspect the Authenticity thereof he shall stamp and pass the same for Payment, but otherwise he shall report the same to the Treasurer of the Navy, and shall enter his Caveat, which shall prevent any Money from being received thereon until the same shall be authenticated to the Satisfaction of the said Treasurer; and if the Party making such Order shall have been discharged from His Majesty's Service, the Order shall be attested in the like Manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to the Attestation of Letters of Attorney, and shall be accompanied by the like Certificates of Service, and be subject to the like Examination and Caveat, as is above directed with regard to Orders made by Persons in His Majesty's Service: Provided always, that the Privilege hereby given shall not extend to any Person who shall have been discharged from His Majesty's Service for any other Cause than being unserviceable, but every such last-mentioned Person shall, according to the Rules of the Navy, wait until the Ship from whence he shall have been discharged shall come in course of Payment.

Sums not exceeding 20*l.* due to deceased Petty Officers to be paid on Certificate.

LXIX. And in order to avoid the Expence which the Relatives of deceased Officers, Seamen, and Marines may be otherwise obliged to incur to obtain Payment of small Sums due for the Services of such deceased Persons be it enacted, That in all Cases when any Monies not exceeding Twenty Pounds shall be due on account of any Wages, Prize Money, or other Allowances payable on account of the Services of any deceased Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, it shall be lawful for the Inspector of Seamen's Wills, after having by the requisite previous Steps, as before directed, ascertained the Right of any Claimant to Probate of the Will or to Administration of the Effects of the Deceased, to issue a Check or Certificate to that Effect, in such Form as by the Treasurer of the Navy shall be deemed expedient; and to the same end, in all Cases when any Monies not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Thirty-two Pounds shall be payable on account of any Pay or Half Pay or Pension of any deceased Officer of the Navy or Royal Marines, or of any Pension to any deceased Widow of an Officer, or on account of any Allowance from the Compassionate Fund to any deceased Person, it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer of the Navy or for the Paymaster of Royal Marines, as the Case may be, after having ascertained in a satisfactory Manner the Right of any Claimant to Probate of the Will or to Letters of Administration of the Effects of the Deceased, and that the Deceased has not left any other Assets to be administered

than the Arrears of Pay, Half Pay, Pension, or Allowance, not exceeding Thirty-two Pounds as aforesaid, to issue a Certificate to that Effect, in such Form as shall be deemed expedient; and upon such Check or Certificate of the Inspector, and upon such Certificate of the Treasurer of the Navy and Paymaster of Royal Marines respectively, Payment of the Monies so due, not exceeding the respective Sums of Twenty Pounds and Thirty-two Pounds as aforesaid, shall be made to the Parties named in such Checks and Certificates respectively, either personally, or, if they shall desire it, by Remittance Bill in the Manner by this Act provided with respect to Payments by Remittance; and all Payments made under such Checks and Certificates, not exceeding the respective Sums aforesaid, shall be as effectual and legal as if the same had been made under any Probate of a Will or Letters of Administration duly granted by the proper Court, and shall be allowed to the said Treasurer and Paymaster of Royal Marines in their respective Accounts.

Monies due to lunatic Officers or Men made payable to Persons having the Care of them.

LXX. And whereas many Cases occur of Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and of Seamen and Marines, entitled to Pay, Half Pay, Pension, or Prize Money, becoming insane or lunatic, in which it is not deemed by their Relatives expedient, by reason of the Expence and of there being no other Monies or Estate to administer, to take Measures according to Law for obtaining a Commission of Lunacy; and it is expedient that the Monies accruing due to them should be advanced for their Support; be it therefore enacted, That in any of such Cases, when it shall be made appear to the Treasurer of the Navy or to the Paymaster of Royal Marines, as the Case may be, by satisfactory Evidence, that any Officer, Seaman, or Marine is insane, lunatic, or otherwise, from his State of Mind, incompetent to the Management of his Affairs, it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer or Paymaster to pay over to the Wife, Relative, or other Person having the Care and Maintenance of such incompetent Person, such Monies as shall become payable, or such Portion thereof as the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid shall think fit, to be applied towards the Maintenance and Support of such incompetent Person; and every Payment so made shall be deemed good and valid, and be allowed to the said Treasurer and Paymaster respectively in their Accounts.

