

authorized to
appoint them.

rected, and imposed, in case there shall not be any Convoy appointed for such Ships or Vessels, nor any Person or Persons at such Foreign Port or Place duly authorized by the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to appoint Convoys for such Ships or Vessels, or to grant Licences to such Ships or Vessels to sail or depart without Convoy.

Admiralty to
cause Notice
to be inserted
in the *London*
and *Dublin*
Gazettes, and
transmitted to
the Commis-
sioners of the
Customs, that
Masters shall
have Flags on
board to an-
swer Signals,
without which
they shall not
be cleared
Outwards.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or such Person as shall be duly authorized by him or them, or any Three or more of them, for that Purpose, to give Notice that all Masters and other Persons having the Charge or Command of any Ships or Vessels which are by this Act required not to sail or depart without Convoy, shall have on board their respective Ships or Vessels such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials as shall be necessary for the Purpose of distinguishing such Ships or Vessels, and of enabling such Masters or other Persons to answer the Signal or Signals made by the Captain or other Officer in His Majesty's Navy entrusted with the Care of such Convoy; such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials to be provided by such Masters and other Persons having the Charge and Command of any Ships or Vessels which are required by this Act not to sail without Convoy, which Notice shall be inserted in the *London* and *Dublin Gazettes*, and transmitted to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland*, in order to the same being by them sent to the principal Officers of the Customs at the several Ports, for the Information of the Persons concerned; and that after such Notice, no such Ship or Vessel shall be cleared Outwards until it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the proper Officer of the Customs, that the Ship is provided with such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials.

Masters in
Danger of
being board-
ed by the
Enemy, to
make Signals
to the Rest of
the Fleet, and,
if boarded, to
destroy In-
structions, on
Penalty of
200*l*.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Ship or Vessel which by this Act is required not to sail or depart without Convoy, shall be in imminent Danger of being boarded or taken Possession of by the Enemy, the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship, shall make Signals by firing Guns, or otherwise, to convey Information of his Danger to the Rest of the Convoy, as well as to the Ships of War under the Protection of which he is sailing; and that in case of such Ship being boarded and taken Possession of, he shall destroy all Instructions confided in him relating to the Convoy; and every Master or Person having the Charge and Command of such Vessel, who shall neglect to make such Signals, or shall wilfully omit to destroy such Instructions as before mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit a Sum not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Commence-
ment of Act
as to Vessels
sailing from
Guernsey,
etc. or other
Ports in
Europe, &c.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained with respect to Ships or Vessels sailing or departing without Convoy, or afterwards deserting or wilfully separating or departing from such Convoy, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Ship or Vessel which shall sail or depart from the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Fersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, or either of them, for or on account of such sailing or Departure on or before the Twentieth Day of *July* One thou-