COUNTERVAILING DRAWBACKS.

Articles enumerated.	From England to Ireland.	From Scotland to Ireland.
For every Gallon thereof removed:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Æther	0 12 11	0 2 6
Sweet Spirits of Nitre		
Camphorated Spirits		
Lavender Water and other Perfumes, being Spirits scented with Essential Oils, Flowers, or other Ingredients		
Compound Spirits of Lavender		
Spirits of Rosemary		
Spirits of Ammonia		
Salvolatile		
Friar's Balsam	0 7 9	0 1 6
Compound Tincture of Benzoin		
Tincture of Assafœtida		
Tincture of Castor		
Tincture of Kino		
Tincture of Guaiacum		
Tincture of Myrrh		
Tincture of Ginger		
Spirit Varnishes		
Other Tinctures and Medicated Spirits	0 5 2	0 1 0
Sweets or Made Wines	0 0 7½	0 0 1½

CAP. L.

An Act for carrying into execution a Treaty signed at *London* for the Suppression of the Slave Trade, so far as the same relates to *Great Britain*, *Austria*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*. [10th *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS on the Twentieth Day of *December* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-one a Treaty was signed at *London*, between *Great Britain*, *Austria*, *France*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*, for the Suppression of the *African* Slave Trade, whereby it was agreed as follows:

'ARTICLE I.—Their Majesties the Emperor of *Austria*, King of *Hungary* and *Bohemia*, the King of *Prussia*, and the Emperor of all the *Russias* engage to prohibit all Trade in Slaves, either by their respective Subjects or under their respective Flags, or by means of Capital belonging to their respective Subjects, and to declare such Traffic Piracy; their Majesties further declare, that any Vessel which may attempt to carry on the Slave Trade shall by that Fact alone lose all Right to the Protection of their Flag.

'ARTICLE II.—In order more completely to accomplish 'the Object of the present Treaty, the High Contracting 'Parties agree by common Consent that those of their 'Ships of War which shall be provided with special War- 'rants and Orders, prepared according to the Forms of 'the Annex (A.) of the present Treaty, may search every 'Merchant Vessel belonging to any one of the High Con- 'tracting Parties which shall on reasonable Grounds be 'suspected of being engaged in the Traffic in Slaves, or 'of having been fitted out for that Purpose, or of having 'been engaged in the Traffic during the Voyage in which 'she shall have been met with by the said Cruisers; and 'that such Cruisers may detain and send or carry away 'such Vessels, in order that they may be brought to Trial 'in the Manner hereafter agreed upon.

'Nevertheless the above-mentioned Right of searching 'the Merchant Vessels of any one or other of the High 'Contracting Parties shall be exercised only by Ships of 'War whose Commanders shall have the Rank of Cap- 'tain, or that of Lieutenant in the Royal or Imperial 'Navy, unless the Command shall by reason of Death or 'otherwise have devolved upon an Officer of inferior Rank; 'the Commander of such Ship of War shall be furnished 'with Warrants according to the Form annexed to the 'present Treaty, under Letter (A.)

'The said mutual Right of Search shall not be exer- 'cised within the *Mediterranean Sea:* Moreover the Space 'within which the Exercise of the said Right shall be 'confined shall be bounded on the North by the Thirty- 'second Parallel of North Latitude; on the West, by the 'Eastern Coast of *America*, from the Point where the 'Thirty-second Parallel of North Latitude strikes that 'Coast, down to the Forty-fifth Parallel of South Lati- 'tude; on the South, by the Forty-fifth Parallel of South 'Latitude, from the Point where that Parallel strikes the 'Eastern Coast of *America* to the Eightieth Degree of 'Longitude East from the Meridian of *Greenwich;* and 'on the East, by the same Degree of Longitude, from the 'Point where it is intersected by the Forty-fifth Parallel 'of South Latitude, up to the Coast of *India.*

'ARTICLE III.—Each of the High Contracting Parties 'which may choose to employ Cruisers for the Suppression 'of the Slave Trade, and to exercise the mutual Right of 'Search, reserves to itself to fix according to its own 'Convenience the Number of the Ships of War which 'shall be employed on the Service stipulated in the Second 'Article of the present Treaty, as well as the Stations on 'which the said Ships shall cruise.

'The Names of the Ships appointed for this Purpose 'and those of their Commanders shall be communicated 'by each of the High Contracting Parties to the others;

'and they shall reciprocally apprize each other every Time 'that a Cruiser shall be placed on a Station, or shall be 'recalled from thence, in order that the necessary War- 'rants may be delivered by the Governments authorizing 'the Search, and returned to those Governments by the 'Government which has received them, when those War- 'rants shall no longer be necessary for the Execution of 'the present Treaty.

'ARTICLE IV.—Immediately after the Government 'which employs the Cruisers shall have notified to the 'Government which is to authorize the Search the Number 'and the Names of the Cruisers which it intends to employ, 'the Warrants authorizing the Search shall be made out 'according to the Form annexed to the present Treaty, 'under Letter (A.), and shall be delivered by the Govern- 'ment which authorizes the Search to the Government 'which employs the Cruiser.

'In no Case shall the mutual Right of Search be exer- 'cised upon the Ships of War of the High Contracting 'Parties.

'The High Contracting Parties shall agree upon a 'particular Signal to be used exclusively by those Cruisers 'which shall be invested with the Right of Search.

'ARTICLE V.—The Cruisers of the High Contracting 'Parties authorized to exercise the Right of Search and 'Detention in execution of the present Treaty, shall con- 'form themselves strictly to the Instructions annexed to 'the said Treaty, under Letter (B.), in all that relates to 'the Formalities of the Search and of the Detention, as 'well as to the Measures to be taken in order that the 'Vessels suspected of having been employed in the Traffic 'may be delivered over to the competent Tribunals.

'The High Contracting Parties reserve to themselves 'the Right of making in these Instructions, by common 'Consent, such Alterations as Circumstances may render 'necessary.

'The Cruisers of the High Contracting Parties shall 'mutually afford to each other Assistance in all Cases 'when it may be useful that they should act in concert.

'ARTICLE VI.—When a Merchant Vessel sailing under 'the Flag of One of the High Contracting Parties shall 'have been detained by a Cruiser of the other duly autho- 'rized to that Effect conformably to the Provisions of the 'present Treaty, such Merchant Vessel, as well as the 'Master, the Crew, the Cargo, and the Slaves who may be 'on board, shall be brought into such Place as the High 'Contracting Parties shall have respectively designated 'for that Purpose, and they shall be delivered over to the 'Authorities appointed with that View by the Govern-

'ment within whose Possessions such Place is situated, in 'order that Proceedings may be had with respect to them 'before the competent Tribunals in the Manner hereafter 'specified.