Pensions to Widows.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Pensions to which the Widows of Officers of the Royal Navy are or may be entitled under any Commission, Warrant, or Order of His Majesty, shall be paid in the same Manner as other Pensions for Services in the Royal Navy are payable; and that it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or any Two or more of them, for the Time being, to make such Orders, Rules, and Regulations, and from Time to Time to alter the same, in relation to the Payment of Half Pay to the Officers of Royal Marines, and of the Allowances from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, and also as to any Certificates, Vouchers, Receipts, or Orders for the better regulating, managing, and making such Payments, and to require such Proofs and Affi-

Admiralty may make Regulations for the Payment of Marine Half Pay, &c.

davits relating thereto as they shall deem requisite for the ordering and securing the Payment of such Half Pay and Allowances: Provided always, that every such Order, Rule, or Regulation may from Time to Time be revoked or altered by any Warrant or Order under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual.

Wages, Pay, Prize Money, &c., not claimed within Six Years, to be declared forfeited.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which any Wages, Pay, Half Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Pension, Gratuity, or Allowance of any Kind payable in respect or in consideration of the Services of any Officer, Seaman, or Marine in the Royal Navy, shall not be claimed or demanded by or on the Behalf of the Person to whom the same was so payable, or, in case of his or her Death, by any Person legally entitled thereto, within Six Years next after the Period at which the same respectively first became due and payable, or the Services in respect of which the same may be payable were performed, the same shall and are hereby declared to be forfeited: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, upon sufficient Cause being shown for any Delay or Neglect which may have occurred in making any such Claim, to exercise a Discretion thereupon, and to authorize the Payment of the same, notwithstanding any such Forfeiture thereof.

Letters to and from the Treasurer or Paymaster to go free.

Limitation.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Letters and Packets addressed to or sent by the Treasurer or the Paymaster of the Navy for the Time being shall be sent and received free from the Duty of Postage, in the same Manner and under the same Restrictions as the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces is by Law authorized to send and receive Letters and Packets free of Postage: Provided always, that so far as relates to the Paymaster of the Navy, the Provision herein contained shall not continue in force beyond the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Letters to and from certain other Officers to go free.

Regulation as to such Letters.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Letters and Packets addressed to and sent by the Inspector of Seamen's Wills and Letters of Attorney for the Time being, upon any Business or Affairs of or relating to the said Office of Inspector, and all Letters and Packets in relation to Officers and Seamen's Wages sent, in the Execution of this Act, by the Cashier or other Officer in the Navy Pay Office appointed for paying Seamen's Tickets, and all Letters and Packets in relation to Remittances, Half Pay, Pension, Bounty, and Allowances from the Compassionate Fund, sent, in the Execution of this Act, by the Officer or Clerk to be nominated by the Treasurer of the Navy for that Purpose, and all Letters and Packets in relation to Widows Pensions sent, in the Execution of this Act, by the Officer or Clerk to be nominated by the Treasurer of the Navy for that Purpose, shall be free from the Duty of Postage; and all such Letters and Packets which shall be forwarded by the said Inspector, Cashier, Officers, and Clerks respectively shall be under Cover, with the Words, "Pursuant to Act of Parliament of 11th *George* 4th," printed on the same; and the said Inspector, Cashier, Officers, and Clerks respectively sending the same shall sign their respective Names under such Words; and if any such Inspector, Cashier,

Penalty for infringing such Regulations.

