

Apprentice indentured for the Space of Three Years at the least, for every Fifty Tons Burthen of such Ship or Vessel by Admeasurement, every such Apprentice not exceeding the Age of Eighteen Years, nor being under Fourteen Years, at the Time he shall be so indentured: And whereas by another Act, made and passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for amending an Act, made in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, *for the Encouragement of the Southern Whale Fishery*, and for making further Provisions for that Purpose, it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That the several additional Premiums granted by that Act shall be paid in such and the like Manner, and under such and the like Conditions, Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, as are directed and prescribed in and by the said Act, made and passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the Southern Whale Fishery: And whereas it is expedient that Provision should be made to oblige the Masters of Ships or Vessels, or the Persons to whom Apprentices shall be bound in pursuance of the Acts herein-before respectively recited, to keep such Apprentices in their Service for the Time they shall be indentured: Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the first Day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety, if the Master of any Ship or Vessel, or any other Person or Persons whatever, to whom any Apprentice or Apprentices shall be indentured pursuant to the said herein-before recited Acts, shall permit or suffer any such Apprentice or Apprentices to quit, leave, or depart, his or their Service on any Pretence whatever, except as herein-after is provided, before the Expiration of the Term for which he or they shall be bound, every such Master or other Person shall forfeit and pay, for each and every Offence, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, in which no Wager of Law, no Essoin, nor any more than One Impar lance, shall be allowed.

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After Jan. 1,  
1790, any  
Master per-  
mitting an  
Apprentice,  
indentured  
pursuant to  
the recited  
Acts, to quit  
his Service  
before the  
Expiration of  
his Term, to  
forfeit 50 l.;