

Brandy, without first taking out a Licence for that Purpose, in the Manner in that Behalf directed by the said Act, he, she, or they shall, for each and every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds.

C A P. LXIV.

An Act to authorise the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury, to appoint two of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England*, and one of the Commissioners of the Customs in *Scotland*, to enquire into the annual Amount of the Emoluments of Officers of the Customs, and other Persons employed in that Revenue.

“ The Lords of the Treasury may appoint two Commissioners of the Customs in *England*, and one in *Scotland*, to enquire into the Emoluments of their Officers upon Oath; who shall lay the Result of their Inquiry before the Treasury. Treasury may issue 1,500*l.* to pay Clerks, &c. Persons taking a false Oath to be guilty of Perjury, &c. This Act to continue in force till September 1, 1790, and no longer; except for the Purpose of trying or suing any Person in consequence of any Offence committed in Violation of this Act.”

C A P. LXV.

An Act to enable the *East India* Company to raise Money by further increasing their Capital Stock.

“ The *East India* Company, with the Approbation of the Treasury, may increase their Capital Stock 1,000,000*l.*; and may pay the like Dividends on the additional as on the present Stock of the Company. Preference in subscribing for the additional Stock may be given to the present Proprietors. At September 1, 1789, if the Subscriptions shall exceed the Sum proposed to be sold, a proportionable Deduction to be made from each Subscription; and if they fall short, the Deficiency to be disposed of to others. The Directors may contract for the Sale of the whole to one or more Persons. Receipts to be given for Payments, which shall be transferrable, &c. If Subscribers fail in making good all Payments, their Stock may be sold to any other Persons, and the Deposits to be forfeited.”

C A P. LXVI.

An Act to continue, for a limited Time, and amend an Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to regulate, for a limited Time, the shipping and carrying Slaves in British Vessels from the Coast of Africa.*

Preamble.

28 Geo. 3. c. 54.

From Aug. 1, 1789, no Vessel clearing out from Great Britain to carry Slaves from Africa in greater Number than herein specified.

Vessels to be deemed of the Tonnage set forth in their Certificates of Registry.

Masters of Vessels to forfeit 30*l.* for every Slave exceeding the limited Number.

If more than 2-5ths of the Slaves be Children, 5 of the Surplus to be deemed equal to 4 Slaves.

