

Form of declaration.

“I, *A. B.*, commander of [*state the name of the ship or vessel,*] arrived from [*state the place,*] do, as required by the Post Office Act, solemnly declare that I have, to the best of my knowledge and belief, delivered, or caused to be delivered to the Post Office, every letter, letter bag, package, or parcel of letters that was on board the [*state the name of the ship,*] except such letters as are exempted by the said Act.”

No vessel permitted to enter or report until declaration shall be made, &c.; or to break bulk until letters are delivered to the Post Office.

Vessel liable to quarantine, letters how disposed of.

Officers of Impost to search for and seize letters, and forward the same to the nearest Post Office—such Officers to receive one-half the penalties recoverable in such cases.

Postmaster General may appoint agents to demand letters, &c.

XXI. And be it enacted, That no Officer of the Customs or Excise in this Island shall permit such vessel to enter or report, until such declaration shall be made and produced, and no vessel shall be permitted to break bulk or make entry in this Island until all letters on board the same shall be delivered to the Post Office, where posts are, may or hereafter be established, except such letters as are exempted by this Act, and also, except all such letters as shall be brought by a vessel liable to the performance of quarantine—all which last mentioned letters shall be delivered by the persons having the possession thereof to the persons appointed to superintend the quarantine, that all proper precautions may be by them taken before the delivery thereof, and when due care has been had therein, the said letters shall be by them despatched in the usual manner by post, and the Officers of the Impost and Excise, at every port or place in this Island, shall search every vessel for letters, which may be on board contrary to this Act, and may seize all such letters and forward them to the nearest Post Office, and the Officer who shall so seize and send them shall be entitled to a moiety of the penalties which may be recovered for any such offence; and the Postmaster General may appoint Agents to demand from the Masters of vessels arriving in this Island, all letters on board the same, not