'When the Commander of the Cruiser shall not think 'fit to undertake himself the bringing in and the De-'livery up of the detained Vessel, he shall intrust that 'Duty to an Officer of the Rank of Lieutenant in the 'Royal or Imperial Navy, or at least to the Officer who 'shall at the Time be the Third in Authority on board the 'detaining Ship.

'Article VII.—If the Commander of a Cruiser of One 'of the High Contracting Parties should have Reason to 'suspect that a Merchant Vessel sailing under the Convoy 'of or in company with a Ship of War of One of the other 'Contracting Parties has been engaged in the Slave Trade, 'or has been fitted out for that Trade, he shall make 'known his Suspicions to the Commander of the Ship of 'War, who shall proceed alone to search the suspected 'Vessel; and in case the last-mentioned Commander should 'ascertain that the Suspicion is well founded, he shall 'cause the Vessel, as well as the Master, the Crew, the 'Cargo, and the Slaves who may be on board, to be taken 'into a Port belonging to the Nation of the detained 'Vessel, to be there proceeded against before the competent 'Tribunals, in the Manner hereafter directed.

'Article VIII.—As soon as a Merchant Vessel detained 'and sent in for Adjudication shall arrive at the Port to 'which she is to be carried, in conformity with Annex (B.) 'to the present Treaty, the Commander of the Cruiser 'which shall have detained her, or the Officer appointed 'to bring her in, shall deliver to the Authorities appointed 'for that Purpose a Copy, signed by himself, of all the 'Lists, Declarations, and other Documents specified in 'the Instructions annexed to the present Treaty, under 'Letter (B.); and the said Authorities shall proceed in 'consequence to the Search of the detained Vessel and 'of her Cargo, as also to an Inspection of her Crew, and 'of the Slaves who may be on board, after having pre-'viously given Notice of the Time of such Search and 'Inspection to the Commander of the Cruiser, or to the 'Officer who shall have brought in the Vessel, in order 'that he, or some Person whom he may appoint to repre-'sent him, may be present thereat.

'A Minute of these Proceedings shall be drawn up 'in Duplicate, which shall be signed by the Persons who 'shall have taken part in, or who shall have been present 'at the same; and one of those Documents shall be deli-'vered to the Commander of the Cruiser, or to the Officer 'appointed by him to bring in the detained Vessel.

'Article

'ARTICLE IX.—Every Merchant Vessel of any one or 'other of the Five Nations, which shall be searched and 'detained in virtue of the Provisions of the present 'Treaty, shall, unless Proof be given to the contrary, be 'deemed to have been engaged in the Slave Trade, or 'to have been fitted out for that Traffic, if in the Fitting, 'in the Equipment, or on board the said Vessel, during 'the Voyage in which she was detained, there shall be 'found to have been One of the Articles herein-after spe-'cified; (that is to say,)

'First,—Hatches with open Gratings, instead of the 'close Hatches which are usual in Merchant Vessels.

'Secondly,—Divisions or Bulkheads in the Hold or 'on Deck in greater Number than are necessary for 'Vessels engaged in lawful Trade.

'Thirdly,—Spare Plank fitted for being laid down 'as a Second or Slave Deck.

'Fourthly,—Shackles, Bolts, or Handcuffs.

'Fifthly,—A larger Quantity of Water in Casks or 'in Tanks than is requisite for the Consumption of the 'Crew of such Merchant Vessel.

'Sixthly,—An extraordinary Number of Water Casks, 'or of other Receptacles for holding Liquid, unless the 'Master shall produce a Certificate from the Custom 'House at the Place from which he cleared Outwards, 'stating that sufficient Security had been given by the 'Owners of such Vessel that such extra Number of 'Casks or of other Receptacles should only be used to 'hold Palm Oil, or for other Purposes of lawful Com-'merce.

'Seventhly,—A greater Quantity of Mess Tubs or 'Kids than are requisite for the Use of the Crew of 'such Merchant Vessel.

'Eighthly,—A Boiler or other cooking Apparatus of 'an unusual Kind, and larger, or capable of being made 'larger, than requisite for the Use of the Crew of such 'Merchant Vessel; or more than One Boiler or other 'cooking Apparatus of the ordinary Size.

'Ninthly,—An extraordinary Quantity of Rice, of 'the Flour of *Brazil*, Manioc, or Cassada, commonly 'called Farina, or of Maize, or of *Indian* Corn, or of 'any other Article of Food whatever, beyond the pro-'bable Wants of the Crew; unless such Quantity of 'Rice, Farina, Maize, *Indian* Corn, or any other Article 'of Food should be entered on the Manifest as forming 'Part of the Trading Cargo of the Vessel.

'Tenthly,—A Quantity of Mats or Matting greater 'than is necessary for the Use of such Merchant Vessel, 'unless such Mats or Matting be entered on the Mani-'fest as forming Part of the Cargo.

'If it is established that One or more of the Articles 'above specified are on board, or have been on board

'during the Voyage in which the Vessel was captured, 'that Fact shall be considered as *primâ facie* Evidence 'that the Vessel was employed in the Traffic; she shall 'in consequence be condemned and declared lawful Prize, 'unless the Master or the Owners shall furnish clear and 'incontrovertible Evidence, proving to the Satisfaction of 'the Tribunal that at the Time of her Detention or 'Capture the Vessel was employed in a lawful Undertaking, 'and that such of the different Articles above specified 'as were found on board at the Time of Detention, or 'which might have been embarked during the Voyage on 'which she was engaged when she was captured, were 'indispensable for the Accomplishment of the lawful 'Object of her Voyage.

'Article X.—Proceedings shall be immediately taken 'against the Vessel detained as above stated, her Master, 'her Crew, and her Cargo, before the competent Tri- 'bunals of the Country to which she belongs, and they 'shall be tried and adjudged according to the established 'Forms and Laws in force in that Country; and if it 'results from the Proceedings that the said Vessel was 'employed in the Slave Trade, or fitted out for that 'Traffic, the Vessel, her Fittings, and her Cargo of 'Merchandize shall be confiscated, and the Master, the 'Crew, and their Accomplices shall be dealt with con- 'formably to the Laws by which they shall have been 'tried.

'In case of Confiscation, the Proceeds of the Sale of the 'aforesaid Vessel shall, within the Space of Six Months, 'reckoning from the Date of the Sale, be placed at the 'Disposal of the Government of the Country to which 'the Ship which made the Capture belongs, in order to 'be employed in conformity with the Laws of that 'Country.

