for Inspection in like Manner as herein-before provided in respect of any original Order; and every such supplemental Order shall have the same Force and Effect as if it had formed Part of any original Order made under the Provisions of this Act.

Act not to affect the Boundaries of Lands with respect to Rights of Owners.

XIV. No Order made in pursuance of this Act shall in any way affect the Boundary or Boundaries of any Land with reference to any Right, Title, Claim, Possession, or Interest therein; nor shall the Description or Denomination in any Pleadings or Proceedings, Criminal or Civil, in any Court of Law or Equity, pending or instituted previous to the Time limited for such Order taking effect, be in any way vitiated or affected thereby; and in the Case of any Suit or Proceeding, Criminal or Civil, pending or instituted previous to the Time assigned in and by such Order for the same taking effect, such Suit or Proceeding shall and may be continued as if no such Order had been made, and without regard thereto; and the said Order shall in respect of such Suit or Proceeding, and any and every Matter relating thereto, be void and of none effect; and wherever, in any Deed or Instrument made previous to the Time appointed for such Order taking effect, any Portion or Portions of Land shall have been described or denominated by the Name of the County, Barony, Half Barony, Parish, Townland, or other Division or Denomination of Land to which the same may have originally belonged, such Portion or Portions of Land shall be deemed and taken to have been described or denominated by the Name of the County, Barony, Half Barony, Parish, Townland, or other Division or Denomination of Land to which it shall be by such Order united, as if such last-mentioned County, Barony, Half Barony, Parish, Townland, or other Division or Denomination of Land to which the same originally belonged; and such Portion or Portions of Land shall and may, in all Suits and Proceedings at Law or Equity at any Time afterwards instituted, be described and denominated as belonging to the County, Barony, Half Barony, Parish, Townland, or other Division or Denomination of Land to which it shall be so united by such Order.

Boundary Surveyor, &c. shall receive for Trouble, &c., such Sum as shall be fixed by the Lord Lieutenant.

XV. The Boundary Surveyor and every other Surveyor or Person who shall be employed in the Execution of this Act shall be entitled to receive for his Trouble and Loss of Time such Sum and Sums of Money and Allowance for Travelling and Hotel Expenses as shall be fixed by the Lord Lieutenant; which Sums of Money and Allowances shall be paid by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury at such Times and under such Regulations as shall be fixed by the Lord Lieutenant and the said Commissioners, out of Monies to be provided by Parliament for that Purpose.

Construction of certain Terms.

XVI. In the Construction of this Act the Word "Lord Lieutenant" shall be deemed to mean Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland;* the Word "County" shall include County of a City, County of a Town, and Towns Corporate, and where Counties have been divided into Ridings, each Riding shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be a separate County; the Word "Parish" shall include all Chapelries or Divisions of Parishes, or extra-parochial Divisions, and all Unions of Parishes.

Act to extend to Ireland only.

XVII. This Act shall extend to *Ireland* only.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen and the more effectual Manning of Her Majesty's Navy during the present War. [2d *June* 1854.]

'WHEREAS Her Majesty, by Her Order in Council, dated the Twenty-ninth Day of *March* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, was pleased to order that general Reprisals be granted against the Ships, Vessels, and Goods of the Emperor of All the *Russias*, his Subjects, and others inhabiting within any of his Countries, Territories, or Dominions, so that Her Majesty's Fleets and Ships shall and may lawfully seize all Ships, Vessels, and Goods belonging to the Emperor of All the *Russias*, or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within any of his Territories, Countries, or Dominions, and bring the same to Judgment in such Courts of Admiralty within Her Majesty's Dominions,

'Possessions, or Colonies, as shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance thereof: And 'whereas Her Majesty hath of Her Royal Munificence been graciously pleased, by Her 'Proclamation bearing the same Date, to declare Her Intention to give the Benefit of all 'Prizes taken during the present War to the Captors thereof, being in Her Majesty's 'Service (save as therein excepted): Now, for the Encouragement of the Officers and 'Crews of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, and for inducing all *British* Seamen, 'who may be in any Foreign Service to return into this Kingdom, and become serviceable 'to Her Majesty; and for the more effectually securing and extending the Trade of Her 'Majesty's Subjects:' be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Short Title of Act.

I. This Act may for all Purposes be cited as "The Prize Act, *Russia*, 1854."

Commencement of Act.

II. This Act shall come into operation on the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Interpretation of Terms.

III. In the Construction of this Act, the following Terms shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, if not inconsistent with the Context or Subject Matter:

"Her Majesty:"

"Her Majesty" shall include Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors:

"Lords of the Admiralty:"

"Lords of the Admiralty" shall include the Lord High Admiral and also the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being:

"Court of Admiralty:"

"Court of Admiralty" shall include the High Court of Admiralty of *England* and the Admiralty, Vice-Admiralty, and other Courts, having or exercising Admiralty Jurisdiction within Her Majesty's Dominions, which shall be duly authorized to take cognizance of and judicially to proceed in Matters of Prize:

"Vice-Admiralty Courts:"

"Vice-Admiralty Courts" shall include all such Courts other than the High Court of Admiralty of *England*:

"Judge:"

"Judge" shall include any Judge, Deyuty Judge, Surrogate, or other Person duly appointed to act as Judge in any Court of Admiralty:

"Ship and Vessel:"

"Ship and Vessel" shall include all and all Manner of Ships, Vessels, and Boats:

"Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War:"

"Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War" shall include all Ships and Vessels belonging to Her Majesty, as also any hired armed Ships or Vessels in Her Majesty's Service:

"Officers and Crew:"

"Officers and Crew" shall include all Flag Officers, Commanders, other Officers, Engineers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others on board any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessel of War:

"Government Accountant."

