

the time of War, the twenty second year, intituled, "an Act of Parliament for the better regulating of Majesty's ships, vessels, and authorities, and for the better punishing of any offender or offenders, by any way, or any way unlawful, and residence in any province, and tending to the martial law as aforesaid."

*Instructions.*

in the manner of ships of War, you shall according to the laws of the Kingdom, but you shall not punish against any person whatsoever without the Commanders of all Colours than such as of January, 1739, &c."

*Commission.*

to receive, and obtain from the Admiral of Great Britain the said Letters of all and singular manner of fines, and recognizances, and pecuniary punishments, and contempt, and to inflict or cause to be inflicted, or to be paid, whatsoever tending thereon, in any Court of law, or to be paid, and also all other pecuniary punishments, and recognizances, and our said Pro-

vince of Flanders and the territories depending thereon, and maritime parts of the same and thereto adjacent whatsoever, happening or imposed, or to be imposed, or inflicted, or by any means assessed, presented, forfeited, or adjudged or howsoever by reason of the premises, due or to be due in that behalf to us, or to our heirs, and successors."

*Extract from the Patent to the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral.*

"And whereas all wrecks of the sea, goods, and ships taken from pirates, and divers Droits, rights, duties, and privileges have been by express words or otherwise, heretofore granted to our said High Admiral, and to former Admirals, for their own benefit as duties appertaining to the Office or place of our High Admiral aforesaid; now our further will and pleasure is, and we do hereby charge, and command, that all casual duties, Droits, and profits be taken, collected and received in all places where they shall happen, by the Vice Admirals, and other Officers of or belonging to the Admiralty, in such sort, as they formerly were or ought to have been taken collected and received by them, and every of them respectively when there was an High Admiral of Great Britain; and the said Vice Admirals and others, so taking collecting or receiving the same, shall account for the same, and every part thereof, unto or before you our said Commissioners or any three or more of you, or unto such other person or persons, in such manner and form as you or any three or more of you shall to that purpose appoint, but to our only use and behoof, and not otherwise. And whereas we conceive it just and reasonable that those who have or shall truly and faithfully account for what they receive, should have sufficient discharges for the same, our will and pleasure is, and we do therefore by these presents give and grant to you our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, full power and authority to issue forth discharges, releases, and *quietus estis*, upon such accounts, for all duties, Droits, and profits whatsoever received, or to be received, by the aforesaid Vice Admirals or other collectors, receivers or any Commissioners authorized by the Court of Admiralty."

*Extract from the Commission to the Receiver General of Droits.*

"Whereas all wrecks of the sea, goods and ships taken from pirates and enemies, and divers tenths, and other Droits, rights, duties, and privileges, which have been heretofore granted to former Lord High Admirals for their own use and benefit, as duties appertaining to the Office or place of Lord High Admiral, are by his Majesty's Commission to us, appointed to be taken, collected and received, in all places where they shall happen, in such sort as they formerly were or ought to have been taken, collected, and received, when there was a Lord High Admiral of England, but for his Ma-