

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* to permit or suffer any Ship or Vessel, which is by this Act required not to sail or depart without Convoy, to be cleared Outwards from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom to Foreign Parts, until the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel shall have given Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with One sufficient Surety, in the Penalty of the Value of such Ship or Vessel, which Bond shall be taken by the Collector or other Principal Officer of the Customs at such Port or Place, who is hereby authorized and required to take such Security with Condition that such Ship or Vessel shall not sail or depart without Convoy, contrary to the Directions contained in this Act, and shall not afterwards desert or wilfully separate or depart from such Convoy without Leave obtained from the Captain or other Officer in His Majesty's Navy, entrusted with the Charge of such Convoy, before such Ship or Vessel shall have arrived at her Port or Place of Destination, or so far on her Voyage as such Convoy shall be appointed to accompany and protect such Ship or Vessel.

Bond to be taken from Masters of Vessels not to fail or depart without Convoy.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted; That nothing in this Act contained by which Ships or Vessels are required not to sail or depart without Convoy, shall extend or be construed to extend to any Ship or Vessel which is not required to be registered by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on or immediately before the passing of this Act, or to any Ship or Vessel for which a Licence shall be granted to sail or depart without Convoy either by the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or by the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or by such Person or Persons as shall be duly authorized by him or them or any Three or more of them for that Purpose, or to any Ship or Vessel proceeding with due Diligence to join Convoy from the Port or Place at which the same shall be cleared Outwards, in case such Convoy shall be appointed to sail from some other Port or Place, except nevertheless as to the Bond hereby required to be taken upon the Clearance Outwards of such Ship or Vessel, or to any Ship or Vessel bound from any Port or Place within the United Kingdom to any other Port or Place within the same.

Act not to extend to Vessels not required to be registered, nor to Vessels licensed by the Admiralty, &c.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Fee, Gratuity, or Reward shall be demanded or received for any Licence granted in pursuance or under the Authority of this Act.

No Fee to be taken for any Licence.

VIII. And whereas it would not be expedient or possible to appoint separate Convoys to sail from each of several contiguous Foreign Ports, be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, whenever they shall judge it expedient for the Benefit and Security of the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects, to appoint One Foreign Port or Place at which the Ships and Vessels trading from certain other Foreign Ports or Places should assemble for the Purpose of taking Convoy, to cause Notice from Time to Time to be given in the *London* and *Dublin Gazettes*, and also at the Custom Houses and Consular Offices of such Ports and Places in Foreign Parts,

Admiralty to appoint Ports for Vessels in Foreign Ports to assemble.