"Government Accountant" shall include any Officer in charge of public Money, whether belonging to the Commissariat, Customs, or any other Department, who may have been, or may be hereafter appointed by the Lords of the Treasury or Admiralty:

Vice Admiralty Courts to enforce Orders of High Court of Admiralty.

IV. All Vice-Admiralty Courts within Her Majesty's Dominions are hereby empowered, directed, and required to enforce upon all Persons within their respective Jurisdictions all Orders whatsoever of the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, whether relating to Prizes or to any Matter or Thing arising therefrom.

Ships and Goods taken by Her Majesty's Ships and adjudged as Prize to be divided according to Her Majesty's Proclamation.

V. The Officers and Crew of any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War shall have the whole Right and Interest to and in the Proceeds of all and every Ship, Vessel, Goods, and Merchandise which they have taken or shall hereafter take during the Continuance of Hostilities against the Emperor of All the *Russias*, after the same shall have been adjudged lawful Prize in any Court of Admiralty, such Proceeds to be divided in such Proportions and after such Manner as Her Majesty by Her Proclamation has already ordered and directed, or as Her Majesty shall think fit to order and direct by any Proclamation hereafter to be issued:

Share reserved when Allies act in conjunction.

Provided nevertheless, that whenever any Prize shall be taken by any of Her Majesty's Fleets, Squadrons, Ships, or Vessels of War, while acting in conjunction with any Fleets, Squadrons, Ships, or Vessels of War of any other Power in alliance with Her Majesty, the Court of Admiralty adjudicating thereon shall apportion to such Ally a Share of the Proceeds of such Prize, after the same has been condemned, proportionate to the Number of Officers and Men present and employed by such Ally, as compared with the Number of Officers and Men present and

and employed on the Part of Her Majesty, in taking such Prize, and without reference to their respective Ranks; and the Share so apportioned to such Ally shall be transmitted to such Persons as may be duly authorized on behalf of such Ally to receive the same.

Arms, Stores, &c. taken by Her Majesty's Ships in any Fortress on Land, and Ships and Goods in any Creek, &c. defended thereby, to be divided as other Prize.

VI. The Officers and Crews of any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War who shall take any Fortress, or any Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Merchandise, or Treasure belonging to the State, or to any public trading Company of any of Her Majesty's Enemies upon the Land, or any Ship or Vessel, or Goods or Merchandise laden on board the same, in any Creek, River, Haven, or Road belonging to or defended by such Fortress, or in any way whatsoever belonging to such Enemies, shall have the sole Right and Interest to and in the Proceeds of all and every such Ship or Vessel, Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Merchandise, and Treasure, after final Adjudication thereof as lawful Prize to Her Majesty in the Court of Admiralty; and such Court is hereby required judicially to proceed thereon as in other Cases of Prize, and such Proceeds shall be apportioned in such Manner and Proportions, both as to Her Majesty's Allies and otherwise, as in other Cases of Prize.

As to Divisions of Prize taken in conjunct Expeditions of the Army and Navy.

VII. In conjunct Expeditions of the Navy and Army against any Fortress or Possession of Her Majesty's Enemies upon the Land, the Flag and General Officers, Field Officers of the Army, Captains, Commanders of the Navy, and other Officers, Engineers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others acting on such conjunct Expedition, shall have such proportional Right and Interest as Her Majesty shall think fit to order and direct in all the Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and Treasure belonging to the State, or to any public trading Company of such Enemies, which shall be found in such Fortress or Possession, and also in every Ship or Vessel, with the Arms, Ammunition, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture thereof, and all the Goods, Wares, and Merchandise and other Effects on board the same, which shall be captured in any Road, Haven, River, or Creek belonging to or defended by such Fortress or Possession, after final Adjudication thereof as lawful Prize to Her Majesty in any of the Courts aforesaid; and such Courts are hereby required to proceed and adjudicate thereon as in other Cases of Prize, and the Share assigned to the Fleet by such Directions shall be distributed in the same Manner and Proportions as in other Cases of Prize, and the Share assigned to the Army shall be distributed amongst the Officers and Soldiers, in such Manner as Her Majesty shall under Her Sign Manual be pleased to direct: Provided nevertheless, that the Right and Interest hereby given to the Army employed on such conjunct Expeditions shall not entitle the said Army to share in the Distribution of any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise, or other Effects, captured in the Voyage to or from such Fortress or Possession.

Proviso.

Naval Stores found on board Foreign Ships may be purchased by the Admiralty for the Public Service.

VIII. 'And whereas Ships and Vessels of Foreign Nations may pass the Seas laden with 'Naval and Victualling Stores intended to be carried to the Ports of Countries at War with 'Her Majesty, whereby Her Majesty's Enemies may be supplied with Materials to build, fit 'out, and provision Ships and Vessels of War: And whereas divers Ships and Vessels of 'Foreign Nations laden as aforesaid may be taken and brought into the Ports of *Great* '*Britain*, and the Purchase of such Stores laden on board such Ships and Vessels of Foreign 'Nations for the Service of Her Majesty may in many Cases be expedient without proceeding 'to the Condemnation thereof:' Be it therefore enacted, That the Lords of the Admiralty or their Officers or Agents, may purchase on the Account or for the Service of Her Majesty all or any such Stores found on board any such Ships or Vessels of Foreign Nations brought into Port as aforesaid; and the Commissioners and Officers of the Customs for the Time being may permit such Stores so purchased as aforesaid to be entered and landed within any of the Ports of Her Majesty's Dominions.

British Ships and Vessels recaptured to be restored on Payment of Salvage.