“ WHEREAS an Act was made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to regulate, for a limited Time, the shipping and carrying Slaves in British Vessels from the Coast of Africa*: And whereas it is expedient to continue the said Act, and further to regulate the shipping and carrying of Slaves in *British* Vessels from the Coast of *Africa*: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall not be lawful for any Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any *British* Ship or Vessel whatever, which shall clear out from any Port of this Kingdom, from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to have on board at any one Time, or to convey, carry, bring, or transport Slaves from the Coast of *Africa* to any Part beyond Sea, in any such Ship or Vessel, in any greater Number than in the Proportion of five such Slaves for every three Tons of the Burthen of such Ship or Vessel, so far as the said Ship or Vessel shall not exceed two hundred and one Tons, and moreover of one such Slave for every additional Ton of such Ship or Vessel, over and above the said Burthen of two hundred and one Tons, or Male Slaves who shall exceed four Feet four Inches in Height, in any greater Number than in the Proportion of one such Male Slave to every one Ton of the Burthen of such Ship or Vessel, so far as the said Ship or Vessel shall not exceed two hundred and one Tons, and (moreover) of three such Male Slaves (who shall exceed the said Height of four Feet four Inches) for every additional five Tons of such Ship or Vessel, over and above the said Burthen of two hundred and one Tons; and every such Ship or Vessel shall be deemed and taken to be of such Tonnage or Burthen as is described and set forth in the respective Certificate of the Registry of each and every such Ship or Vessel, granted in pursuance of an Act made in the twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the further Increase and Encouragement of Shipping and Navigation*; and if any such Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel shall act contrary hereto, such Master or other Person as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay the Sum of thirty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain* for each and every such Slave exceeding in Number the Proportions herein-before limited, one Moiety whereof shall go to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety thereof shall go to any Person or Persons who shall first sue for the same: Provided always, That if there shall be in any such Ship or Vessel any more than two-fifth Parts of the Slaves who shall be Children, and who shall not exceed four Feet four Inches in Height, then every five such Children (over and above the aforesaid Proportion of two-fifths) shall be deemed and taken to be equal to four of the said Slaves, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on the Arrival of any such Ship or Vessel in any Island in the *West Indies*, belonging to or under the Dominion of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, from the Coast of *Africa*, carrying or conveying any such Slaves as aforesaid, the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel shall, before any of the said Slaves shall be unshipped or landed from such Ship or Vessel, repair to the nearest Custom House, and there declare on Oath, before the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same) the Burthen of such Ship or Vessel, and shall at the same Time shew to such Officer the Certificate of the Registry thereof, and shall also deliver to the said Officer upon Oath (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same) an exact and true Account of the greatest Number of such Slaves (distinguishing the Number of Males and Females, and specifying the Number of such Slaves as shall exceed the aforesaid Height of four Feet four Inches), who were or shall have been at any one Time in or on board such Ship or Vessel, before, when, or after such Ship or Vessel quitted or departed from the Coast of *Africa* for that Voyage; and if such Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel shall unship or land, or shall cause to be unshipped or landed, or shall wilfully permit or suffer to be unshipped or landed, any such Slaves, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, such Master or other Person as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay the Sum of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for every such Offence, and one Moiety of the said Forfeiture shall go to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety shall go to the Person or Persons who shall first sue for the same; and it shall and may be lawful for such Collector, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, and he is hereby required to search, or to cause Search to be made in every Part of such Ship or Vessel, to see and to take an Account of such Slaves on board such Ship or Vessel, and to specify in such Account the Number of Males and Females, and also the Number of Slaves not exceeding four Feet four Inches in Height, and without Delay to transmit such Account, attested under his Hand and Seal, to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in *London*, under the Penalty of fifty Pounds: Provided always, That in case the said Collector, or other Chief Officer of the Customs shall be absent, or that there shall be no such Officer in any such Island where the said Ship shall arrive as aforesaid, or in case there shall be no other Officer of the Revenue, then any Civil Officer in the said Island shall be, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Application as aforesaid, to administer the said Oath to such Master or other Person taking or having the Charge of such Vessel, and to receive the said Declaration of the Burthen of such Ship as aforesaid, and to perform all the other Duties aforesaid which the said Collector, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, is hereby required to perform.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for the Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, which shall be cleared out from any Port in *Great Britain* after the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to take or have on board such Ship or Vessel, or convey, carry, bring, or transport any Slaves from the Coast of *Africa* to any Parts beyond the Seas, in any such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, unless such Ship or Vessel shall, at the Time of her so clearing out, have been entered for such Purpose at the Custom House of the Port from whence such Ship or Vessel cleared out, and unless the Surgeon of or belonging to such Ship or Vessel shall have given Bond to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and shall have left the same in the Hands of the Collector or Comptroller of the Customs in the Port from whence such Ship or Vessel shall depart for such Voyage to the Coast of *Africa*, in the penal Sum of one hundred Pounds, with Condition that such Surgeon shall keep a regular and true Journal, containing an Account of the greatest Number of Slaves which shall have been at any Time during such Voyage on board such Ship or Vessel, from the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel on the Coast of *Africa* as aforesaid until her Arrival at the Port of her Delivery, distinguishing the Number of Males and Females, and of the Deaths of any such Slaves, or Crew of the said Ship or Vessel, and of the Cause thereof, during the Voyage, from the first Departure of the said Ship or Vessel to her Arrival on the Coast of *Africa*, during her Stay on the said Coast, and after her Departure from thence to the said Port of Delivery, or during such Time as such Surgeon shall have been on board such Ship or Vessel; and that the said Surgeon shall deliver such Journal to the Collector or other Officer as aforesaid, at the first *British* Port where such Ship or Vessel shall arrive after leaving the Coast of *Africa*, and shall make Oath to the Truth of such Journal, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, before such Collector or other Officer as aforesaid, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the said Oath; and such Collector, or other Officer as aforesaid, shall deliver to such Master or other Person as aforesaid, and to such Surgeon respectively, Copies of the Oath of such Master or other Person as aforesaid, and also of the said Journal; which Copies shall severally be attested (as true Copies) by such Collector or other Officer as aforesaid, under his Hand and Seal, and Duplicates of the said Copies, attested in like Manner, shall be transmitted by the said Collector, or other Chief Officer, to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in *London*: And if such Master or Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel shall carry his Cargo of Slaves to, and land the Whole or any Part in, any Port or Ports not subject to the Crown of *Great Britain*, and shall afterwards arrive at any *British* Island or Port, having delivered his whole, or any Part of his said Cargo, such Master or other Person, and also the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, shall make the same Declaration, deliver in the same Journal to, and take the same Oaths before, the Collectors or other Chief Officers of the Customs, or Civil Officer, of the Island or Port, and receive the same attested Certificate, in like Manner as if he had first arrived at such Island or Port; and if the said Ship or Vessel shall not arrive at any *British* Island or Port before her Return to *Great Britain*, then the said Master or other Person, and Surgeon, shall make the said Declaration, deliver in the said Journal to, and take the said Oaths before, the Collector

Masters of Vessels, before they land any Slaves in the *West Indies*, to declare upon Oath before the Officer of the Customs, the Burthen of the Vessel, &c.

and if they land Slaves contrary hereto, to forfeit 500*l*.

