

nue so hovering for the space of twenty-four hours after the Master shall have been required to depart, it shall be lawful for the Officer of the Customs to bring such ship into Port, and to search and examine her cargo, and to examine the Master upon oath, touching the cargo and voyage; and if there be any goods on board prohibited to be imported into such Possession, such ship and and her cargo shall be forfeited; and if the Master shall not truly answer the questions which shall be demanded of him in such examination, he shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds.

Forfeiture of vessels, carriages, &c. removing goods, liable to forfeiture.

LIX. *And be it further enacted*, That all vessels, boats, carriages and cattle, made use of in the removal of any goods liable to forfeiture under this Act shall be forfeited, and every person who shall assist or be otherwise concerned in the unshipping, landing or removal, or in the harbouring of such goods, or into whose hands or possession the same shall knowingly come, shall forfeit the treble value thereof, or the penalty of one hundred pounds, at the election of the Officers of the Customs; and the averment in any information or libel to be exhibited for the recovery of such penalty, that the Officer proceeding has elected to sue for the sum mentioned in the information, shall be deemed sufficient proof of such election, without any other or further evidence of such fact.

Goods, vessels, &c. liable to forfeiture, may be seized by Officers

LX. *And be it further enacted*, That all goods and all ships, vessels and boats, and all carriages, and all cattle, liable to forfeiture under this Act, shall and may be seized and secured by any Officer of the Customs or Navy, or by any person employed for that purpose by or with the concurrence of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs; and every person who shall in any way hinder, oppose, molest or obstruct any Officer of the Customs or Navy, or any person so employed, as aforesaid, in the exercise of his Office, or any person acting in his aid or assistance, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds.

Writ of Assistance to search for and seize goods liable to forfeiture

LXI. *And be it further enacted*, That under authority of a Writ of Assistance, granted by the Superior or Supreme Court of Justice, or Court of Vice Admiralty, having jurisdiction in the place, (who are hereby authorised and required to grant such Writ of Assistance, upon application made to them for that purpose by the principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs,) it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Customs, taking with him a Peace Officer, to enter any building or other place in the day time, and to search for and seize and secure any goods liable to forfeiture under this Act, and in case of necessity, to break open any doors and any chests or other packages for that purpose; and such Writ of Assistance, when issued, shall be deemed to be in force during the whole of the Reign in