IX. Any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise belonging to any of Her Majesty's Subjects captured by any of Her Majesty's Enemies, and afterwards recaptured from the Enemy, by any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, shall be adjudged by the Decree of the Court of Admiralty to be restored to the Owner or Proprietor thereof upon Payment for and in lieu of Salvage of One Eighth Part of the true Value of the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise respectively, and such Salvage of One Eighth shall be divided and distributed in

In what Case to be decreed as lawful Prize.

in such Manner and Proportion as is herein-before directed in Cases of Prize: Provided nevertheless, that if any such Ship or Vessel captured and recaptured as aforesaid shall have been by Her Majesty's Enemies set forth or used as a Ship or Vessel of War, it shall not be restored to the former Owner or Proprietor thereof, but shall be adjudged lawful Prize for the Benefit of the Captors.

Ships of Her Majesty's Subjects recaptured before carried into Port may be allowed to prosecute their Voyage.

X. Any Ship, or Vessel, belonging to any of Her Majesty's Subjects, whether in Ballast, or laden with any Goods or Merchandise belonging to the same, which shall have been captured by the Enemy and recaptured by any of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War before the same shall have been carried into an Enemy's Port, may, with the Consent of the Recaptors, prosecute her Voyage, and it shall not be necessary for the Recaptors to proceed to Adjudication till the Return of the Ship or Vessel to some Port within the United Kingdom; and the Master or Owner thereof, or his Agent, may, with the Consent of the Recaptor, unlade and dispose of the Cargo before Adjudication; and in Case the Ship or Vessel shall not within Six Months return to some Port within the United Kingdom, the Re-captor may, notwithstanding, institute Proceedings against the said Ship or Vessel, Goods or Merchandise, in the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, and the said Court may thereupon award One Eighth Part of the Value of the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise to the Recaptor thereof, and may enforce the Payment thereof either by Warrant of Arrest against the said Ship or Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise respectively, or by Monition and Attachment against the respective Owners thereof.

Bounties to be granted on Capture of Enemy's armed Ships or Privateers.

XI. 'Whereas it is expedient to give Encouragement to the Officers and Crews of Her 'Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War to attack and destroy any armed Ships or Vessels of 'War, or Privateers, belonging to the Enemy:' Be it enacted, That the Officers and Crews of any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War who shall have been actually present at the taking, sinking, burning, or otherwise destroying of any Ship or Vessel of War or Privateer belonging to Her Majesty's Enemies shall be entitled to a Bounty of Five Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain* for each and every Person who was alive on board any such Ship or Vessel of War or Privateer belonging to Her Majesty's Enemies at the Beginning of the Attack or Engagement between them, the Numbers of such Persons respectively to be proved by the Ship's Papers or by the Oaths of Three or more of the Persons belonging to the said Enemy's Ship or Vessel of War or Privateer, if so many shall survive, or by the Oaths of the Survivors, or if there be no Survivor, then by the Oaths of Three or more of the Officers and Crew of the capturing Ship or Vessel, or by such other Evidence as under the Circumstances of the Case shall by the Judge of the Court of Admiralty be deemed sufficient Proof thereof; and such Bounties shall be paid out of any Monies voted by Parliament for that Purpose, or out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, upon the Production of an Official Copy of the Decree of the said Court of Admiralty, setting forth the Number of Persons who were alive on board such Ship or Vessel of War or Privateer belonging to the Enemy at the Beginning of the Attack or Engagement between them; provided that every such Decree shall be subject to Appeal as is herein-after provided in Cases of Prize.

Regulations of Prize to apply to Bounty, Salvage, and Shares assigned by Allies.

XII. All Provisions contained in this Act respecting the Distribution of Prize shall apply to Bounty Money, Salvage upon Recapture, as well as to any Shares of Prize which may be awarded by the Prize Court of any Ally to the Officers and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War present at the Capture of any such Prize.

Exception as to Vessels in the Service of the Customs or Inland Revenue.

XIII. Ships, Vessels, Goods, and Merchandise captured by any private Ship or Vessel hired by or in the Service of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs or Inland Revenue shall belong to Her Majesty in Her Office of Admiralty, and be applied and disposed of in such Manner as Her Majesty under Her Sign Manual shall order and direct, after legal Adjudication thereof.

How many small armed Ships may be included in One Adjudication.

XIV. For the Encouragement of the Capture of armed Ships and Vessels belonging to the Enemy, be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Captors to include in One Adjudication any Number, not exceeding Six of such small armed Ships, having a Commission or Letter of Marque from the Enemy, not exceeding Seventy Tons each, and which shall have been

been taken within the Space of Three Months preceding the Application to the Court of Admiralty for such Adjudication.

Captures brought into Port to be handed over to Marshal or Officer of Customs.

XV. All Ships, Vessels, Goods, and Merchandise which shall be brought into Port within the Jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty, in order to be proceeded against to Condemnation as Prize, shall be forthwith, and without breaking Bulk, delivered up to and remain in the Custody and Care of the Marshal, his Substitute, or other Officer to be appointed by the said Court, or if there be no such Officer, then shall be delivered up to the Collector or Comptroller or other principal Officer of the Customs or of Navigation Laws at such Port, and shall remain in such Custody and Care subject to the Decree of the Court.

Mode of Procedure against Prize.

XVI. That upon any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise, captured as Prize, being brought into Port, the Captor, or One of his Chief Officers, or some other Person present at the Capture, shall bring or send, as soon as possibly may be, Three or Four of the principal Persons belonging to the captured Ship or Vessel (Two of whom shall always if possible be either the Master, Supercargo, Mate, or Boatswain,) before the Judge of the Court of Admiralty, or such Person as shall be lawfully commissioned in that Behalf, by whom they shall be sworn and examined upon the standing Interrogatories; and within Five Days after Request made to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty the preparatory Examinations on the standing Interrogatories shall be concluded, unless good and sufficient Reason be shown for an Extension of such Time.

Examination of Witnesses on standing Interrogatories.

Affidavit as to Letters and Papers found on board.

