

aforesaid, every such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, upon any information or indictment, be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the Court in which such offender shall be convicted; and every such Ship or Vessel, with the tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all the materials, arms, ammunition, and stores, which may belong to or be on board of any such Ship or Vessel, shall be forfeited; and it shall be lawful for any officer of His Majesty's Customs or Excise, or any Officer of His Majesty's Navy, who is by Law empowered to make seizures, for any forfeiture incurred under any of the Laws of Customs or Excise, or the Laws of Trade and Navigation, to seize such Ships and Vessels aforesaid, and in such places and in such manner, in which the Officers of His Majesty's Customs or Excise and the Officers of His Majesty's Navy are empowered respectively to make seizures under the Laws of Customs and Excise, or under the Laws of Trade and Navigation; and that every such Ship and Vessel, with the tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all the materials, arms, ammunition, and stores, which may belong to or be on board of such Ship or Vessel, may be prosecuted and condemned in the like manner, and in such Courts as Ships or Vessels may be prosecuted and condemned for any breach of the Laws made for the protection of the Revenues and Customs and Excise, or of the Laws of Trade and Navigation.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any person in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any part of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the seas, without the leave and licence of His Majesty for that purpose first had and obtained as aforesaid, shall, by adding to the number of the guns of such Vessel, or by changing those on board for other guns, or by the addition of any equipment for war, increase or augment, or procure to be increased or augmented, or shall be knowingly concerned in increasing or augmenting the warlike force of any Ship or Vessel of War, or Cruizer, or other armed Vessel, which at the time of her arrival in any part of the United Kingdom, or any of His Majesty's Dominions, was a Ship of War, Cruizer, or Armed Vessel in the Service of any Foreign Prince, State, or Potentate, or of any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise any powers of Government in or over any Colony, Province, or part of any Province or People belonging to the subjects of any such Prince, State, or Potentate, or to the inhabitants of any Colony, Province, or part of any Province or Country, under the controul of any person or persons so exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of Government, every such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon being convicted thereof, upon any information or indictment, be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the Court before which such offender shall be convicted.

Penalty for aiding the warlike equipment of Vessels of Foreign States, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That offences made punishable by the provisions of this Act, committed out of the United Kingdom, may be prosecuted and tried in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench at Westminster, and the Venue in such case laid at Westminster, in the County of Middlesex.

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