Cashier, Officer, or Clerk, or any other Person, shall send or cause to be sent, under any such Cover, any Letter, Paper, or Writing, or any Inclosure, other than what shall relate to the public Business of the several Departments of the Navy Pay Office and Navy Office, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Letters relating to the Business of the Commissioners of the Navy or the Victualling Department to go free, subject to the Regulations herein mentioned.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Letters and Packets addressed to the Commissioners of the Navy or to the Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy, relating solely to the Business of their respective Departments, shall be free from the Duty of Postage, and that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Navy and Victualling respectively to authorize and direct certain Persons in each of their Offices or Departments respectively (not exceeding the Number of Three in Time of Peace, and Six in Time of War, in the Navy Office, and the Number of Two in Time of Peace, and Four in Time of War, in the Victualling Office, a List of whose Names shall be from Time to Time transmitted by the respective Commissioners aforesaid to the Secretary of the General Post Office in *London*,) to send Letters and Packets, relating to the Business only of their respective Departments, free of Postage, all which Letters and Packets shall be under Cover, with the Words, "On His Majesty's Service," and "Navy Office," or "Victualling Office," as the Case may be, printed on the same; and the said Persons so to be authorized as aforesaid shall sign and subscribe their respective Names under such Words, and all such Letters and Packets shall be sealed with the Seal of the Navy and Victualling Offices respectively; and all the said Persons are hereby strictly forbidden so to subscribe and seal any Letter or Packet, except such only as they shall know to relate solely to the Business of their respective Offices; and if any such authorized Person or any other Person shall send, or cause or permit to be sent, under any such Cover, any Letter, Paper, or Writing, or any Inclosure, other than what shall relate to the public Business of their respective Departments, every Person so offending shall for the first Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and for the second Offence shall be dismissed from his Office.

As to Letters sent to the Commissioners not relating solely to the Business of their Office.

LXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Letter, Paper, or Thing whatsoever shall be sent under Cover to the Commissioners of the Navy or to the Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy, the same not being actually upon His Majesty's Service and relating solely to the Business of their respective Offices, the said Commissioners respectively are hereby required forthwith to forward the same to the Postmaster General, with the Covers, in order that the Contents thereof may be charged with the Duty of Postage.

Tickets, &c. to be good Vouchers to the Treasurer.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Bills, Tickets, Certificates, Pay Lists, Orders, and other Documents upon which any Payment is authorized by this Act to be made by the Treasurer of the Navy, shall be allowed and taken, on the passing of his Accounts, as good and sufficient Vouchers to him for so much

much Money as shall be therein directed to be paid, and shall have been paid by him thereon.

Exemption from Stamps.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Bills to be drawn by the Commissioners of the Navy or the Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy, or any of them, relating to the public Service, or in the Execution of this Act; all Bills to be drawn by any Commission, Warrant, or Petty Officer of the Navy, or any Officer of Royal Marines, or other Person, under the Authority of this Act, and payable by the Treasurer of the Navy or by the Paymaster of Royal Marines; all Orders, Tickets, Cheques, Certificates, Vouchers, and other Documents made out in pursuance of this Act; all Receipts for Money paid to the Treasurer of the Navy on account of the public Service; and all Receipts for Wages, Allowances of every Kind, Pensions, Bounty, and Half Pay or Prize Money, or in respect of Payments made by the Treasurer of the Navy or by the Paymaster of Royal Marines, or by any Collector of Customs and Excise, in the Execution of the Provisions of this Act or under the Authority of the same; shall be and are hereby wholly exempted from all Stamp Duty whatever.

Agent's Commission.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Agent or other Person who shall be employed in the Receipt of any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Pension, or Allowances payable in respect of the Services of any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other Person in the Royal Navy, shall be entitled to take or retain more than Sixpence in the Pound for receiving and paying over any such Wages, Prize Money, Pension, or other Allowances, and for all his Attendance and Trouble in relation thereto, over and above the Disbursements in respect of Postage and public Fees and other Charges which such Agent shall have necessarily paid: Provided always, that in the Cases only of the Accounts of Captains and Pursers, and Officers acting as Captains and Pursers, it shall be lawful for such Agents to charge in manner following; (that is to say,) the Sum of Three Pounds for every One hundred Pounds of the Amount of the Pay of all Captains and Officers acting as Captains, and so in proportion for a smaller Sum; and the Sum of Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings for every One 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 a smaller Sum; which respective Allowances shall be deemed a full Compensation to such Agents, over and above all Postages and public Fees and Allowances which shall have been necessarily disbursed by them; and if any such Agent or other Person shall directly or indirectly charge, demand, receive, or retain, or permit or suffer to be charged, demanded, received, or retained, any Allowance or Consideration exceeding the Allowance hereby authorized, he shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

To prevent Arrest of Seamen, &c.