XVII. The Captor shall, at the Time of producing the aforesaid Persons to be examined, and before any Monition shall be issued, bring and deliver into the Registry of the said Court of Admiralty all such Books, Papers, Passes, Sea Briefs, Charter-parties, Bills of Lading, Cockets, Letters, and other Documents and Writings whatsoever as shall be delivered up or found on board any such Ship or Vessel, and the Captor, or One of his Chief Officers, or some other Person who was present at the Capture, and saw the said Papers and Writings delivered up or otherwise found on board at the Time of the Capture, shall make Oath that the said Papers and Writings are brought and delivered in as they were received and taken, without any Fraud or Addition, Subduction, Alteration, or Embezzlement whatever, or otherwise shall account for the Absence or for the altered Plight and Condition of the same, upon Oath to the Satisfaction of the Court, and in the event of no such Books, Papers, Passes, Sea Briefs, Charter-parties, Bills of Lading, Cockets, Letters, or other Documents or Writings, being delivered up as found on board such Ship or Vessel, such Captor, Chief Officer, or other Person shall make Oath to that Effect.

What Documents to be translated for the Use of the Cause.

XVIII. In order to save unnecessary Delay and Expense, the Captor and Claimant may agree, or, in case there shall be no Claimant, the Captor may direct which and what Parts (if any) of the several Books, Papers, Passes, Sea Briefs, Charter-parties, Bills of Lading, Cockets, Letters, and other Documents and Writings delivered up or found on board the captured Ship or Vessel shall be translated, in order to the same being used in the Cause.

Where there is no Claim, or no Security for Costs is given by the Claimant

Monition for Adjudication.

XIX. In case no Claim in respect of any captured Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise shall be duly entered in the usual Form, and verified on Oath, or if there be any Claim, and the Claimant shall neglect or refuse to give Security for Costs in the Sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling within Five Days from the Time of entering such Claim, the Judge of the Court of Admiralty shall, within Three Days after Request in that Behalf made to him, decree the usual Monition, returnable within Twenty Days, citing all Persons in general to show Cause why the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise should not be condemned as lawful Prize; and upon the Return of such Monition duly executed the said Judge shall, upon the Production to him of the said preparatory Examinations or a Copy thereof, as also of all the aforesaid Books, Papers, Sea Briefs, Charter-parties, Bills of Lading, Cockets, Letters, and other Documents and Writings, proceed with all convenient Speed either to release or condemn the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise, or may allow further Time either for a Claim to be entered or Security to be given.

Where Claim and Security for Costs is given.

XX. In case a Claim verified upon Oath shall be duly entered, and Security as aforesaid be given thereupon, and there shall appear no Occasion to call for any further Proof, as herein-

herein-after mentioned, the Judge shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after such Claim shall have been entered and Security given, proceed to sentence as aforesaid touching such captured Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise.

Monition to proceed to Adjudication.

XXI. Whenever any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise shall have been captured and brought in by any of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, but the Captors shall neglect or refuse, notwithstanding such Capture and Seizure as aforesaid to institute Proceedings in the Court of Admiralty in order to bring the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise to Adjudication, the Judge of such Court shall, upon the Request of any Claimant, who shall have duly entered his Claim verified upon Oath, and shall have given good and sufficient Security as aforesaid, decree a Monition against the Captors, returnable within Six Days, citing them to appear and proceed to the legal Adjudication of such Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise; and upon the Return of such Monition duly served, the Judge of such Court shall forthwith proceed to the Adjudication thereof.

Court may order further Proof.

XXII. Whenever it shall appear doubtful to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty, upon the Production to him of the aforesaid preparatory Examinations and Papers, whether the said Capture be lawful Prize or not, he may direct further Proof to be adduced either by Affidavit, or by examining Witnesses on Pleadings, or by the Production of any further Papers or Documents, as to him shall seem meet, and upon the Production of such further Proof may proceed to adjudicate thereupon.

Claim of joint Capture to be admitted only on Security being given for Proportion of Expenses, Costs, and Damages.

XXIII. Before Condemnation no Claim on behalf of any asserted Joint Captor shall be admitted until Security shall have been given by or on behalf of such asserted Joint Captor to contribute to the actual Captor his Proportion of the Expenses, Costs, and Damages that may be incurred by or awarded against the actual Captor on Account of the Capture and Detention of the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise; and after final Condemnation no such Claim shall be admitted until the asserted Joint Captor has paid his Proportion of all such Expenses as shall have attended the obtaining the final Condemnation, and unless he show sufficient Cause to the Court why such Claim was not asserted at or before the Return of the Monition: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to the asserted Interest of any Flag Officer claiming to share in any Prize by virtue of his Flag.

Ship, Vessel, or Goods may be appraised, and after Appraisement may be sold, by Decree of the Court.

XXIV. Whenever it appears desirable, either from the Nature of the Property captured, the probable Length of the Proceedings, or any other sufficient Cause, that the Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise, or any Part thereof, should be sold, the Judge of the Court of Admiralty may direct the same to be appraised by competent Persons, sworn to appraise the same according to the best of their Skill and Knowledge, and for this Purpose may direct the said Goods or Merchandise to be unladen, and an Inventory thereof to be taken, and after such Appraisement may direct the same or any Part thereof to be warehoused, under safe and proper Keeping, or may direct the same, or any Part thereof, to be sold, and the Proceeds to be paid to the Account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General at the Bank of *England* on account of Naval Prize, or to some Government Accountant in Her Majesty's Dominions, in order that the same may be transferred to the said Account; and in case the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandsie should be decreed to be restored to any Claimant thereof, the Proceeds arising therefrom, and which shall have been so paid to the Naval Prize Account or to a Government Accountant as aforesaid, shall be repaid to such Claimant; but in case the same shall be condemned as lawful Prize, such Proceeds shall be distributed to and amongst the Captors in manner herein-after directed.

In case Ship, &c. decreed to be restored.

