

Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, or the *Hudson's Bay* Company.

No Fee to be taken for Licences.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, shall be demanded or received for any Licence granted in pursuance or under the Authority of this Act.

Act not to extend to Vessels sailing from Foreign Ports, &c. if there shall not be any Convoy appointed.

VIII. 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.

Admiralty to give Notice in the *Gazette*, &c. that Masters shall have on Board Flags to answer Signals, without which they shall not be cleared Outwards.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for 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, 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 intrusted with the Care of such Convoy; such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials to be provided by such Masters 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 Gazette*, and transmitted to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England* 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 permitted to be cleared Outwards until it shall appear, to the Satisfaction of the proper Officer of the Customs, that the Ship is provided with such Flags, Vanes, or other Materials.

So much of 33 Geo. III, Cap. 66, as makes Captains under Convoy liable to be articted in the Court of Admiralty for disobeying Signals, &c. shall be affixed

X. And be it further enacted, That so much of an Act, passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and for the better and more effectually Manning His Majesty's Navy*, as enacts, That if the Captain of any Merchant Ship under Convoy shall wilfully disobey Signals or Instructions, or any other lawful Commands of the Commander of the Convoy, or shall desert the Convoy without Notice given and Leave obtained for that Purpose, he shall be liable to be articted against in the High Court of Admiralty, at the Suit of the Crown, for Disobedience to the Orders