LXXX. And to prevent any unjust or fraudulent Arrests of Seamen or Marines, as well as to prevent Credit being improperly given to them while belonging to any Ships of His Majesty; be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person to arrest or take out of His Majesty's Service any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or Private Marine, belonging to

any Ship of His Majesty, by any Warrant, Process, or Writ of Execution whatever, to be issued either in the United Kingdom or in any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions, for any Debt or alleged Debt, unless such Debt shall have been contracted by such Officer, Seaman, or Marine at a Time when he did not belong to His Majesty's Service, and unless before the issuing of such Process or Execution the Plaintiff in the Suit, or some Person on his Behalf, shall make Affidavit in the Court out of which such Process or Execution shall issue, that the Debt justly due and owing to the Plaintiff, over and above all Costs, was contracted by the Defendant at a Time when he did not belong to the Service of His Majesty, a Memorandum of which Oath shall be marked on the Back of such Process or Execution, and of the Warrant issued in pursuance thereof; and if any Person be nevertheless arrested contrary hereto, it shall be lawful for the Court or any Judge of such Court, upon Complaint made thereof by the Party himself or by his superior Officer, to examine into the same by the Oath of the Parties or otherwise, and to make an Order for the Discharge of every such Person so arrested contrary to the Intent of this Act, and he shall thereupon be discharged out of Custody without Payment of any Fee whatever; and such Court or Judge shall also award to the Party so complaining the Costs of such Complaint, to be taxed by the proper Officer, for the Recovery whereof he shall have the like Remedy that the Plaintiff might have had for his Costs in case Judgment had been given for him, with Costs, against the Defendant in the said Action.

Act to extend to the Royal Marines.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Clauses, Provisions, and Regulations herein contained shall, so far as the same can be applied, extend to the Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Privates of Royal Marines, in respect of their Services on board any of His Majesty's Ships.

Provision for Seamen left Abroad in Distress.

LXXXII. And whereas by the said Act of the Thirty-first Year of King *George* the Second, and the said first-mentioned Act of the Thirty-second Year of King *George* the Third, hereby repealed, certain Provisions were established for the Care and Maintenance of *British* Seamen who, by Shipwreck, Capture, or otherwise, might be left in Distress in Foreign Parts; and it is expedient that other Provisions should be substituted for the due Care and Subsistence of seafaring Persons thus circumstanced; be it therefore enacted, That the Governors, Ministers, Consuls, and other Officers of His Majesty in Foreign Parts, and in Places where there shall be no such, then any two *British* Merchants there residing, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed, and required to send for and provide for all such seafaring Men and Boys, being Subjects of the United Kingdom, who shall by Shipwreck, or by any other Means, or from any Cause whatever, be driven to or cast away or left or be in Distress at any such Foreign Parts or Places, or who shall have been discharged from any of His Majesty's Ships, and they and every of them are hereby required to provide for and subsist all such seafaring Men and Boys, and for so doing they shall be allowed so much *per* Day as hath been or shall be in this respect authorized by the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, for the Amount of which Disbursements they shall send

Bills, together with proper Vouchers, to the Commissioners of the Navy, in order that, after due Examination of such Vouchers, Payment of the Amount thereof may be made to them; and the said Governors, Ministers, Consuls, other Officers, and Merchants shall cause such Men and Boys to be put or sent on board the first or any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Subjects of His Majesty which shall be bound from thence or from the Neighbourhood to any Part of the United Kingdom, and shall be in want of Men to make up their Complement; and if there shall be no such Ship in want of Men within a convenient Time, then they shall provide and order a Passage Home for such seafaring Men and Boys in the first Ship or Vessel of His Majesty's Subjects bound to any Part of the said United Kingdom; and every Master or other Person having the Charge of any such Ship or Vessel shall and he is hereby required to receive and afford a Passage, and Subsistence during the Voyage, to all such seafaring Men and Boys as shall be so sent on board his Ship, not exceeding Four for every One hundred Tons of his Ship's Burthen; and every such Master, on the Production to the Commissioners of the Navy of a Certificate under the Hands of any such Governors, Ministers, Consuls, other Officers, or Merchants, specifying the Number and Names of the Men and Boys, and the Time when they were so received on board, and upon making Oath as to the Number of Days they were subsisted, and that he did not during that Period want of his own Complement of Men, or if he did want any, then the Number he so wanted of his Complement, and for what Time he shall be entitled to receive from the said Commissioners an Allowance in respect of the Subsistence and Passage of each such Man and Boy (exceeding the Number so wanting of his Complement), according to such Rate *per* Day as in that Behalf hath been or shall be authorized by the said Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid; and in case any Master or other Person having Charge of any such Ship shall neglect or refuse to receive on board his Ship, and to subsist and give a Passage to any such seafaring Man or Boy, in breach of this Enactment, every Person so offending shall be liable to a Penalty of One hundred Pounds for each Man or Boy he shall so neglect or refuse to receive, subsist, or give a Passage to, which Penalty shall and may be recovered by Information at the Suit of His Majesty's Attorney General in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench or Exchequer at *Westminster*, and that in such Information the Offence or Offences shall and may be alleged to have been committed at *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*; and the Court in which any such Information shall be prosecuted shall be and is hereby authorized to issue a Commission or Commissions for the Examination of Witnesses Abroad, the Depositions taken under which shall be received in Evidence on the Trial of such Information.

