



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

GEORGI II. REGIS.

C A P. LVII.

An Act for the better Protection of the Trade of the United Kingdom during the present Hostilities with *France.* [24th June 1803.]

WHEREAS 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 Twentieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and three, 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 sail 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.

From *June* 20, 1803, no Vessel belonging to His Majesty's Subjects, (except as herein provided), shall sail 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 sail 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

Masters of Vessels not to separate from Convoy without Leave.