Officer of the Customs to take an Account of the Slaves on board such Vessel, &c. on Penalty of 50*l*.

Where there is no Officer of the Customs, any Civil Officer to receive the Oath of the Master, &c.

No Vessel to carry any Slaves, unless entered for that Purpose at clearing out, and unless the Surgeon give Bond to keep a Journal of the Slaves during the Voyage;

which Journal is to be delivered to the Officer of the Customs at the first *British* Port of Arrival, &c.

Officer to deliver to the Master a Copy of his Oath, and to the Surgeon a Copy of his Journal, and transmit Duplicates to the Commissioners of the Customs,

Masters or Surgeons acting contrary hereto to forfeit 100l.

An Act to extend to Ships which failed before Aug. 1, 1789, if a Copy be delivered to the Commander before he has taken in more than the limited Number;

and if at such Delivery there shall be on board a Number of any Description beyond the allowed Proportions, no more of that Description is to be received, nor of

Admiralty to appoint Persons to deliver Copies of the Act to the Commanders of Ships that failed prior to Aug. 1, 1789, and to take an Account of the Slaves.

Such Persons to send Lists of the Ships to which the Act has been delivered, &c. to the Collectors of the Customs in the

Commanders, &c. obstructing the Persons appointed by the Admiralty, to forfeit 100l.

An Act not to extend to Ships taking on board Slaves found shipwrecked, &c.

The upper and lower Cabin, and the Space between Decks, to be allotted to the Slaves.

If any Person take the Charge of a Vessel, who is not qualified

Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs of the Port where they shall first land, which the Collector or other Chief Officer is hereby impowered and required to receive and administer, and the said Collector or other Chief Officer shall forthwith transmit the same to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in London; and if such Master or Surgeon shall act contrary hereto, such Master or Surgeon shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of one hundred Pounds, one Moiety whereof shall go to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety thereof shall go to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Provisions contained in this Act shall extend and be in force with respect to such *British* Ships as aforesaid as shall have failed before the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, from any Port of *Great Britain*, and shall on the Coast of *Africa* take on board and convey any Slaves to any Parts beyond the Seas, in all Cases where a printed Copy thereof shall be delivered to the Commander or principal Officer of any such Ship, before such Ship shall have taken in a greater Number of Slaves than in the Proportions herein-before limited: Provided always, That if any such *British* Ship as aforesaid shall have on board a greater Number of the said Slaves than in such Proportions as aforesaid at the Time the Copy of this Act is delivered to such Commander or principal Officer, or other Person having charge of the same as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for such Commander or principal Officer as aforesaid, or any other Person having charge of the same, to receive on board any more of the said Description of Slaves than shall have been on board at the Time of the said Copy of this Act being delivered as aforesaid, or of any other Description of Slaves, so as to exceed in the whole the Proportions herein-before described, reckoning five Children who shall not exceed four Feet four Inches in Height as equal to four grown Slaves as aforesaid; and if any such Master or other Person as aforesaid shall act contrary hereto, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of thirty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain* for every such Slave so taken on board, one Moiety of the said Forfeiture shall go to his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same.

any other, so as to exceed in the whole the prescribed Proportions. Masters acting contrary hereto, to forfeit 30l. for each Slave.

V. And, in order to the due Execution of this Act with respect to such Ships as shall have failed previous to the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain* to appoint a proper Person or Persons to deliver Copies thereof to the Commanders or other principal Officers who shall be on board such Ships or Vessels, which Person or Persons so appointed shall be and he and they is and are hereby authorized to take an Account of the Number of the Slaves, their Sex, and such of them as shall exceed the Height of four Feet four Inches, on board such Ships as they shall find on the Coast of *Africa*, or the Seas adjacent thereto, at the Times they shall deliver the printed Copies of this Act on board the same, by mustering the said Slaves; and the said Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid shall, with as little Delay as possible, transmit to each of the Collectors of the Customs in the *British* Islands in the *West Indies* a List of the Ships on board of which Copies of this Act shall have been delivered as herein-before directed, and of the Names of the Commanders thereof, together with such Account so taken in each Vessel as aforesaid, Copies of which Lists and Accounts the said Collectors shall forthwith transmit to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in London.