'Article XI.—If any One of the Articles specified in 'Article IX. of the present Treaty is found on board a 'Merchant Vessel, or if it is proved to have been on 'board of her during the Voyage in which she was cap- 'tured, no Compensation for Losses, Damages, or Expences 'consequent upon the Detention of such Vessel shall in 'any Case be granted either to the Master or to the 'Owner, or to any other Person interested in the Equip- 'ment or in the Lading, even though a Sentence of Con- 'demnation should not have been pronounced against the 'Vessel as a Consequence of her Detention.

'Article XII.—In all Cases in which a Vessel shall 'have been detained in conformity with the present Treaty 'as having been employed in the Slave Trade, or fitted 'out for that Traffic, and shall, in consequence, have

'been

'been tried and confiscated, the Government of the 'Cruiser which shall have made the Capture, or the Go- 'vernment whose Tribunal shall have condemned the 'Vessel, may purchase the condemned Vessel for the 'Service of its Royal Navy, at the Price fixed by a com- 'petent Person selected for that Purpose by the said 'Tribunal; the Government whose Cruiser shall have 'made the Capture shall have a Right of Preference in 'the Purchase of the Vessel; but if the condemned Vessel 'shall not be purchased in the Manner above pointed out, 'she shall be wholly broken up immediately after the 'Sentence of Confiscation, and sold in separate Portions 'after having been broken up.

'ARTICLE XIII.—When by the Sentence of the com- 'petent Tribunal it shall have been ascertained that a 'Merchant Vessel, detained in virtue of the present 'Treaty, was not engaged in the Slave Trade, and was 'not fitted out for that Traffic, she shall be restored to 'the lawful Owner or Owners; and if in the course of 'the Proceedings it should have been proved that the 'Vessel was searched and detained illegally or without 'sufficient Cause of Suspicion, or that the Search and 'Detention were attended with Abuse or Vexation, the 'Commander of the Cruiser, or the Officer who shall 'have boarded the said Vessel, or the Officer who shall 'have been intrusted with bringing her in, and under 'whose Authority, according to the Nature of the Case, 'the Abuse or Vexation shall have occurred, shall be liable 'in Costs and Damages to the Master and the Owners of 'the Vessel and of the Cargo.

'These Costs and Damages may be awarded by the 'Tribunal before which the Proceedings against the 'detained Vessel, her Master, Crew, and Cargo, shall 'have been instituted; and the Government of the 'Country to which the Officer who shall have given occa- 'sion for such Award shall belong shall pay the Amount 'of the said Costs and Damages within the Period of Six 'Months from the Date of the Sentence, when the Sen- 'tence shall have been pronounced by a Tribunal sitting 'in *Europe*, and within the Period of One Year when the 'Trial shall have taken place out of *Europe*.

'ARTICLE XIV.—When in the Search or Detention of 'a Merchant Vessel effected in virtue of the present 'Treaty any Abuse or Vexation shall have been com- 'mitted, and when the Vessel shall not have been deli- 'vered over to the Jurisdiction of her own Nation, the 'Master shall make a Declaration upon Oath of the 'Abuses or Vexations of which he shall have to complain, 'as well as of the Costs and Damages to which he shall 'lay claim; and such Declaration shall be made by him

'before the competent Authorities of the first Port of his 'own Country at which he shall arrive, or before the 'Consular Agent of his own Nation at a Foreign Port, 'if the Vessel shall in the first instance touch at a Foreign 'Port where there is such an Agent.

'This Declaration shall be verified by means of an Ex-'amination upon Oath of the principal Persons amongst 'the Crew or the Passengers who shall have witnessed the 'Search or Detention; and a formal Statement of the 'whole shall be drawn up, Two Copies whereof shall be 'delivered to the Master, who shall forward One of them 'to his Government in support of his Claim for Costs and 'Damages.

'It is understood that if any Circumstances beyond 'Control shall prevent the Master from making his Decla-'ration, it may be made by the Owner of the Vessel, or 'by any other Person interested in the Equipment or in 'the Lading of the Vessel.

'On a Copy of the formal Statement above mentioned 'being officially transmitted to it, the Government of the 'Country to which the Officer to whom the Abuses or 'Vexations shall be imputed shall belong shall forthwith 'institute an Inquiry; and if the Validity of the Com-'plaint shall be ascertained, that Government shall cause 'to be paid to the Master or the Owner, or to any other 'Person interested in the Equipment or Lading of the 'molested Vessel, the Amount of Costs and Damages 'which shall be due to him.

'Article XV.—The High Contracting Parties engage 'reciprocally to communicate to each other when asked to 'do so, and without Expence, Copies of the Proceedings 'instituted, and of the Judgments given, relative to Vessels 'searched or detained in execution of the Provisions of 'this Treaty.

'Article XVI.—The High Contracting Parties agree 'to ensure the immediate Freedom of all the Slaves who 'shall be found on board Vessels detained and con-'demned in virtue of the Stipulations of the present 'Treaty.

'Article XVII.—The High Contracting Parties agree 'to invite the Maritime Powers of *Europe* which have not 'yet concluded Treaties for the Abolition of the Slave 'Trade to accede to the present Treaty.

'Article XVIII.—The Acts or Instruments annexed 'to the present Treaty, and which it is mutually agreed 'to consider as forming an integral Part thereof, are the 'following:

'(A.) Forms

'(A.) Forms of Warrants of Authorization, and of 'Orders for the Guidance of the Cruisers of each Nation 'in the Searches and Detentions to be made in virtue 'of the present Treaty.

'(B.) Instructions for the Cruisers of the Naval Forces 'employed in virtue of the present Treaty for the 'Suppression of the Slave Trade.

'ARTICLE XIX.—The present Treaty, consisting of 'Nineteen Articles, shall be ratified, and the Ratifications 'thereof shall be exchanged at *London*, at the Expiration 'of Two Months from this Date, or sooner if possible.

'In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries 'have signed the present Treaty, in *English* and *French*, 'and have thereunto affixed the Seals of their Arms.

'Done at *London*, the Twentieth Day of *December* in 'the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hun- 'dred and forty-one.

'(L.S.) *Aberdeen.*
'(L.S.) *Koller.*
'(L.S.) *S^te Aulaire.*
'(L.S.) *Schleinitz.*
'(L.S.) *Brunnow.*

'ANNEX (A.)

'To the TREATY between GREAT BRITAIN, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, 'PRUSSIA, and RUSSIA for the SUPPRESSION of the AFRICAN 'SLAVE TRADE; signed at *London*, the Twentieth Day of '*December* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and 'forty-one.