Court may direct the Ships or Goods to be delivered up to the Claimant on giving Security.

XXV. The Judge of the Court of Admiralty may, upon the Application of the Claimant, direct any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise brought before it for Adjudication to be delivered up to him upon the same being appraised by competent Persons as aforesaid, and upon his giving good and sufficient Security to pay the Captor the appraised Value thereof, in case the same should be adjudged lawful Prize; and may direct the Captor to give good and sufficient Security to pay such Costs and Damages as to him may seem meet, in case such Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise shall not be condemned as lawful Prize.

XXVI. When-

Sale of Vessel after Condemnation.

XXVI. Whenever any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise has been condemned as Prize in the Court of Admiralty, the Judge of the said Court shall forthwith direct the same to be appraised and sold by the Officers of the Court, or by Persons authorized by the Court for that Purpose, and the Proceeds thereof to be forthwith paid to the Account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General at the Bank of *England* on account of Naval Prize, or to some Government Accountant within Her Majesty's Dominions, in order that the same may be transferred to the said Account.

Bounty, Salvage, &c. to be paid to the Account of the Paymaster General.

XXVII. Any Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies, payable and distributable under the Provisions of this Act, and amongst the Officers and Crews of any of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, shall in like Manner be forthwith paid to the Account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General at the Bank of *England* on account of Naval Prize, or to some Government Accountant within Her Majesty's Dominions, in order that the same may be transferred to the said Account.

Final Distribution of Bounty, Salvage, &c.

XXVIII. Whenever the Proceeds of any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise condemned as Prize, or any Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies payable and distributable under the Provisions of this Act, have been paid into the Account of Her Majesty's Paymaster General at the Bank of *England* on account of Naval Prize, or to some Government Accountant within Her Majesty's Dominions, in order that the same may be transferred to the said Account, the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, or the Court which shall have condemned the said Prize or awarded the said Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies, may direct the Payment thereout of all Costs, Charges, and Expenses which may be chargeable against the same, or which may have been incurred by the Captor, his Attorney or Agent, after such Costs, Charges and Expenses shall have been taxed or allowed by the Registrar of such Court, or his Deputy; and the Balance of such Prize, Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies shall thereupon, and after the Time for appealing shall have expired, be distributed by the Lords of the Admiralty to and amongst the Persons entitled thereto, after the same shall have been notified in the *London Gazette*.

Parties claiming Benefit under this Act may resort to the Court of Admiralty of England.

XXIX. The Lords of the Admiralty or any Party claiming any Interest in any Prize, Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies payable and distributable under the Provisions of this Act, and which have been paid or transferred to the Naval Prize Account as aforesaid, may, prior to the Distribution thereof, resort to the High Court of Admiralty of *England* for the Purpose of obtaining the Judgment of the said Court in that Behalf, and the Judge of the said Court shall proceed to hear and determine the same, and may make such Order in the Premises as to him shall seem right.

Registrars of Vice-Admiralty Courts shall transmit Accounts.

XXX. The Registrars of the Vice Admiralty Courts or their Deputies shall, on the First Day of *January* and First Day of *July* in every Year, transmit to the Registry of the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, to remain of Record therein, in such Form as the Lords of the Admiralty may direct, a List or Return of all Cases which have been adjudged in their respective Courts under the Provisions of this Act during the Six Months next preceding; provided that it shall be lawful for the Lords of the Admiralty, from Time to Time, to vary or alter such Form as to them may seem meet; and the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty of *England* shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the Receipt thereof, transmit a Copy of such List or Return to the Lords of the Admiralty, to be by them laid before both Houses of Parliament.

High Court of Admiralty of England may compel Production of Proceeds, &c.

XXXI. The Judge of the High Court of Admiralty of *England* may, on the Application of the Lords of the Admiralty or of any Person interested in the Proceeds of any Prize, or in any Salvage, Bounty, or other Monies, and on an Affidavit setting forth the Circumstances of the Case, compel, by Process of the Court and by Monition and Attachment, the Production of any Books, Papers, or other Documents relating thereto, and the paying or transferring of such Proceeds, Salvage, Bounty, or other Monies into the Naval Prize Account as aforesaid, and the answering to such Interrogatories touching the same as the Court may approve, and may make such Order in the Premises touching and concerning the same, and the Costs of such Proceedings, as to it shall seem meet.

Penalty of One Pound per Cent. per Month on retaining Proceeds contrary to this Act.

XXXII. Any Captor or other Person who shall acquire or retain the Proceeds of any Prize or any Salvage, Bounty, or other Monies contrary to the Provisions of this Act, except for reasonable Cause to be allowed by the Court of Admiralty, shall pay Interest thereon not exceeding the Rate of One Pound *per Centum per* Month for such Time as the same shall so be in his Custody or Possession, in Addition to any other Penalties imposed by this Act, and such Interest shall be deemed to be Part of such Proceeds, and be paid and applied accordingly.

Provisions for Appeal.

XXXIII. The Captor or Claimant may appeal from any Sentence or any Interlocutory Decree having the Force of a Definitive Sentence, given or pronounced in the Court of Admiralty, to Her Majesty in Council, and when required shall give good nd sufficient Security that he will effectually prosecute such Appeal, and pay such Costs, Damages, and Expenses as may be awarded by Her Majesty or by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; and every such Appeal shall be made in such Manner and Form, and subject to such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as are now or for the Time being may be in force in respect to any Ecclesiastical and Maritime Causes of Appeal.

Jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee in Prize Appeals.

XXXIV. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council shall have full Power, Jurisdiction, and Authority to proceed to hear and report upon all and all Manner of Causes of Appeal relating to Captures, Re-captures, Bounties, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprisals of all Ships, Vessels, Goods, and Merchandise already seized and taken, or which shall be hereafter seized and taken, that may be brought before them from the Court of Admiralty, and may therein exercise all such Powers as now appertain to them in respect of Appeals from any Ecclesiastical Court or Court of Admiralty, and in addition thereto shall have and exercise all such Powers as are by this Act given to the Court of Admiralty, and all such Powers as heretofore have been wont to be exercised by the Commissioners of Appeal in Prize Causes.