British West Indies, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Commander or Officer, or other Person on board of any such *British* Ship as aforesaid, shall obstruct or hinder any Person or Persons to be appointed by the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, as herein-before directed, from examining and ascertaining the Number of Slaves in any such Ship or Vessel in Manner aforesaid, such Commander or Officer, or other Person so obstructing or hindering as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, one Moiety whereof shall be applied to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue or prosecute for the same: Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the Case of a Ship taking on board any Number of Slaves that shall be found shipwrecked, or from on board any other Ship or Vessel where, by reason of Mutiny or Insurrection among the Slaves or the Crew, or by Failure of Hands, or by any actual Distress of the Vessel, the Master or Commander shall be disabled from governing the Ship or continuing the Voyage, the Proof of which shall lie upon the Master or other Person having charge of such Ship or Vessel so taking on board such Slaves.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every such Ship or Vessel the upper as well as the lower Cabin, and the Space between Decks, shall be allotted and properly prepared for the Reception of such Slaves; and that after any such Ship or Vessel shall have taken two-third Parts of her Complement of Slaves on board, in the Proportions herein-before limited, no Goods, Wares, or Merchandise shall ever be stowed or put in any such Cabin or Place in which any such Slaves shall be.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, it shall not be lawful for any Person to become a Master, or take or have the Command or Charge of any such Ship or Vessel at the Time he shall clear out from any Port of *Great Britain*, for purchasing and carrying Slaves from the Coast of *Africa*, unless such Master or

Person

Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel shall have delivered in to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs, at the Port where such Ship or Vessel shall clear out, a Certificate attested by the respective Owner or Owners, Surgeon, Chief or other Mate of the Vessel or Vessels in which he shall have made such Voyage or Voyages, that he has already served in such Capacity during one Voyage, or shall have served as Chief Mate or Surgeon during the whole of two Voyages, or either as Chief or other Mate during three Voyages in purchasing and carrying Slaves from the Coast of *Africa*, under Pain that such Master or other Person taking or having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, and also the Owner or Owners who shall hire or employ such Person, shall for every such Offence respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of fifty Pounds.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, it shall not be lawful for any Owner or Owners of any such Ship or Vessel to insure any Cargo of Slaves, or any Part thereof, on board the same, against any Loss or Damage, save and except the Perils of the Sea, Piracy, Insurrection, or Capture by the King's Enemies, Barratry of the Master and Crew, and Destruction by Fire; and that all and every Policy of Insurance hereafter made contrary to this Act, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no such Ship or Vessel shall be allowed to clear out, unless it shall appear to the Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs at the Port that there is one Surgeon at least engaged to proceed on board such Ship or Vessel, and unless such Surgeon shall have produced and delivered to such Collector or other principal Officer of the Customs, a Certificate of his having passed his Examination at Surgeons Hall, or at some publick or County Hospital, or at the Royal College of Physicians, or Royal College of Surgeons in *Edinburgh*, of which Certificate the said Collector or other principal Officer shall give to the said Surgeon an attested Copy gratis.

XI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if it shall be made appear, to the Satisfaction of the Collector or other principal Officer of the Port where such Ship or Vessel shall be discharged, that there shall not have died more than in the Proportion of two Slaves in the hundred, from the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel on the Coast of *Africa*, to the Time of her Arrival at her Port of Discharge in any of the Islands of the *West Indies* belonging to, or under the Dominion of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in such Case the Collector or other principal Officer shall and he is hereby authorized and required to make out Certificates, specifying the Number of Slaves that appear to have been taken on board the said Ship or Vessel, and the Number that have died within the Period above-mentioned, one of which Certificates shall be delivered to the Master, and the other to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel; and on Production of such Certificates the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, shall and they are hereby authorized and required to direct the Sum of one hundred Pounds to be paid to the Master, and the Sum of fifty Pounds to be paid to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, out of any Money that shall be in the Hands of the Receiver General of the Customs of *England* and *Scotland* respectively; or if it shall be made appear to the Collector or other principal Officer as aforesaid, that there shall not have died more than in the Proportion of three Slaves in the hundred, from the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel on the Coast of *Africa*, to the Time of her Arrival at her Port of Discharge in any of the said *West India* Islands, in such Case the Collector or principal Officer as aforesaid shall, and he is hereby required and authorized, to make out like Certificates, and to deliver one to the Master, and the other to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel, and the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland* respectively shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, on Production of such Certificates, to direct the Sum of fifty Pounds to be paid to the Master, and the Sum of twenty-five Pounds to be paid to the Surgeon of such Ship or Vessel.

ded, which will entitle the Master to 50l. and the Surgeon to 25l.

