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# GEORGII III. REGIS.

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C A P. CLXXIII.

An Act for the better Protection of the Trade of the United Kingdom during the present Hostilities with *France*. [11th July 1815.]

**W**HEREAS it will add to the Security of Trade to prevent Ships sailing without Convoy, except in certain Cases: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Ship or Vessel belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects (except as is herein-after provided) to fail or depart from any Port or Place whatever, unless under the Convoy and Protection of such Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels as shall or may be appointed for that Purpose.

Vessels not to fail from any Port without Convoy;

II. And be it further enacted, That the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel which shall fail or depart under the Protection of Convoy, shall and is hereby required to use his utmost Endeavours to continue with such Convoy during the Whole of the Voyage, or during such Part thereof, as such Convoy shall be directed to accompany and protect such Ship or Vessel, and shall not wilfully separate or depart therefrom upon any Pretence whatever, without Order or Leave for that Purpose from the Officer having the Command of such Convoy.

nor wilfully separate from such Convoy without Leave.