Custody of Processes, Papers, &c.

XXXV. All Processes, Papers, and other Documents, required for the Purposes of any Appeal under the Provisions of this Act, shall be transmitted to and remain in the Custody and Possession of the Registrar of Her Majesty in Ecclesiastical and Maritime Causes; and the said Registrar shall, if he shall so think fit, either in Person or by Deputy attend the Hearing by the said Judicial Committee of all Prize Appeals, and shall do all such Things and shall have and exercise the same Powers and Privileges in respect to such Prize Appeals, as he now does, or has, or exercises in respect to Appeals in Ecclesiastical and Maritime Causes.

Persons intervening on Appeal must enter a Claim.

XXXVI. In case any Person who was not an original Party in the Cause shall intervene, or interpose an Appeal from any Sentence or Interlocutory Decree having the Force of a Definitive Sentence given or pronounced in the Court of Admiralty, he shall at the same Time enter his Claim, verified upon Oath, and shall give good and sufficient Security for Costs, otherwise such Appeal shall be null and void.

Limit of Time of Appeal.

XXXVII. In every Appeal from a Sentence or Interlocutory Decree having the Force of a Definitive Sentence given or pronounced in any Court of Admiralty the usual Inhibition shall be extracted from the Registry of Her Majesty in Ecclesiastical or Maritime Causes, within Three Months if the Appeal be from the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, and within Six Months if the Appeal be from the Vice-Admiralty Court of the *Cape of Good Hope*, or from any Vice-Admiralty Court on this Side of the *Cape of Good Hope* or *Cape Horn*, and within Twelve Months if the Appeal be from any Vice-Admiralty Court beyond the *Cape of Good Hope* or *Cape Horn*, from the Date of such Sentence or Interlocutory Decree as aforesaid, otherwise the Appeal shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes: Provided nevertheless, that the said Judicial Committee may, upon sufficient Cause shown, allow the Inhibition to be extracted and the Appeal to be prosecuted after the Expiration of the aforesaid respective Periods.

Prize Goods and Merchandise to be liable t Duties.

XXXVIII. Nothing herein contained shall be taken to exempt any Goods or Merchandise condemned as Prize and sold under the Provisions of this Act from the Payment of any Duties to which they would otherwise be subject upon Importation: Provided nevertheless, that

that if any such Goods or Merchandise brought into this Kingdom be unfit for the Markets thereof, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may remit the whole or any Part of such Duties, upon Proof that the said Goods or Merchandise are unfit for the Markets of this Kingdom, or that the Proceeds of such Sale, after Payment of Duties, will be insufficient to satisfy the just and reasonable Claims thereon, in either of which Cases such Goods or Merchandise shall be exported or destroyed under the Direction of the Commissioners of Customs: Provided always, that whenever any such Goods or Merchandise shall be brought into the United Kingdom the Master or other Person in charge or command of the Vessel in which the same are brought shall on Arrival in any Part of the United Kingdom "bring to" at the Stations appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs for the boarding of Ships by the Officers of Customs, and shall on the Arrival of the Ship at her Place of Mooring in such Port forthwith give Notice to the Collector or Controller of such Port, who shall thereupon place any Officer or Officers on board such Ship in charge or command of the Goods until the same are duly lodged in some approved Warehouse for Security of the Duties due thereon, or until such Goods are otherwise legally disposed of or discharged out of the Custody of the Customs.

Deserters not entitled to Bounty, &c.

XXXIX. No Person or Persons belonging to any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, or to any Merchant Ship employed in Her Majesty's Service, who shall run away or withdraw himself or themselves from the Ship or Vessel by which any Prize or Prizes shall be taken from any of Her Majesty's Enemies, or shall otherwise desert or withdraw himself or themselves from Her Majesty's Service before or after Notification as by Law directed shall be given of the Day appointed for the Payment of the several Shares to the Captors of the said Prize or Prizes, or who shall be marked in the Books of any Ship or Vessel in the Service of Her Majesty as having run therefrom, shall have or be entitled to have or claim any Interest or Benefit from the said Share or Shares of the said Prize or Prizes, or of the Bounty Money herein-before mentioned or any Part thereof that shall then remain unpaid, but such Shares, as well as all other Shares which shall not be legally demanded within Six Years after the same shall have been duly notified, shall, at the Discretion of the Lords of the Admiralty, be paid into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: Provided nevertheless, that with respect to such forfeited or unclaimed Shares the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, upon the Recommendation of the Lords of the Admiralty, and upon sufficient Cause being shown, make an Order for the Repayment thereof out of the Consolidated Fund to the Parties entitled thereto, or the Lords of the Admiralty may remit or pay the same to such Parties out of any Monies then remaining at the Credit of the Naval Prize Account.

Penalty on Masters of Merchant Vessels under Convoy for disobeying Signals or Orders or deserting Convoy.

XL. If the Master or other Person having the Command of any Merchant Ship or Vessel under Convoy shall wilfully disobey any Signals or Instructions or any other lawful Commands of the Commander of the Convoy, or shall desert such Convoy without Notice given and Leave obtained for that Purpose, he shall be liable to be articled for such Offence in the High Court of Admiralty of *England* at the Suit of the Queen in Her Office of Admiralty, and upon Conviction thereof shall be fined, at the Discretion of the said Court, in any Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds, and shall suffer such Imprisonment, not exceeding One Year, as the said Court shall adjudge.

Penalty on collusive Captures.