XII. And whereas it is just and warrantable that Compensation should be made to Individuals who may have sustained Losses in consequence of the Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to regulate, for a limited Time, the shipping and carrying Slaves in British Vessels from the Coast of Africa*; be it further enacted, That *Brook Watson* Esquire, *Samuel Beachcroft* Esquire, and *William Roe* Esquire, shall be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the Purpose of enquiring into any Losses which may have been sustained in consequence of the aforesaid Act, by any Merchants or Owners of any Ships or Vessels engaged in the *African Trade*, who shall have made Application to the said Commissioners before the first Day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight; and that all Persons having made such Applications shall, as soon as they are enabled so to do, lay before the said Commissioners full Statements of the Grounds of their respective Claims, specifying the Particulars of all the Expences, net Proceeds, Profits, or Losses attending the Voyage or Adventure in respect of which such Application shall have been made, together with all such Circumstances as shall appear to the said Commissioners necessary for their Information, in order to ascertain the Losses of the Persons so applying; and the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall have Power to examine upon Oath, touching the Matters of the said Claims, all Persons whom the said Commissioners shall think fit, and all Persons are hereby directed and required punctually to attend the said Commissioners at such Time and Place as they shall appoint; and the said Commissioners, as soon as they shall have completed the Examination of the several Claims laid before them, shall determine the Amount of the Losses which *bona fide* have been sustained by any of the said

as herein directed, he shall forfeit 50l. as also the Owner who shall employ him.

No Insurance to be made against any Loss, except the Perils of the Sea, &c.

No Vessel to be cleared out that has not a Surgeon who has passed his Examination.

If the Officer at the Port of Discharge shall be satisfied that there have not died on the Voyage more than a Slave in the 100, he is to give Certificates to the Master and Surgeon, and on Production thereof to the Commissioners of the Customs, they are to order the Master 100l. and the Surgeon 50l.

Like Certificates to be given where the Mortality has not been more than 3 in the hundred.

Commissioners to inquire into Losses sustained in consequence of 28 Geo. 3. c. 54. by Persons who have applied prior to Sept. 1, 1788. Such Persons to lay before the Commissioners the Grounds of their Claims, &c.

Commissioners to determine the Amount of Losses, and re-

port to Parlia-
ment the Com-
pensation to be
made.

Commissioners
to take the
following

Claimants, in consequence of the aforefaid Act, and which the faid Claimants fhall not have been able to avoid, and fhall report, as foon as conveniently may be, to both Houfes of Parliament, what Compensati-
on fhall appear to the faid Commiffioners to be reasonable to be made to fuch Claimants; and the faid Commiffioners, before they proceed to take any Step in purfuance of this Act, fhall take an Oath before the Mafter of the Rolls for the Time being, or one of his Majefty's Juftices of the Court of King's Bench or Common Pleas, or one of the Barons of the Exchequer (which they or either of them are hereby autho-
rized and required to adminifter), in the Form following; (that is to fay,)

Oath.

" I A. B. do fwear, That, according to the beft of my Skill and Knowledge, I will faithfully and im-
partially execute the feveral Powers and Trufts vefted in me by virtue of an Act, intituled, *An Act to*
" *continue, for a limited Time, and amend an Act, made in the laft Seflion of Parliament, intituled, " An Act*
" *to regulate, for a limited Time, the fhipping and carrying Slaves in Britifh Veffels from the Coaft of*
" *Africa.*"

Treafury to
order 2,000 l. to
be iffued for the
Payment of
Clerks, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commiffioners for executing the Office of Lord High Trea-
furer, or the Lord High Treaferer for the Time being, is and are hereby authorized and required to iffue
and caufe to be paid all fuch Sums of Money, not exceeding two thoufand Pounds, to fuch Perfon or
Perfons as the faid Commiffioners fhall, by Writing under their Hands, defire or direct, out of any Part
of the Publick Monies remaining in his Majefty's Exchequer; which Sum fo iffued and paid fhall be em-
ployed for the Payment of Clerks, Meflengers, and other Officers, and in defraying all other neceffary
Charges in or about the Execution of the Powers of this Act, and in fuch Manner, and in fuch Propor-
tions, as fhall be appointed by the faid Commiffioners, by Writing under their Hands and Seals in that
behalf; the fame to be accounted for by the Perfon or Perfons to whom the fame fhall be iffued and paid,
according to the Courfe of his Majefty's Exchequer, without any Fee or other Charges to be taken or de-
manded for the iffuing and Payment of the fame, or on the paffing of the faid Accounts, other than fuch Sum
as the faid Commiffioners fhall appoint; and which Money fo iffued fhall not be fubject to any Tax, Duty,
Rate, or Affeffment whatsoever impofed by Authority of Parliament.