Punishment for forging Ticket, &c.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forge, or offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged, any Ticket, Pay List, Extract from any Ship's Books, or any Certificate whatever authorized or required by this Act, or any Inspector's or other Cheque, or any Letter of Attorney, Assignment, Power, or Authority, in order to obtain or to enable any other Person to receive any Wages, Pay, Half Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other

other Allowance of Money due or supposed to be due in respect of the Services of any Commission, Warrant, or Petty Officer, or Seaman, or any Commission or Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, or any other Person, performed or supposed to be performed in the Royal Navy; or if any Person shall forge, or offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, any Purser's or other Certificate to a Bill of Exchange, or any Approval of any such Bill, respectively required by this Act; or if any Person shall forge, or utter or put off, knowing the same to be forged, any Receipt for Wages payable under Allotment or otherwise in respect of the Services of any Person on board any of His Majesty's Ships, or shall forge the Name or Handwriting of any Officer of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines to any Receipt for Half pay or Arrears of Half Pay, or the Name or Handwriting of any Widow to any Receipt for any Pension or Arrears of Pension, or the Name or Handwriting of any Person to any Receipt for an Allowance from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy; or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off any forged Receipt for Half Pay or Arrears of Half Pay, or for any Widow's Pension or Arrears of such Pension, or for any Allowance from the Compassionate Fund, knowing any such Receipt to be forged, with Intent in any of the said Cases to defraud any Person whomsoever, every Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Punishment for personating any Officer, &c.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall falsely and deceitfully personate any Commission, Warrant, or Petty Officer, or Seaman, or Commission or Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, or the Wife, Widow, or Relation, Executor, Administrator, or Creditor of any such Officer, Seaman, or Marine, or any Person entitled to any Allowance from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, in order to receive any Wages, Pay, Half Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Pension, or any Part thereof, Gratuity or other Allowance for Money due or payable, or supposed to be due or payable, to any such Officer, Seaman, or Marine, or to the Wife or Widow, Relation, Executor, Administrator, or Creditor of any such deceased Officer, Seaman, or Marine, or any Allowance to any Person from the said Compassionate Fund, with Intend to defraud any Person whomsoever, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Punishment for taking a false Oath in order to obtain Probate, &c.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall fraudulently and deceitfully take a false Oath, in order to obtain Probate of any Will or Letters of Administration of the Effects of any deceased Commission, Warrant, or Petty Officer, or Seaman, or Commission or Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine; or if any Person shall fraudulently receive or demand any Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Pension, or any Part thereof, or any Allowance of Money whatever, payable or supposed to be payable in respect of the Services of any such Officer, Seaman, or Marine, or