'FORM I.—*Warrants in virtue of which a Cruiser of one of 'the High Contracting Parties to this Treaty may visit 'and detain a Merchant Vessel belonging to or bearing the 'Flag of another of the High Contracting Parties, and 'suspected of being engaged in the Slave Trade, or of 'being fitted out for that Traffic.*

'Whereas by a Treaty concluded between *Great Bri- 'tain*, *Austria*, *France*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*, signed at '*London* on the Twentieth Day of *December* One thousand 'eight hundred and forty-one, for the total Suppression of 'the *African* Slave Trade, it was stipulated that certain 'Cruisers belonging to the said Countries respectively 'should be instructed to visit and detain, within particular 'Limits, Merchant Vessels of the other Contracting Par- 'ties engaged in the Traffic in Slaves, or suspected of 'being fitted out for that Traffic: And whereas the Go- 'vernment of has thought fit that the Vessel 'you command shall be one of the Cruisers

'furnished

'furnished with the said special Instructions, you will 'accordingly receive Instructions from the said Govern- 'ment for your Guidance on the said Service; you are 'therefore authorized by virtue of those Instructions and 'of the present Warrant to visit Merchant Vessels under 'the Flag, suspected of being engaged 'in the Traffic in Slaves, within the Limits set forth in 'the Second Article of the said Treaty, and to deal with 'such Vessels as shall have engaged in the Slave Trade, 'or shall be suspected of being fitted out for that Traffic, 'as pointed out in the said Treaty and in the Instruc- 'tions thereunto annexed.

'Given under our Hands and the Seal of the 'Office of the 'Day of .

'To the Commander of the .

'FORM II.—*Orders for the Guidance of the Commander of 'the Cruiser of one of the High Contracting Parties, in 'visiting and detaining a Merchant Vessel belonging to or 'bearing the Flag of another of the High Contracting 'Parties.*

'Whereas by a Treaty concluded between *Great Bri- 'tain*, *Austria*, *France*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*, signed at '*London* on the Twentieth of *December* One thousand 'eight hundred and forty-one, for the total Suppression 'of the *African* Slave Trade, it was stipulated that certain 'Cruisers belonging to the said Countries respectively 'shall be authorized, under special Instructions therein 'mentioned, to visit and detain, within particular Limits, 'Merchant Vessels of the other Contracting Parties en- 'gaged in the Slave Trade, or suspected of being fitted 'out for that Traffic: And whereas we think fit that the 'Vessel you command shall be one of the 'Cruisers furnished with the said special Instructions, we 'herewith transmit to you a Copy of the said Treaty of 'the Twentieth of *December*, and of the Instructions there- 'unto annexed, herein-before mentioned; and you are 'accordingly authorized, by virtue of this present Order 'and of the accompanying Warrant from the Government 'of to visit, within the Limits set forth in the 'Second Article of the said Treaty, Merchant Vessels 'under the Flag, suspected of being engaged 'in the Slave Trade, and to deal with such Vessels as 'shall have engaged in that Traffic, or shall be sus- 'pected of being fitted out for that Traffic, in the Manner 'pointed out in the said Treaty, Warrant, and Instructions; 'and we charge and require you to conform most strictly 'to all the Provisions and Stipulations contained therein, 'taking care to exercise the Authority so conferred upon 'you in the mildest Manner, and with every Attention

'which

'which is due between allied and friendly Nations, and 'to co-operate cordially with the Commanders of any ' Vessels of War employed in the same 'Service.

'Given under our Hands and the Seal of the ' Office of the ' Day of .

'To the Commander of the .

'These Forms of Warrants and Orders shall be annexed to the Treaty signed this Day between *Great* '*Britain*, *Austria*, *France*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*, for the 'Suppression of the *African* Slave Trade, and shall be 'considered as an integral Part of that Treaty.

'In witness whereof the Plenipotentiaries of the High 'Contracting Parties have signed this Annex, and have 'thereunto affixed the Seal of their Arms.

'Done at *London*, the Twentieth Day of *December* in 'the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred 'and forty-one.

'(L.S.) *Aberdeen.*
'(L.S.) *Koller.*
'(L.S.) *S^te Aulaire.*
'(L.S.) *Schleinitz.*
'(L.S.) *Brunnow.*

'ANNEX (B.)

'To the TREATY between GREAT BRITAIN, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, 'PRUSSIA, and RUSSIA for the SUPPRESSION of the AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE; signed at *London*, the Twentieth 'Day of *December* in the Year One thousand eight hundred 'and forty-one.

'*Instructions to Cruisers.*

'First,—Whenever any Merchant Vessel belonging 'to or bearing the Flag of any One of the High Contracting Parties shall be visited by a Cruiser of any 'One of the other High Contracting Parties, the Officer 'commanding the Cruiser shall, before he proceeds to 'the Visit, exhibit to the Master of such Vessel the 'special Orders which confer upon him by Exception 'the Right to visit her; and he shall deliver to such 'Master a Certificate, signed by himself, specifying 'his Rank in the Navy of his Country, and the Name 'of the Ship which he commands, and declaring that 'the only Object of his Visit is to ascertain whether 'the Vessel is engaged in the Slave Trade, or is fitted 'out for the Purpose of such Traffic, or has been 'engaged in that Traffic during the Voyage in which 'she

'she has been met with by the said Cruiser. When 'the Visit is made by an Officer of the Cruiser other 'than her Commander, such Officer shall not be under 'the Rank of Lieutenant in the Navy, unless he be 'the Officer who at the Time is Second in Command 'of the Ship by which the Visit is made; and in this 'Case such Officer shall exhibit to the Master of the 'Merchant Vessel a Copy of the special Orders above 'mentioned, signed by the Commander of the Cruiser, 'and shall likewise deliver to such Master a Certificate, signed by himself, specifying the Rank which 'he holds in the Navy of his Country, the Name of 'the Commander under whose Orders he is acting, the 'Name of the Cruiser to which he belongs, and the 'Object of his Visit, as herein-before recited.

'If it shall be ascertained by the Visit that the Ship's 'Papers are regular and her Proceedings lawful, the 'Officer shall certify upon the Log Book of the Vessel, 'that the Visit took place in virtue of the special Orders 'above mentioned, and when these Formalities shall 'have been completed the Vessel shall be permitted to 'continue her Course.

