

Parts, that one or more Convoy or Convoys will sail from the Ports or Places to be named in such Notice for the Protection of the Trade of and from those Parts, and that if any Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of any Merchant Ship or Vessel cleared out or intending to sail from any Port or Place at which such Notice shall have been so given, shall not proceed with such Ship or Vessel to such Port or Place so appointed for the Assembly of such Convoy or Convoys, and shall not use his utmost Endeavours to join and take the Benefit of such Convoy, he shall be taken and considered to have sailed without Convoy contrary to this Act, and shall be liable to all Penalties and Forfeitures herein provided against Persons so sailing without Convoy: Provided also, that if any Ship or Vessel not hereby required to take Convoy shall nevertheless place herself under Convoy of any of His Majesty's Ships, such Ship or Vessel shall thereafter be liable to all the Provisions of this Act.

Act not to prevent Vessels from sailing where no Convoy is appointed, &c.

IX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Ship or Vessel sailing or departing without Convoy from any Foreign Port or Place, nor to subject the Master thereof or any other Person to any of the Rules, Regulations, Provisions, Penalties or Forfeitures hereby prescribed, directed, and imposed, in case there shall not be any Convoy appointed for such Ships or Vessels, nor any Person or Persons at such Foreign Port or Place, duly authorized by the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to appoint Convoys for such Ships or Vessels, or to grant Licences to such Ships or Vessels to sail or depart without Convoy, or in case that such Notice as aforesaid shall not have been given of another Port or Place to which the Ships or Vessels sailing from such Foreign Port or Place should proceed for the Purpose of taking Convoy.

Notice to be given to Masters of Vessels to have on board such Flags, &c. as shall be necessary to answer Signals, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or such Person as shall be duly authorized by him or them, or any Three or more of them, for that Purpose, to give Notice that all Masters and other Persons having the Charge or Command of any Ships or Vessels which are by this Act required not to sail or depart without Convoy, shall have on board their respective Ships or Vessels such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials as shall be necessary for the Purpose of distinguishing such Ships or Vessels, and of enabling such Masters or other Persons to answer the Signal or Signals made by the Captain or other Officer in His Majesty's Navy entrusted with the Care of such Convoy, such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials to be provided by such Master and other Persons having the Charge and Command of any Ships or Vessels which are required by this Act not to sail without Convoy, which Notice shall be inserted in the *London* and *Dublin Gazettes* and transmitted to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland*, in order to the same being by them sent to the principal Officers of the Customs at the several Ports, for the Information of the Persons concerned, and that after such Notice no such Ship or Vessel shall be cleared outwards, until it shall appear to the Satisfaction