from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, or any Pension to the Widow of an Officer, upon or by virtue of any Probate of a Will or Letters of Administration, knowing such Will to be forged, or such Probate or Letters of Administration to have been obtained by means of a false Oath, with Intent in any of the said Cases to defraud any Person whomsoever, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Punishment for subscribing false Petition.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall subscribe any false Petition or Application to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy or to the Paymaster of Royal Marines, falsely and deceitfully representing herself or himself therein to be the Widow, Executor, nearest or one of the nearest of Kindred of any deceased Commission or Warrant Officer of the Navy, or Commission Officer of Marines, or of any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, or shall utter or publish any such Petition or Application, knowing the same to be false, in order to procure, or to enable any other Person to procure, a Certificate from the said Inspector of Seamen's Wills or from the Paymaster of Royal Marines as herein-before respectively provided, thereby to obtain, or to enable any other Person to obtain, without Probate or Letters of Administration, Payment of any Wages, Pay, Half Pay, or Pension, or any Allowance from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, or Payment of any Wages, Prize Money, or Allowances payable in respect of the Services of any Officer, Seaman, or Marine in the Royal Navy, or thereby to obtain, or to enable any other Person to obtain, Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the Effects of any deceased Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or Marine; or if any Person shall receive or demand any Wages, Pay, Half Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, Pension, or Arrears thereof, or any other Allowance due or payable in respect of the Services of any Commission or Warrant Officer of the Navy, or Commission Officer of Royal Marines, or of any Petty Officer, Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines, or Marine, upon or by virtue of any Certificate of the Inspector of Seamen's Wills or Paymaster of Royal Marines respectively as aforesaid, knowing any such Certificate to have been obtained by any false Representation or Pretence; every such Offender shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year.

Punishment for forging Certificates, &c., or uttering false Vouchers.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forge, or shall utter, offer, or exhibit, knowing the same to be forged, any Paper Writing purporting to be an Extract from any Register of Marriage, Baptism, or Burial, or any Certificate of Marriage, Baptism, or Burial, in order to sustain any Claim to any Wages, Prize Money, or other Monies due or payable in respect of the Services of any Officer, Seaman, or Marine in His Majesty's Navy, or to sustain any Claim to any Half Pay payable to an

Officer of the Royal Navy or Marines, or to any Pension as the Widow of an Officer, or to any Payment or Allowance from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, or to any Gratuity or Bounty of His Majesty given to the Relatives of Persons slain in Fight with the Enemy; or if any Person shall make any false Affidavit, or utter or exhibit any false Affidavit, Certificate, or other Voucher or Document, in order fraudulently to procure any Person to be admitted a Pensioner as the Widow of an Officer of the Royal Navy, or in order to sustain any Claim to any Wages, Prize Money, or other Monies, or to any Half Pay or Pension, or Arrears thereof, or any Allowance from the Compassionate Fund of the Navy, or to any Gratuity or Bounty as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud any Person whomsoever; every Person in any of the said Cases offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year.

As to Principals in the Second Degree, and Accessaries.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in the Case of every Offence made Felony by this Act, every Principal in the Second Degree and every Accessary before the Fact shall be punishable in the same Manner as the Principal in the First Degree is by this Act punishable; and every Accessary after the Fact to any such Felony shall, on Conviction, be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years; and that where any Person shall be convicted of any Offence punishable under this Act for which Imprisonment shall or may be awarded, it shall be lawful for the Court to sentence the Offender to be imprisoned, with or without hard Labour, in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, and also to direct that the Offender shall be kept in solitary Confinement for the Whole or any Portion or Portions of such Imprisonment, as to the Court in its Discretion shall seem meet.

Punishment of Petty Officers, &c. attempting to obtain their Pay by means of false Certificates.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Petty Officer or Seaman, Non-commissioned Officer of Marines or Marine, shall obtain or attempt to obtain his Pay, or any Part thereof, upon or by means of any false or forged Certificate purporting to be a Certificate of Service in or Discharge from any of His Majesty's Ships, or from any Hospital or Sick Quarters, every Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to such Pains and Penalties as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by Law liable to.

False Oath or Affirmation punishable as Perjury.

XC. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall take a false Oath or make false Affirmation in any Case wherein an Oath or Affirmation is authorized or required by this Act to be taken or made, and for which no Punishment is otherwise by this Act provided, every such Person, being thereof duly convicted, shall be liable to such Pains and Penalties as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by Law subject to.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Penalties exceeding Twenty Pounds imposed by this Act shall and may be recovered

recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or *Dublin*, either by Information in the Name of His Majesty's Attorney General, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland* by His Majesty's Advocate, or by Action of Debt in the Name of any Person who may sue for the same; and that all Penalties not exceeding Twenty Pounds shall and may be recovered before any Justice of the Peace in any Part of the United Kingdom in the same Manner, in all respects, as is provided by Two several Acts passed in the Third and Fifth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for the Recovery of Penalties by summary Proceeding before Justices of the Peace; and that one Moiety of all such Penalties, when recovered, shall be to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Navy, for His Majesty's Use.