'Secondly,—If in consequence of the Visit the Officer 'commanding the Cruiser shall be of opinion that 'there are sufficient Grounds for believing that the 'Vessel is engaged in the Slave Trade, or has been 'fitted out for that Traffic, or has been engaged in 'that Traffic during the Voyage in which she is met 'with by the Cruiser, and if he shall in consequence 'determine to detain her, and to have her delivered 'up to the Jurisdiction of the competent Authorities, 'he shall forthwith cause a List to be made out in 'Duplicate of all the Papers found on board; and he 'shall sign this List and the Duplicate, adding after 'his own Name his Rank in the Navy, and the Name 'of the Vessel under his Command.

'He shall in like Manner make out and sign in 'Duplicate a Declaration, stating the Place and Time 'of the Detention, the Name of the Vessel and that of 'her Master, the Names of the Persons composing her 'Crew, and the Number and Condition of the Slaves 'found on board.

'This Declaration shall further contain an exact 'Description of the State of the Vessel and of her 'Cargo.

'Thirdly,—The Commander of the Cruiser shall 'without Delay carry or send the detained Vessel, with 'her Master, Crew, Passengers, Cargo, and the Slaves 'found on board, to one of the Ports herein-after specified, in order that Proceedings may be instituted 'in regard to them, conformably to the Laws of the 'Country under whose Flag the Vessel is sailing, and

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'he shall deliver the same to the competent Authorities, or to the Persons who shall have been specially 'appointed for that Purpose by the Government to 'whom such Port shall belong.

'Fourthly,—No Person whatever shall be taken out 'of the detained Vessel, nor shall any Part of her Cargo, 'nor any of the Slaves found on board, be removed 'from her until after such Vessel shall have been delivered over to the Authorities of her own Nation, 'unless the Removal of the Whole or Part of the Crew 'or of the Slaves found on board shall be deemed 'necessary, either for the Preservation of their Lives 'or from any other Consideration of Humanity, or for 'the Safety of the Persons who shall be charged with 'the Navigation of the Vessel after her Detention; in 'any such Case, the Commander of the Cruiser, or the 'Officer appointed to bring in the detained Vessel, shall 'make a Declaration of such Removal, in which he 'shall specify the Reasons for the same; and the Masters, Sailors, Passengers, or Slaves so removed shall 'be carried to the same Port as the Vessel and her 'Cargo, and they shall be received in the same Manner 'as the Vessel, agreeably to the Regulations herein-after 'set forth.

'Provided always, That nothing in this Paragraph 'shall be understood as applying to Slaves found on 'board of *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Vessels; but 'such Slaves shall be disposed of as is specified in the 'following Paragraphs.

'Fifthly,—All *Austrian* Vessels which shall be detained on the Stations of *America* or *Africa* by the 'Cruisers of the other Contracting Parties, shall be 'carried and delivered up to the *Austrian* Jurisdiction 'at *Trieste*.

'But if Slaves shall be found on board any such '*Austrian* Vessel at the Time of her Detention, the 'Vessel shall in the first instance be sent to deposit the 'Slaves at that Port to which she would have been 'taken for Adjudication if she had been sailing under 'the *English* or *French* Flag; the Vessel shall afterwards be sent on, and shall be delivered up to the 'Austrian Jurisdiction at *Trieste* as above stipulated.

'All *French* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Western Coast of *Africa* by Cruisers of the other 'Contracting Parties, shall be carried and delivered 'up to the *French* Jurisdiction at *Goree*.

'All *French* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Eastern Coast of *Africa* by the Cruisers of the other 'Contracting Parties, shall be carried and delivered up 'to the *French* Jurisdiction at the *Isle of Bourbon*.

'All *French* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Coast of *America* to the Southward of the Tenth

'Degree

'Degree of North Latitude by the Cruisers of the 'other Contracting Parties, shall be carried and deli- 'vered up to the *French* Jurisdiction at *Cayenne*.

'All *French* Vessels which shall be detained in the '*West Indies* or on the Coast of *America* to the North- 'ward of the Tenth Degree of North Latitude by the 'Cruisers of the other Contracting Parties, shall be 'carried and delivered up to the *French* Jurisdiction at '*Martinique*.

'All *British* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Western Coast of *Africa* by the Cruisers of the other 'Contracting Parties, shall be carried and delivered up 'to the *British* Jurisdiction at *Bathurst* on the River '*Gambia*.

'All *British* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Eastern Coast of *Africa* by the Cruisers of the other 'Contracting Parties, shall be carried and delivered up 'to the *British* Jurisdiction at the *Cape of Good Hope*.

'All *British* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Coast of *America* by the Cruisers of the other Con- 'tracting Parties, shall be carried and delivered up to 'the *British* Jurisdiction at the Colony of *Demerara* 'or at *Port Royal* in *Jamaica*, according as the Com- 'mander of the Cruiser may think most convenient.

'All *British* Vessels which shall be detained in the '*West Indies* by the Cruisers of the other Contracting 'Parties, shall be carried and delivered up to the *British* 'Jurisdiction at *Port Royal* in *Jamaica*.

'All *Prussian* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Stations of *America* or *Africa* by the Cruisers of the 'other Contracting Parties, shall be carried and de- 'livered up to the *Prussian* Jurisdiction at *Stettin*.

'But if Slaves shall be found on board of any such '*Prussian* Vessel at the Time of her Detention, the 'Vessel shall in the first instance be sent to deposit the 'Slaves at that Port to which she would have been 'taken for Adjudication if she had been sailing under 'the *English* or *French* Flag; the Vessel shall afterwards 'be sent on, and shall be delivered up to the *Prussian* 'Jurisdiction at *Stettin* as above stipulated.

'All *Russian* Vessels which shall be detained on the 'Stations of *America* or *Africa* by the Cruisers of the 'other Contracting Parties, shall be carried and de- 'livered up to the *Russian* Jurisdiction at *Cronstadt* or 'at *Reval*, according as the Season of the Year may 'allow the one or the other of those Ports to be reached.

'But if Slaves shall be found on board any such *Rus-* 'sian Vessel at the Time of her Detention, the Vessel 'shall in the first instance be sent to deposit the Slaves 'at that Port to which she would have been taken for 'Adjudication if she had been sailing under the *English* 'or *French* Flag; the Vessel shall afterwards be sent on,

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'and shall be delivered up to the *Russian* Jurisdiction 'at *Cronstadt* or at *Reval* as above stipulated.