His Majefty to
appoint to Va-
cancies of Com-
miffioners dur-
ing the Recess
of Parliament.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That in cafe of a Vacancy or Vacancies, by
Death or Refignation of any one or more of the faid Commiffioners during the Recess of Parliament, it fhall
and may be lawful for his Majefty to nominate and appoint fuch Perfon or Perfons as he may think proper,
to fupply fuch Vacancy or Vacancies, and that every Perfon fo nominated and appointed fhall be held and
confidered to be invefted with all the fame Powers as are delegated to the Commiffioners appointed by this
Act.

Before any Vef-
fel is cleared
outwards, the
Mafter, Officers,
and Mariners,
to execute Ar-
ticles of Agree-
ment, &c. in
the Forms here-
unto annexed;
and no other
Form to be ufed,
on Penalty of
50 l.

XV. And, for the better Regulation, Encouragement, and Prefervation of the Health of the Officers
' and Seamen employed in Ships and Veffels trading to the Coaft of *Africa* for Slaves, and from thence to
' the *West Indies* and *America*, be it enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That, from and after the firft Day
of *Auguft* one thoufand feven hundred and eighty-nine, before any Ship or Veffel is cleared outwards
from any Port in *Great Britain*, the Mafter, Officers, and Mariners, fhall fign and execute Articles of
Agreement, and a Mufter Roll, in the Prefence of, and witneffed by the Clearing Officer, and one of the
Tidefmen of the Port from whence the Ship departs, and a Duplicate of the Articles of Agreement and
Mufter Roll, duly figned and executed, fhall be delivered to the aforefaid Clearing Officer, in or-
der to its being lodged with the proper Officer in the Custom Houfe, according to the Forms here-
unto annexed, which Agreement fhall be conclufive to all Parties for the Time contracted for; and no
other Form whatsoever of Articles of Agreement or Mufter Roll fhall be ufed, under the Penalty of fifty
Pounds, one Half to be paid to the Ufe of *Greenwich* Hofpital, and the other Half to the Informer, or other
Perfon who fhall fue for the fame in any of his Majefty's Courts of Record.

Mufter Roll to
be regularly
kept, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That a Continuation of the Mufter Roll
fhall be regularly and duly kept during the Voyage, alfo a Log Book, wherein all Penalties, Forfeitures,
and Charges, againft any Officer or Seaman, fhall be regularly entered, and figned by the Mafter, Chief
Mate, and Surgeon, and delivered in upon Oath, together with the Mufter Roll, on the Arrival of the Ship
or Veffel at her difcharging Port in *Great Britain*, to the Collector or other Chief Officer thereof; and if
any Mafter, Chief Mate, or Surgeon, fhall be convicted of figning falfe Mufter Rolls, Articles of Agree-
ment, or Log Book, he or they fhall forfeit and pay the Sum of one hundred Pounds, and fhall alfo fuffer
fix Months Imprifonment.

Penalty for
figning falfe
Mufter Rolls,
&c.

No Officer, &c.
to be turned
over or dif-
charged, but
under the Cir-
cumftances
herein men-
tioned.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Officer, Mariner, or Seaman, fhall be turned over or dif-
charged, upon any Pretence whatsoever, unlefs to affift a Ship in actual Diftreff, which is to be certified
by the principal Officers of both Ships concerned, and an Agreement made in Writing with the faid Officers
or Men fo lent, or upon Preferment, with the Confeut of the Party, for which a Certificate fhall be given
from the Captain of any of his Majefty's Ships or Veffels (if any are prefent), or in their Abfence two
Juftices of the Peace, or the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Place or Port where fuch
Ship or Veffel fhall be or fhall firft arrive; which Certificate fhall be returned with the Mufter Roll and
Log Book, on the Arrival of the Ship at her delivering Port in *Great Britain*.