Treasurer and Commissioners of the Navy to act as Justices.

XCII. And for the more speedy and effectual bringing to Justice Persons who shall commit any Offence against the Provisions of this Act, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Treasurer and the Commissioners of the Navy for the Time being, or any One of them, and they are hereby respectively authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, in all Places whatever, to execute the Office and Duty of a Justice and Justices of the Peace in causing any Person charged with any of the Offences mentioned in this Act to be apprehended, committed, and effectually prosecuted for the same; and all Constables, Headboroughs, Keepers of Gaols and Prisons, and all other Officers whatever shall and they are hereby respectively required from Time to Time diligently to execute and obey all such Warrants as shall be made, directed, or given to them, or any of them, by any One or more of the Parties aforesaid, touching any of the Matters and Things herein-before contained; and all the Laws made or to be made for the Ease, Safety, and Protection of Justices of the Peace in the Execution of their Office, shall extend to the Treasurer and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy respectively acting in the Execution of this Act, and to all Constables and Headboroughs or other Peace Officers or Persons acting under the Warrant or Authority of the said Treasurer or Commissioners, or any of them, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were herein and hereby repeated and re-enacted.

Definition of Terms.

XCIII. And in order to avoid Doubts as to the Construction of certain Parts of this Act, be it further enacted, That by the Term "Ship" is meant and intended every Description of Vessel employed in His Majesty's Service whose Officers and Crew shall be in the Pay of the Royal Navy; and that by the Term "Captain" is meant and intended the Officer, of whatever Rank he may be, who shall be in the Command of the Ship; and that all Months herein mentioned shall be deemed to be Calendar Months, excepting only in the Computation of Wages, and of the Time for which Officers shall be allowed to draw their Pay, which shall be cast and computed by the Lunar Month of Twenty-eight Days, according to the Custom of the Navy; and that all Persons composing the Complement of a Ship shall be deemed to be Petty Officers or Seamen, Non-commissioned Officers of Marines or Marine respectively, excepting such as shall appear by the Muster Book to be Admirals or Flag Officers, or Commodores, Captains, Commanders, Lieutenants, Masters, Second Masters, Pilots, Physicians,

sicians, Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Chaplains, Secretaries to Flag Officers, and their Clerks, Pursers, Boatswains, Gunners, Carpenters, and Commissioned Officers of Marines.

The Admiralty to cause the Act to be executed.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being shall cause Measures to be taken for providing the several Forms of Books, Bills, Certificates, Tickets, and other Documents authorized or required by this Act; and if any Case not herein provided for shall arise, it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners to make such Order thereupon as shall be deemed most conducive to the Interests of the public Service and of the Individuals engaged therein, and for carrying the Intentions of this Act into effect; and they shall also cause an Abstract of the Provisions and Regulations herein contained to be made and printed, and a competent Number of Copies thereof to be furnished to the Treasurer of the Navy, principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy at Home and Abroad, to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in the United Kingdom respectively, to the Governors of His Majesty's Colonies and of the Settlements within the Charter of the *East India* Company, to His Majesty's Consuls Abroad, to the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, to the Governors and Agents of Naval Hospitals and Sick Quarters, and to the Commanding Officers of the several Divisions of Royal Marines, who are hereby strictly required to cause the same to be affixed on some conspicuous Part of their respective Offices, and to promulgate the same in their respective Departments; and a competent Number of Copies of such Abstract shall also be supplied to the Captains and Commanding Officers of all His Majesty's Ships, each of whom is hereby enjoined, so soon as the Ship which he shall be appointed to command shall be put into Sea Pay, to cause One of such Abstracts, together with the Articles of War, to be hung up in or affixed to the most public Place in the Ship, and shall cause the same to be constantly kept up and renewed, so that it may be at all Times accessible to the whole of the Crew, and he shall also cause such Abstract to be distinctly and audibly read over Once in every Month in the Presence of the Ship's Company, immediately after the Articles of War are read; and the Commissioners of the Navy are hereby enjoined to inquire whether such Abstract and the said Articles of War have been duly hung up and read as directed, and not to grant to any Captain or Commanding Officer his general Certificate until they shall be fully satisfied thereof, to the end that every Person serving on board His Majesty's Ships may at one and the same Time hear and know the Forfeitures and Punishment he is liable to for Neglect or Disobedience, and likewise the Advantages and Benefits to which he is entitled by a due and faithful Performance of his Duty, and that if he shall suffer any Oppression or Injury in His Majesty's Service, he may be the better enabled to lay his Complaint before the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, who are hereby required, on any Complaint made to them, to cause strict Inquiry to be made into the Circumstances, and if the Complaint shall appear to them to be well founded, to grant Relief forthwith.