'Sixthly,—As soon as a Merchant Vessel which shall 'have been detained as aforesaid shall arrive at one of 'the Ports or Places above mentioned, the Commander 'of the Cruiser, or the Officer appointed to bring in 'such detained Vessel, shall forthwith deliver to the 'Authorities duly appointed for that Purpose by the 'Government within whose Territory such Port or Place 'shall be, the Vessel and her Cargo, together with the 'Master, Crew, Passengers, and Slaves found on board, 'and also the Papers which shall have been seized on 'board the Vessel, and one of the Duplicate Lists of 'the said Papers, retaining the other in his own Pos-'session; such Officer shall at the same Time deliver 'to the said Authorities One of the original Declara-'tions as herein-before specified, adding thereto a State-'ment of any Changes which may have taken place 'from the Time of the Detention of the Vessel to that 'of the Delivery, as well as a Copy of the Statement 'of any Removals which have taken place as above 'provided for.

'In delivering over these several Documents the 'Officer shall make in Writing and on Oath an Attes-'tation of their Truth.

'Seventhly,—If the Commander of a Cruiser of one 'of the High Contracting Parties who shall be duly 'furnished with the aforesaid special Instructions shall 'have Reason to suspect that a Merchant Vessel sailing 'under Convoy of or in Company with a Ship of War of 'any one of the other Contracting Parties is engaged 'in the Slave Trade, or has been fitted out for the 'Purpose of that Traffic, or has been engaged in the 'Traffic in Slaves during the Voyage in which he is 'met with by the said Cruiser, he shall confine himself 'to communicating his Suspicions to the Commander of 'the Ship of War, and he shall leave it to the latter to 'proceed alone to visit the suspected Vessel, and to de-'liver her up to the Jurisdiction of her own Country, 'if there shall be Cause for doing so.

'Eighthly,—By Article IV. of the Treaty it is stipu-'lated, that in no Case shall the mutual Right of Visit 'be exercised upon Ships of War of the High Con-'tracting Parties.

'It is agreed that this Exemption shall apply equally 'to Vessels of the *Russian American* Company, which 'being commanded by Officers of the Imperial Navy 'are authorized by the Imperial Government to carry 'a Flag which distinguishes them from the Merchant 'Navy, and are armed and equipped similarly to Trans-'ports of War.

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'It is further understood that the said Vessels shall 'be furnished with a *Russian* Patent which shall prove 'their Origin and Destination. The Form of this 'Patent shall be drawn up by common Consent. It is 'agreed that this Patent, when issued by the competent 'Authority in *Russia*, shall be countersigned at *Saint* 'Petersburgh by the Consulates of *Great Britain* and 'France.

'Ninthly,—In the Third Clause of Article IX. of 'the Treaty it is stipulated, that failing Proof to the 'contrary, a Vessel shall be presumed to be engaged in 'the Slave Trade if there be found on board spare 'Plank fitted for being laid down as a Second or Slave 'Deck.

Equipment Article not to be applied to Austria, &c., &c.

'In order to prevent any Abuse which might arise 'from an arbitrary Interpretation of this Clause, it is 'especially recommended to the Cruisers not to apply it 'to *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Vessels employed in 'the Timber Trade, whose Manifests shall prove that 'the Planks and Joists which they have or have had on 'board are or were a Part of their Cargo for Trade.

'Therefore, in order not to harass lawful Commerce, 'Cruisers are expressly enjoined only to act upon the 'Stipulations contained in the Third Clause of Article 'IX., when there shall be on board the Vessel visited 'spare Plank evidently destined to form a Slave Deck.

'The undersigned Plenipotentiaries have agreed, in 'conformity with the Eighteenth Article of the Treaty, 'signed by them this Day, that these Instructions shall 'be annexed to the Treaty signed this Day between *Great* 'Britain, *Austria*, *France*, *Prussia*, and *Russia* for the 'Suppression of *African* Slave Trade, and shall be con- 'sidered as an integral Part of that Treaty.

'In witness whereof the Plenipotentiaries of the High 'Contracting Parties have signed this Annex, and have 'thereunto affixed the Seal of their Arms.

'Done at *London*, the Twentieth Day of *December* in 'the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred 'and forty-one.

'(L.S.) *Aberdeen.*
'(L.S.) *Koller.*
'(L.S.) *Ste. Aulaire.*
'(L.S.) *Schleinitz.*
'(L.S.) *Brunnow.*

'And whereas the said Treaty was ratified between Her 'Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* 'and *Ireland* and the Emperor of *Austria*, the King of *Prussia*, 'and the Emperor of all the *Russias*, and such Ratifications

'were exchanged on the Nineteenth Day of *February* in the 'Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-two; but the 'same has not been ratified by the King of the *French*: And 'whereas it is expedient and necessary that effectual Provision 'should be made for carrying into execution the Provisions of 'the said Treaty, and the Annexes thereto, so far as the same 'relate to *Great Britain*, *Austria*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*:' 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, That it shall be lawful for any Officer commanding any Ship of War of Her Majesty, or of their Majesties the Emperor of *Austria* King of *Hungary* and *Bohemia*, the King of *Prussia*, and the Emperor of all the *Russias*, who shall have such Rank as by the Second Article of the said Treaty is agreed, and who shall be duly instructed and authorized and furnished according to the several Provisions of the said Treaty, and within the Waters described, and according to the Provisions and Exceptions contained in the said Second Article of the said Treaty, to exercise the Right of visiting and searching any *British*, *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Merchant Vessels liable to Suspicion, and suspected of having been engaged in the Traffic in Slaves, or of having been fitted out for that Purpose, or of having been engaged in the Traffic during the Voyage in which she shall have been met with by the said Cruisers of Her Majesty the Queen, or by the Cruisers of *Austria*, *Prussia*, or *Russia*, except Vessels of the *Russian American* Company, commanded by Officers of the Imperial Navy, as mentioned in the Eighth Article of the Instructions to Cruisers in Annex (B.), forming an integral Part of the said Treaty, and upon sufficient Grounds of detaining, sending, carrying in, and delivering over, without Delay, any such Vessel, together with its Masters, Sailors, Passengers, Slaves, and Cargo, to the Authorities appointed for the Purpose of the said Treaty, by the respective Governments of *Great Britain*, *Austria*, *Prussia*, and *Russia*, and to one of the Jurisdictions in the said Instructions mentioned, in order that Proceedings may be instituted conformably to the respective Laws of the said Countries; and all Commanders of Her Majesty's Ships in the Exercise of such Rights as aforesaid shall comply with the several Provisions and Instructions of the said Treaty which apply thereto respectively.

Officers commanding Ships of Her Majesty, or of their Majesties the Emperor of Austria King of Hungary and Bohemia, the King of Prussia, and the Emperor of all the Russias, being duly authorized, empowered to visit and search Merchant Ships within certain Limits.

