

which the same shall have been granted, and for twelve months from the conclusion of such Reign.

LXII. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall, by force or violence, assault, resist, oppose, molest, hinder or obstruct, any Officer of the Customs or Navy, or other person employed, as aforesaid, in the exercise of his Office, or any person acting in his aid or assistance, such person being thereof convicted, shall be adjudged a felon, and shall be proceeded against as such, and punished at the discretion of the Court before whom such person shall be tried.

Obstruction of Officers
by force.

LXIII. *And be it further enacted*, That all things which shall be seized as being liable to forfeiture under this Act, or under any Act made for the prevention of Smuggling, or relating to the revenue of Customs, or to trade or navigation, shall be taken forthwith and delivered into the custody of the Collector and Controller of the Customs, at the Custom House next to the place where the same were seized, who shall secure the same by such means and in such manner as shall be provided and directed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs; and after condemnation thereof, the Collector and Controller shall cause the same to be sold by public auction, to the best bidder: *Provided always*, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Customs to direct in what manner the produce of such sale shall be applied, or in lieu of such sale, to direct that any of such things shall be destroyed, or shall be reserved for public service.

Goods seized to be
secured at the next
Custom House, and
sold by auction.

LXIV. *And be it further enacted*, That all penalties and forfeitures which may have been heretofore or may be hereafter incurred under this or any other Act relating to the Customs, or to trade and navigation, shall and may be prosecuted, sued for and recovered, in any Court of Record or of Vice Admiralty, having jurisdiction in the Colony or Plantation where the cause of prosecution arises; and in cases where there shall happen to be no such Courts, then in any Court of Record or of Vice Admiralty having jurisdiction in some British Colony or Plantation near to that where the cause of prosecution arises: *Provided*, that in cases where a seizure is made in any other Colony than that where the forfeiture accrues, such seizure may be prosecuted in any Court of Record or of Vice Admiralty, having jurisdiction either in the Colony or Plantation where the forfeiture accrues, or in the Colony or Plantation where the seizure is made, at the election of the seizer or prosecutor; and in cases where there shall happen to be no such Courts in either of the last mentioned Colonies or Plantations, then in the Court of Record or of Vice Admiralty, having jurisdiction in some British Colony or Plantation, near to that where the forfeiture

Jurisdiction for prosecution of seizures and penalties.