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TABLE OF FEES

TO BE TAKEN

For PROBATES of WILLS, LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION, and LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION with WILL ANNEXED, of Warrant and Petty Officers, and Non-commissioned Officers of Marines, and also of Common Seamen and Marines, in pursuance of this Act.

PROBATES.					
	Under what Sum the Effects sworn.	Where the Deceased was a Warrant or Petty Officer in the Navy, or a Non-commissioned Officer of Marines.		Where the Deceased was a Common Seaman or Marine.	
		If the Executor be a Wife, Child, Parent, Brother, or Sister of the Deceased.	If the Executor be more remotely related, or a Stranger in Blood to him.	If the Executor be a Wife, Child, Parent, Brother, or Sister of the Deceased.	If the Executor be more remotely related, or a Stranger in Blood to him.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
If the Executor sworn in London - -	20	0 7 0	0 16 6	0 7 0	0 16 6
	40	1 0 6	1 10 6	0 11 0	1 1 0
	60	1 4 0	1 13 0	0 14 6	1 3 6
	100	1 8 6	1 15 6	0 19 0	1 6 0
If the Executor sworn in the Country by Commission - -	20	0 19 0	1 12 0	0 19 0	1 12 0
	40	1 17 0	2 12 6	1 7 6	2 3 0
	60	2 1 6	2 15 0	1 12 0	2 5 6
	100	2 8 0	2 17 6	1 18 6	2 8 0

ADMINISTRATIONS, and ADMINISTRATIONS with WILL ANNEXED.

	Under what Sum the Effects sworn.	Where the Deceased was a Warrant or Petty Officer in the Navy, or a Non-commissioned Officer of Marines.			
		If the Administrator be a Wife, Child, Parent, Brother, or Sister of the Deceased.		If the Administrator be more remotely related, or a Stranger in Blood to him.	
		Administrations Intestate.	Administrations, Will annexed.	Administrations Intestate.	Administrations, Will annexed.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
If the Administrator sworn in London -	20	0 12 6	0 15 0	1 3 0	1 8 0
	40	2 5 6	2 9 0	2 16 0	3 2 0
	60	2 9 0	2 14 0	3 6 6	3 14 0
	100	2 13 6	2 18 6	3 9 0	3 16 6
If the Administrator sworn by Commission in the Country	20	0 12 6	0 15 0	1 3 0	1 8 0
	40	0 16 0	0 19 6	2 6 6	2 12 6
	60	0 19 6	1 4 6	2 17 0	3 4 6
	100	1 4 0	1 9 0	2 19 6	3 7 0

	Under what Sum the Effects sworn.	Where the Deceased was a Common Seaman or Marine.			
		If the Administrator be a Wife, Child, Parent, Brother, or Sister of the Deceased.		If the Administrator be more remotely related, or a Stranger in Blood to him.	
		Administrations Intestate.	Administrations, Will annexed.	Administrations Intestate.	Administrations, Will annexed.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
If the Administrator sworn in London -	20	0 19 6	1 2 0	1 13 6	1 18 6
	40	2 17 0	3 0 6	3 13 0	3 19 0
	60	3 1 6	3 6 6	4 2 6	4 10 0
	100	3 8 0	3 13 0	4 5 0	4 12 6
If the Administrator sworn by Commission in the Country	20	0 19 6	1 2 0	1 13 6	1 18 6
	40	1 7 6	1 11 0	3 3 6	3 9 6
	60	1 12 0	1 17 0	3 13 0	4 0 6
	100	1 18 6	2 3 6	3 15 6	4 3 0

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