

Satisfaction of the proper Officer of the Customs that the Ship is provided with such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Ship or Vessel, which by this Act is required not to sail or depart without Convoy, shall be in imminent Danger of being boarded or taken Possession of by the Enemy, the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship shall make Signals by firing Guns or otherwise, to convey Information of his Danger to the Rest of the Convoy as well as to the Ships of War under the Protection of which he is sailing; and that in case of such Ship being boarded and taken Possession of, he shall destroy all Instructions confided to him relating to the Convoy; and every Master or Person having the Charge and Command of such Vessel, who shall neglect to make such Signals, or shall wilfully neglect to make such Signals, or shall wilfully omit to destroy such Instructions as before mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit a Sum not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred Pounds. Vessels in Danger from the Enemy, to make Signals, and in case of being boarded Instructions to be destroyed. Penalty 200l.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, with respect to Ships or Vessels sailing or departing without Convoy, or afterwards deserting or wilfully separating from such Convoy, shall extend or be construed to extend to any Ship or Vessel which shall sail or depart from the Islands of *Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man*, or either of them, for or on account of such Sailing or Departure on or before the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, or from any other Port or Place in *Europe*, on or before the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, or from any other Port or Place in the *West Indies*, or any other Part of *America*, on or before the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, or from any Port or Place in *Africa* or *Asia*, on or before the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen. Not to extend to Vessels sailing from certain Places at the Periods herein mentioned.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That One Moiety of all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures hereby imposed, as far as the same relate to Ships or Vessels sailing without Convoy, or wilfully separating or departing from such Convoy, or not proceeding to join and take the Benefit of Convoy as herein-before mentioned, or to Insurances, shall, if sued for within the Space of One Year from the Time of any such Penalty or Forfeiture being incurred, be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof, with full Costs of Suit, to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same within the Time aforesaid, unless such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be sued for by His Majesty's Attorney General in *England* or *Ireland*, or Advocate in *Scotland*, in which Case the whole thereof shall belong to His Majesty, and which Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh*, or in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Dublin*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, whether the Offence shall have been committed in any Part of the United Kingdom, or at Sea, or in Parts beyond the Seas, provided the Person incurring such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be within the Jurisdiction of the Court in which such Action shall be brought at the Time of the Commencement thereof, or of Service of Process upon him, and in which Action no Essoign, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance, shall be allowed; and in Default of Penalties how to be sued for and applied.