No Slops, &c.
to be fupplied
beyond 1-4th of
the monthly
Wages.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Mafter, Commander, or other Perfon fhall fupply the
Officers or Mariners, Seamen, or Seafaring Men, with more Slops, Tobacco, Spirits, or any other Ar-
ticle whatsoever, than to the Amount of one-fourth Part of the monthly Wages of fuch Officer, Mariner,
Seaman, or Seafaring Man.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer, Mariner, or Seaman, shall behave in a riotous, seditious, or mutinous Manner, it shall be lawful for the Commander or Commanding Officer to put such Officer, Mariner, or Seaman into Confinement for a Time not exceeding twenty-four Hours, before the same is reported to the Captain or Commander of any of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels (being present, or within a convenient Distance), who is hereby authorised to inquire into the Cause of such Complaint, and to examine upon Oath, if found necessary, and to grant such Relief and Remedy therein as the Circumstances of the Case may require; and in case none of his Majesty's Ships are present, the Cause of Complaint shall be fully examined into by the Master and two Officers, in the Presence of the Ship's Company; and if it shall be judged necessary for the Safety of the Ship and Cargo to continue the Offender or Offenders in Confinement, such Determination shall be drawn up in Writing, with the Reasons for coming to such Resolution stated at large, and signed by the Master and two Officers, which they are hereby enjoined, under the Penalty of fifty Pounds, to report without Delay to the Captain or Commander of the first Ship or Vessel belonging to his Majesty they may fall in with, and in default thereof to report the same to the Governor or Chief Officer of any *British* Port on the Coast of *Africa*, or to the Governor of any of the *West India* Islands, on their Arrival at any Port or Road therein, that such Measures may be taken to bring the Offender or Offenders to Justice as the Nature of the Case will admit.

Regulations with regard to Officers, &c. behaving in a riotous, seditious, or mutinous Manner.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, shall cause a printed Abstract of this Act, and also a Copy of the Schedule (A), and of the Muster Roll respectively annexed to this Act, to be hung up and affixed to the most publick Place of such Ship or Vessel; and shall cause the same to be constantly kept and renewed, so that at all Times they may be accessible to the Officers and Seamen on board of such Ship or Vessel, upon pain that every such Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, who shall neglect to affix and renew the same, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of twenty Pounds.

Master to cause a printed Abstract of this Act, &c. to be hung up in the most publick Place in his Vessel, on Penalty of 20 l.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer, Mariner, or Seaman, charged with Mutiny or Sedition, shall be delivered over or taken into Custody by the Order of the Governor or Chief Officer of any Port on the Coast of *Africa*, or the Governor of any of the Islands in the *West Indies*, a full Statement upon Oath (which they are hereby empowered to administer) shall be made out and lodged with the said Governor, together with the Names of the Witnesses who are to support the Charge alleged against the Prisoner or Prisoners, in order to their being sent Home for Trial in the High Court of Admiralty for the Offence or Offences alleged against him or them; and in case the said Master or Commander of the said Ship or Vessel shall neglect to appear at the Trial, upon being duly summoned, or publick Notice of Trial being given in the *London Gazette*, he shall not only be nonsuited, but shall incur such further Penalty as the Court shall adjudge.

If mutinous Officers, &c. be taken into Custody by Order of a Governor in *Africa*, or the *West Indies*, a Statement upon Oath to be lodged with the Governor, &c.

and if the Master shall not appear at the Trial, he shall incur such Penalty as the Court shall adjudge.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Arrival of every Ship or Vessel at her discharging Port in *Great Britain* the Officers and Seamen therein shall be continued in full Pay and Provisions until the Ship is cleared Inwards, or their Accounts settled and paid; and that all Wages due to Run Men shall be forfeited and paid to the Use of *Greenwich Hospital*, and all other Forfeitures shall be applied as is specified in the Articles of Agreement, any Custom, Law, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Officers, &c. to continue in full Pay until the Vessel is cleared inwards. Wages of Run Men to go to *Greenwich Hospital*, &c.

XXIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Offence committed in Breach or Violation of this Act may be tried in any Court of Oyer and Terminer in any County in *England* wherein any such Offence shall have been committed, or in case such Offence shall have been committed in Parts beyond the Seas, then in such County within which the Ship on board which such Offence shall have been committed shall have cleared out, or in the County of *Middlesex*; and any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted by this Act may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered in any Court of Record in *Great Britain*; and in every such Action or Suit the Party against whom Judgment shall be given (whether Plaintiff or Defendant) shall pay Double Costs of Suit; and every such Action shall and may be brought at any Time within three Years after the Offence committed, and not afterwards; and every such Action shall be carried on without wilful Delay.

Where Offences may be tried, and Penalties sued for.

Actions may be brought within three Years after the Offence.

XXIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person taking any Oath by this Act authorised or required to be taken shall thereby commit wilful Perjury, or if any Person shall unlawfully procure or suborn any Person to take any Oath by this Act authorised or required to be taken, whereby such Person shall commit wilful Perjury, every such Person shall incur and suffer the like Pains and Penalties as are by Law inflicted upon Persons committing wilful and corrupt Perjury, or Subornation of Perjury.