II. And be it enacted, That all Ships and Vessels belonging wholly or in part to Her Majesty's Subjects which shall be suspected upon reasonable Grounds of being engaged in the Traffic in Slaves, or of having been fitted out for that Purpose, or of having been engaged in such Traffic during the Voyage in which such Vessel is met, and all Boats, Apparel, and Cargoes therein, shall be subject to Search and Detention by *British*, *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Vessels of War duly authorized for that Purpose, according to the Stipulations of the said Treaty, and subject to Condemnation

British Ships suspected of having been fitted out for the Purpose of Traffic in Slaves liable to Search and Detention.

or other Judgment by the Courts of Admiralty in Her Majesty's Dominions.

Proceedings against British Vessels to be conducted in the Name of Her Majesty.

III. And be it enacted, That where any such Officer of their Majesties the Emperor of *Austria* King of *Hungary* and *Bohemia*, the King of *Prussia*, and the Emperor of all the *Russias*, shall send, carry, or deliver over as aforesaid any such Merchant Vessel, wholly or in part owned by any Subject or Subjects of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, every Proceeding instituted in the Tribunals herein-after mentioned in regard to such Merchant Vessel and its Crew, Cargo, and Slaves, and in respect to the Cause, shall be conducted in the Name of Her Majesty by some Person duly thereunto authorized; (that is to say,) all Ships, Cargoes, and Slaves which shall be detained by the Cruisers of their said Majesties the Emperor of *Austria*, King of *Prussia*, and Emperor of all the *Russias*, and delivered up to the Jurisdiction of Her Majesty at *Bathurst*, on the River *Gambia*, shall be proceeded against and adjudicated in the Vice Admiralty Court of *Sierra Leone*; and that all other Ships, Cargoes, and Slaves which may in like Manner be detained by the Cruisers of Their said Majesties, and delivered up to the Jurisdiction of Her Majesty, either at *Jamaica*, *Cape of Good Hope*, or *Demerara*, shall be proceeded against and adjudicated in the Vice Admiralty Court established in the said Colonies respectively, and the Judges and other Officers of the said Vice Admiralty Courts respectively shall be authorized to take cognizance thereof accordingly.

Vessels equipped for Traffic in Slaves to be held as engaged in the Slave Trade, unless the contrary is proved.

IV. And be it declared and enacted, That if any of the Particulars specified in the Ninth Article of the said Treaty shall be found in her Outfit or Equipment, or on board of any such Merchant Vessel wholly or in part owned by any Subject or Subjects of Her Majesty, and visited and detained in pursuance of the said Treaty, such Vessel, unless Proof be given to the contrary, shall be taken to have been engaged in the Slave Trade, or to have been fitted out for the Purposes of such Traffic, and to be equipped and employed for the Purposes declared unlawful by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Abolition of the Slave Trade.*

5 G. 4. c. 113.

To whom Proceeds of British Vessels confiscated shall be paid.

V. And be it enacted, That in case any such Merchant Vessel, wholly or in part owned as last aforesaid, shall be seized by any Officer of their Majesties the Emperor of *Austria*, King of *Prussia*, or Emperor of all the *Russias* duly authorized, and shall, with the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize laden therein, be confiscated according to the Laws of this Country, and the Provisions of the said Treaty, the Proceeds arising from the Sale thereof shall be paid to such Person or Persons as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may appoint to receive the same.

The Trial of Vessels engaged

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, and for all Courts of

Vice Admiralty in any Dominions of Her Majesty beyond the Seas, to take cognizance of and try any such *British* Vessel which shall be detained or captured within the Limits aforesaid, under any such Order or Authority, and to condemn any such Vessel and adjudge as to the Slaves found therein, in like Manner and under such and the like Rules and Regulations as are contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament in force in relation to the Suppression of the Slave Trade by *British*-owned Ships, as fully as if all the Powers and Provisions contained in such Acts were re-enacted in this Act as to such High Court of Admiralty or Courts of Vice Admiralty. in the Slave Trade.

VII. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence in any Examination or Deposition had, or Affidavit taken in any Proceeding under the said Treaty or this Act, shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, and being thereof convicted shall be liable to all the Pains and Penalties to which Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are liable; and every such Person may be tried for any such Perjury, either in the Place where the Offence was committed, or in any Colony or Settlement of Her Majesty near thereto, in which there is a Court of competent Jurisdiction to try any such Offence, or in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench in *England*; and that in case of any Prosecution for such Offence in Her Majesty's said Court of Queen's Bench, the Venue may be laid in the County of *Middlesex*. Punishing Persons giving false Evidence.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Pendency of any Suit or Proceeding instituted for the Condemnation or Restitution of any Ship or Cargo, or Slaves taken, seized, or detained by virtue of the said Treaty in the High Court of Admiralty in *England*, or in any Vice Admiralty Court, or the final Adjudication, Condemnation, or Judgment or Determination thereupon, may be pleaded in Bar or given in Evidence under the General Issue, and shall be deemed in any Court whatever to be a complete Bar in any Action, Suit, or Proceeding, whether instituted by any Person or Persons for the Recovery of any such Ship, Vessel, or Cargo, or of any Damage or for any Injury sustained thereby, or by the Persons on board the same, in consequence of any Capture, Seizure, or Detention, or any thing done in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Treaty. Pendency of Suits to be a Bar to any Proceedings instituted for the Recovery of the Vessels detained.

IX. And be it enacted, That any Ship or Vessel which shall be condemned under any such Authority as aforesaid may be taken into Her Majesty's Service upon Payment of such Sum as the Lord High Admiral or the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall deem a proper Price for the same, or if not so taken, shall be broken up and demolished, and the Materials thereof shall be publicly sold in separate Parts, and the Proceeds thereof shall be paid to such Person or Persons as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may appoint to receive the same. Vessels condemned to be sold for Her Majesty's Service or broken up.

X. And be it enacted, That where any Ship or Vessel employed or engaged in illicit Traffic in Slaves, in violation of the Treaty or Articles herein-before mentioned, shall be seized Captors of Vessels shall, after the same are condemned, be entitled to One

Moiety of the Proceeds.

by any Ship or Vessel belonging to Her Majesty, duly authorized to make such Seizure under the Provisions of the said Treaty, and shall be afterwards condemned by any of the said Tribunals, there shall be paid to the Captors One Moiety of the net Proceeds, after deducting all necessary Expences; such Portion to be distributed in the Manner herein-after directed for the Distribution of Bounties on Slaves taken on board the said Vessels.

Bounty for Slaves captured.