XLI. If any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise be taken, by Collusion or Connivance with the Enemy, by any Officer commanding any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, the said Ship, Vessel, Goods, and Merchandise may be declared and adjudged by the Court of Admiralty to be good Prize to Her Majesty, and shall remain at the Disposal of Her Majesty, and the Officer so offending may be articled in the High Court of Admiralty of *England* at the Suit of Her Majesty, in Her Office of Admiralty, and upon Conviction shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding One thousand Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Use of Her Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person who shall sue for the said Penalty.

No Ships or Goods belonging to Her Ma-

XLII. It shall not be lawful for any of Her Majesty's Subjects to ransom or to enter into any Contract or Agreement for ransoming any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise belonging

jesty's Subjects to be ransomed.

belonging to any of Her Majesty's Subjects which shall be captured by any of Her Majesty's Enemies: and all Contracts and Agreements which shall be entered into, and all Bills, Notes, and other Securities, which shall be given by any Person for Ransom of any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise contrary to the Provisions of this Act shall be absolutely null and void.

Contracts for Ransom to be void.

Penalty on Persons ransoming.

XLIII. Any Person who shall ransom or enter into any Contract or Agreement for ransoming any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise contrary to the Provisions of this Act, shall for every such Offence be liable to be articled in the High Court of Admiralty of *England* at the Suit of the Queen in Her Office of Admiralty, and upon Conviction thereof shall incur a Penalty not exceeding Five hundred Pounds, to be imposed by the Judge of the said Court, unless it shall appear that the Circumstances of the Case were such as to justify the said ransoming or Contract or Agreement for the same.

Penalty on Commanders ransoming or collusively restoring Ships or Goods taken as Prize.

XLIV. Any Commander of any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War who shall agree with any Person whomsoever for the ransoming of any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise, or any Part thereof, after the same shall have been taken as Prize, and shall, in pursuance of such Agreement, or otherwise by Collusion, actually quit, set at liberty, restore, or discharge any such Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise, or any Part thereof, shall for every such Offence be liable to be articled in the High Court of Admiralty of *England* at the Suit of Her Majesty in Her Office of Admiralty, and upon Conviction thereof shall forfeit and suffer such Penalty or Fine as the said Court shall adjudge, unless it shall appear to such Court that the Circumstances of the Case were such as to have justified the same.

Penalties for breaking Bulk and Embezzlement.

XLV. If any Person belonging to any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War shall break Bulk on board of any Prize, with a view to embezzle any Money, Jewels, Plate, Goods, Merchandise, Tackle, Furniture, or Apparel of or belonging thereto, such Person shall be liable to be articled for every such Offence before the High Court of Admiralty of *England* at the Suit of Her Majesty in Her Office of Admiralty, and upon Conviction thereof shall forfeit to Her Majesty his whole Share in such Prize, as also Treble the Value of all such Money, Jewels, Plate, Goods, Merchandise, Tackle, Furniture, or Apparel, unless it shall appear to the Court that the Circumstances of the Case were such as to have rendered the Appropriation thereof necessary.

Penalty for Breach of Instructions relating to Prizes or Offences against the Law of Nations.

XLVI. The Court of Admiralty may, upon due Proof of the Breach of any of Her Majesty's Instructions relating to Prizes, or of any Offence against the Law of Nations, committed by the Captor in relation to any Ship, Vessel, Goods, or Merchandise captured as Prize, or to the Persons taken on board the same, condemn such Prize to Her Majesty's Use and Disposal.

Offences committed on board armed Ships of War in Her Majesty's Service to be tried and punished as Offences committed in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Offenders to be confined, &c.

Court-martial to be called.

XLVII. Any Offence committed by any of the Officers and Crew serving on board of or belonging to any hired armed Ship or Vessel in Her Majesty's Service shall be tried and punished in such Manner as the like Offences are tried and punished when committed by any Persons serving on board of or belonging to Her Majesty's Fleet; and all such Offenders who are to be tried by a Court-martial shall be placed under all necessary Restraint on board the Ship or Vessel in which such Offence shall be committed until they can be so tried by a Court-martial; and upon Application made to the Lords of the Admiralty, or to the Commander-in-Chief, or Senior Officer of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War abroad, authorized to assemble and hold Courts-martial, the said Lords of the Admiralty, or such Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer respectively, may and are hereby required to assemble and hold a Court-martial for the Trial and Punishment of such Offenders; and the Officer commanding every such hired armed Ship or Vessel shall have the same Power in respect of the other Officers and Crew on board the same as Officers commanding Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War have over the Officers and Crews of such Ships and Vessels; and the Naval Commander-in-Chief and senior Naval Officers in Her Majesty's Service shall have and exercise the same Powers over the Officers and Crews of such hired armed Ships and Vessels as they have

have or may exercise over the Officers and Crews belonging to Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War.

Her Majesty may grant Salaries to Judges of Vice-Admiralty Courts to act as Judges in Prize Causes.

XLVIII. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to assign to the Judge of any Court which may be duly commissioned to take cognizance of Matters of Prize, such Salary not exceeding Five hundred Pounds as to Her Majesty may seem meet, and such Salaries shall be paid out of Monies to be voted by Parliament for that Purpose, at such Times and in such Manner and subject to such Regulations, as Her Majesty by Her said Order in Council may be pleased to direct; provided that no such Judge shall be entitled to any further Emolument arising from Fees or otherwise, in respect of any Prize Business transacted in such Court, but an Account of such Fees shall be kept by the Registrar of such Court, and be at the Disposal of the Commissioners of the Treasury.

Her Majesty may allow such Judges a retiring Pension.

XLIX. Her Majesty may give and grant to any Judge of any Vice-Admiralty Court in Matters of Prize an Annuity or Pension for the Term of his natural Life, in accordance with the Regulations and Provisions of the Fourth and Fifth *William* the Fourth, Chapter Twenty-four.