XI. And be it enacted, That there shall be paid to the Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships authorized to make Seizures under the said Treaty a Bounty of Five Pounds for every Man, Woman, and Child Slave seized and found on board a *British*, *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Ship or Vessel taken and condemned in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Treaty and of this Act, such Bounty to be issued and paid by Order from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and to be distributed to and amongst the Captors aforesaid, in such Manner and Proportions as Her Majesty shall think fit to order by any Order in Council, or by any Proclamation to be made for that Purpose.

Bounty on Tonnage of Slave Ships captured and demolished.

XII. And be it enacted, That where any Ship or Vessel which shall have been seized and condemned under the Provisions of the said Treaty shall have been or shall be demolished, and the Materials thereof publicly sold in separate Parts, as well as her Cargo, there shall be paid to the Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships authorized to make and making such Seizures, in addition to the Amount which may be payable in respect of the Moiety of the Proceeds of such Sale as herein-before mentioned, a further Bounty on the Tonnage of such Ship or Vessel at the Rate of Thirty Shillings for every Ton of such Tonnage.

Where no Slaves are on board a Ship seized, an additional Bounty to be paid.

XIII. And be it enacted, That where any Ship or Vessel having no Slaves on board shall have been seized and condemned under the Provisions of the said Treaty, there shall be paid to the Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships authorized to make and making such Seizure an additional Bounty upon the Tonnage of such Ship or Vessel, at the Rate of Four Pounds for every Ton; and the Tonnage of all such Vessels shall be ascertained according to the Mode of ascertaining the Admeasurement of *British* Vessels, either by the principal Officer of the Customs at the Port where the Vessel may be at the Time of Condemnation, or in default thereof by the best Evidence which can be obtained, to be certified by the Commissioners by whom such Condemnation shall be pronounced: Provided always, that in every Case in which any Ship or Vessel shall be seized with Slaves on board, in which the Bounty calculated upon the Number of Slaves shall be less than the Bounty calculated upon the Tonnage, the Commanders of Her Majesty's Ships making the Seizure may elect to take the Bounty calculated according to Tonnage, instead of the Bounty which would be payable upon the Number of Slaves on board.

XIV. And

Bounties to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

XIV. And be it enacted, That all Bounties payable under this Act shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to the Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships authorized to make such Seizures under the Provisions of any such Treaties or Conventions, and such Bounties shall be issued and paid by Order from the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Bounties not liable to Payment of Fees.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said Bounty, as also all Bounties payable under any of the Acts for the Abolition or Suppression of the Slave Trade, shall not hereafter be charged with Treasury Fees or Exchequer Fees of any Description.

Proof of Tonnage.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in order to entitle the Captors to receive the said Bounty Money, the Tonnage of the Ship or Vessel so seized and condemned shall be proved to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by producing a Copy duly certified of the Sentence or Decree of Condemnation, or by such documentary or other Evidence as they may deem satisfactory.

Copy of Sentence of Condemnation to be produced to the Commissioners of the Treasury.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in order to entitle the Captors to receive the said Bounty Money on Slaves, the Number of Men, Women, and Children so taken, delivered over, and condemned shall be proved to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by producing a Copy, duly certified, of the Sentence or Decree of Condemnation, and also a Certificate under the Hand of the proper Officer or Officers, Military or Civil, who may be appointed to receive such Slaves.

One Moiety of the Bounty only to be paid in certain Cases.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That where any Slaves, or Persons treated as Slaves, shall be seized on board any *British*, *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Ship or Vessel taken and condemned in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Treaty and of this Act, but who shall not have been delivered over in consequence of Death, Sickness, or other inevitable Circumstance, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if to their Discretion it shall seem meet, to direct Payment of One Moiety of the Bounty which would have been due in each Case respectively if the said Slaves had been delivered over.

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

XIX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That any Party or Parties claiming any Benefit by way of Bounty under the Provisions of this Act, or of any Share of the Proceeds of any *British*, *Austrian*, *Prussian*, or *Russian* Vessel confiscated in pursuance of the Provisions of the aforesaid Treaty, may resort to the High Court of Admiralty for the Purpose of obtaining the Judgment of the said Court in that Behalf; and that it shall be lawful for the Judge of the said High Court of Admiralty to determine thereon, and also to hear and determine any Question of joint Capture which may arise upon any Seizure made in pursuance of this Act, and also to enforce any Decrees or Sentences of the said Vice Admiralty Courts relating to any such Seizure.

Regulations and Penalties respecting Prize Agents Accounts extended to Bounties and Proceeds under this Act.

XX. And be it enacted, That all the Provisions, Rules, Regulations, Forfeitures, and Penalties respecting the Delivery by Prize Agents of Accounts for Examination and the Distribution of Prize Money, and the accounting for and paying over the Proceeds of Prize, and the Per-centage due thereon to *Greenwich* Hospital, shall be extended to all Bounties and Proceeds to be distributed under the Provisions of this Act to the Officers and Crews of any of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War.

Commissioners of the Treasury may order Payment of Costs awarded for Vessels of Her Majesty detained but not condemned.

XXI. And be it enacted, That where any Ship or Vessel belonging in whole or in part to the Subjects of the Emperor of *Austria*, King of *Prussia*, or Emperor of all the *Russias* shall have been detained and brought to Adjudication by any Officers of Her Majesty the Queen of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the said Ship shall be restored as mentioned in the Twelfth Article of the said Treaty, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant signed by any Three or more of them, to direct Payment to be made out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* of any Costs or Damages which may be duly awarded according to the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Article: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall exempt such Officer from his Liability to make good the Payments so made, when lawfully called upon, either by the Parties interested therein or by Order of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The Commissioners of the Treasury may repay to the Seizor of any Vessel not condemned the Expences incurred by him.

XXII. And be it enacted, That when any Seizure shall be made by any of the Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships authorized to make Seizure under the aforesaid Treaty, and Judgment shall be given against the Seizor, or when such Seizure shall be relinquished by him, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if to their Discretion it shall seem meet, by Warrant signed by any Three or more of them, to direct Payment to be made out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* of such Costs and Expences as the Seizor may have incurred in respect of such Seizure, or any proportional Part thereof.

No Compensation to be made when any Articles specified in the Ninth Article of the Treaty are found on board.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any of the Things specified in the Ninth Article of the said Treaty shall be found on board any Vessel which shall be detained and brought before either of the said Courts, neither the Master nor the Owner, nor any Person whatsoever interested in the Equipment or Cargo of the Vessel, shall recover any Compensation or Damages for such Detention, although such Tribunal should not pronounce any Sentence of Condemnation.