No Registrar or other Officer of any Court of Admiralty to act as Advocate or Proctor.

L. No Registrar, Deputy or Assistant Registrar, nor any Marshal or Deputy Marshal of or belonging to any Court of Admiralty, or the Court of Appeal therefrom, shall either directly or indirectly act or be in any Manner concerned, either as Advocate, Proctor, or Agent, in any Cause, Matter, or Business whatsoever depending in the Court of which he shall then be the Registrar, Deputy or Assistant Registrar, Marshal or Deputy Marshal respectively; and every Registrar, Deputy or Assistant Registrar, Marshal or Deputy Marshal, who shall be proved to the Satisfaction of such Court, after having been heard in his Defence, to have been guilty of such Offence, shall be dismissed from such Office or Employment.

Proctors to be concerned only for One Party in a Cause.

LI. No Proctor or other Person practising as a Proctor in the Court of Admiralty or in the Court of Appeal therefrom, being employed by One of the Parties in the Cause, shall be concerned, by himself or his Partner, or by any other Person, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of the adverse Party in such Cause; and every such Proctor or other Person so offending shall, upon Conviction, forfeit to Her Majesty the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and be thenceforth disqualified and rendered incapable of practising as a Proctor or otherwise in any Court of Admiralty, or before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Power for the Judge to make Rules of Court.

LII. It shall be lawful for the Judge of the Court of Admiralty from Time to Time to make and submit to Her Majesty in Council such Rules, Orders, and Regulations respecting the Practice and Mode of Proceeding of the said Court, and the Conduct and Duties of the Officers and Practitioners therein in all Matters relating to Prize, as to him shall seem fit, and such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, if approved by Her Majesty in Council, shall take effect and shall remain in force until the same are altered or repealed in like Manner.

Table of Fees to be hung up in Vice-Admiralty Courts.

LIII. Her Majesty may by Order in Council authorize Tables of Fees to be prepared for the several Courts of Admiralty throughout Her Dominions, and for the Practitioners therein, and One of such Tables shall be suspended in some conspicuous Place of the Court for which the same has been prepared, and no Judge or Surrogate, Registrar or Deputy Registrar, Marshal or Deputy Marshal, or any other Officer whatever belonging to any such Court, or any Practitioner in any such Court, shall, either directly or indirectly, receive or take, or be allowed for the Subject to which the Fee relates, any Fee beyond those specified in the said Table: Provided always, that Her Majesty may by Her Order in Council from Time to Time vary, alter, or repeal such Tables of Fees as to Her Majesty shall seem meet.

Punishment of Persons guilty of Perjury.

LIV. Any Person who shall wilfully and corruptly swear, declare, or affirm falsely in any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding under the Provisions of this Act, or in respect to any Matter required to be verified on Oath by this Act, or shall suborn any other Person so to do, shall be deemed guilty of Perjury or of Subornation of Perjury, as the Case may be, and shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished accordingly.

Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.

LV. All Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, wherever the same shall arise and become forfeited, may be recovered in like Manner as any Debt due to Her Majesty in any of

of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or by Monition and Attachment in the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, unless in Cases where any other Mode is by this Act particularly directed; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures which shall arise or become forfeited in any Part of Her Majesty's Dominions abroad may be recovered in any Court of Record of Her Majesty in the Colony, Territory, or Place where the same shall arise or have become forfeited, or in any of Her Majesty's Vice-Admiralty Courts having Jurisdiction there.

Limitation of Actions.

LVI. No Action shall be brought against any Person or Persons whomsoever for any Matter or Thing whatever done or committed under or by virtue or in the Execution of this Act unless such Action shall be brought within Two Years next after the doing or committing of such Matter or Thing, nor, unless Notice of Action shall have been given, One Calendar Month at least before the Commencement of the same, which Notice shall specify the Cause of the said Action; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or suffer Discontinuance, or forbear further Prosecution, or if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, such Defendant or Defendants shall recover his Costs to be taxed as between Attorney and Client.

Continuance of Act.

LVII. This Act shall continue in force during the present War, and no longer, save and except as to all such Matters and Things as shall then be depending in Judgment in the Court of Admiralty, or before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, or in any Court of Record within Her Majesty's Dominions, at the Time when the present War shall cease, and also save and except as to the carrying out and finally disposing of all such other Matters or Things as shall arise out of the present War in reference to the Provisions of this Act; and also save and except as to all Offences which may have been committed against, and all Penalties and Forfeitures which may have been incurred under the Provisions of this Act, in respect whereof Proceedings shall and may be taken as if this Act still continued in force.

Not to extend to Seizures made by Officers of Customs on Excise.

LVIII. Nothing in this Act shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to any Seizure of Ships, Vessels, Goods, or Merchandise made by any Officer of Customs or Excise for any Breach of the Laws or Regulations relating to the Customs or to Trade or Navigation.

CAP. XIX.

An Act for facilitating the Payment of Her Majesty's Navy, and the Payment and Distribution of Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Monies to and amongst the Officers and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War; and for the better Regulation of the Accounts relating thereto. [2d *June* 1854.]

'WHEREAS it is desirable to facilitate the Payment of the Officers and Crews on board Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, as also to provide further and more effectual Means for the Payment and Distribution of any Prize, Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies which may be payable and distributable to and amongst the Officers and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War: And whereas, by Her Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-ninth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, Her Majesty was pleased to direct the Mode in which the Distribution of any such Prize, Bounty, Salvage, or other Monies should be made; and by Her further Proclamation, bearing Date the Twenty-ninth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, Her Majesty was graciously pleased to order and direct that the net Proceeds of all Captures which should be made during the present War with *Russia* by any of her Ships or Vessels of War should be for the entire Benefit of the Officers and Crews of such Ships and Vessels of War as might have effected such Capture, after the same should have been finally adjudged to Her Majesty as lawful Prize:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

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