Persons taking false Oaths to incur the Pains of Perjury, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force till the first Day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and no longer, except for the Purpose of trying or suing any Person in consequence of any Offence or Offences committed in Breach or Violation of this Act, or hearing and determining upon such Causes and Claims as shall have been made or come before the Commissioners appointed by this Act, for Compensation of Losses sustained under the Regulations of and within the Time limited by this Act.

Continuance of this Act.

S C H E D U L E (A.)

ARTICLES of Agreement between the Master, Officers, Mariners, Seamen, and Seafaring Men, of the Ship bound from the Port of upon an intended Voyage to the Coast of *Africa*, for from thence to the *West Indies* or *America*, and afterwards to in *Great Britain*, or to her delivering Port in *Europe*.

FIRST, the Master does hereby covenant, agree, and engage with the said Officers, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landsmen, and Boys, That he will pay, or cause to be paid, to each and every of them at the Rate of the Wages *per Month*, Sterling Value, as against each Person's Name is expressed in the Muster Roll.

Secondly, the said Master does further agree and engage with the said Officers, Mariners, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landsmen, and Boys, That they shall be daily and regularly supplied with good and wholesome Victuals, and a Portion of Wine or Spirits, as hereafter specified; the said Provisions to be issued and dressed in the usual Manner in which it is done on board his Majesty's Ships of War, and served out to the Ship's Company in the Manner following; *videlicet*,

Sunday.	One Pound and an Half of Beef, containing sixteen Ounces to the Pound, and Half a Pint of Flour.
Monday.	One Pound of Pork, containing sixteen Ounces to the Pound, and Half a Pint of Pease.
Tuesday.	One Pint of Oatmeal, and two Ounces of Butter, and four Ounces of Cheese; or, one Pound of Stock Fish, with one-eighth of a Pint of Oil, and a Quarter of a Pint of Vinegar, in lieu of Butter and Cheese.
Wednesday.	The same as Monday.
Thursday.	The same as Sunday.
Friday.	The same as Tuesday.
Saturday.	The same as Monday.

Each Person besides to have six Pounds of Bread *per Week*, and a Quarter of a Pint of Spirits, or Half a Pint of Wine, *per Day*, during the Voyage.

In lieu of Pease and Oatmeal shall be served Rice, Indian Corn, Yams, or Calavances.

In case of being put to Short Allowance, the Master, Officers, and Seamen are to be at the same Allowance of Provisions or Water, and to be allowed Short Allowance Money, at the Rate of Threepence *per Day* if at two-thirds Allowance, and four Pence Halfpenny *per Day per Man* if at Half Allowance, and to be paid their Short Allowance Money ten Days before the Vessel sails from the *West Indies* or *America*.

And it is hereby further covenanted and agreed by and between the said Parties, That the Master of the said Ship, at his or the Owners proper Cost and Charge, will hire and employ the Natives in their Craft to wood and water the said Ship during her Continuance on the Coast of *Africa*, if such Natives can be procured, under the Direction of a Patroon belonging to the said Ship.

And it is further agreed on the Part of the said Master, That whenever the Officers and Seamen are employed trading in Craft up the Rivers, that the said Master will on the Part of the Owners furnish the Parties so employed with a sufficient Quantity of painted Canvas or Tarpawling for an Awning, and Provisions for the Time, in the Proportion *per Diem* as is set forth in the foregoing Article, with proper Utensils and Fire to dress the same; and upon Failure thereof, for every such Neglect he shall forfeit double the Value of Provisions.

The said Master does further agree and engage, That there shall be a Space reserved for Half the Ship's Company to shelter themselves while the Slaves are on board; if a Frigate-built Ship, it shall be under the Half Deck; or in the Steerage, or under a standing Awning of Wood well caulked, in any other Ship or Vessel.

It is hereby further agreed by the said Master, That he will not, upon any Pretence whatsoever, turn over or discharge any of the Officers or Ship's Company belonging to the said Ship, unless on Promotion, or to assist a Ship actually in Distress, and not then, unless properly certified as before expressed in this Act: And the said Master does hereby further agree to advance one Month's Pay to the Officers and Ship's Company before the said Ship departs from *Great Britain*, at the Time of settling the River or Harbour Pay, and that the monthly Wages shall commence from that Period: And it is further agreed by the said Master, that he will pay or cause to be paid one Month's Pay after the landing of the Slaves in the *West Indies* or *America*, ten Days before the sailing of the said Ship in her homeward-bound Passage; and also the said Master engages to make the general Signal for sailing twenty-four Hours before the Departure of the said Ship, *videlicet*, by loosing the Fore-top Sail and firing a Gun.

And

And we the Officers, Mariners, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landsmen, and Boys, in consideration of the monthly or other Wages, foregoing Stipulations, and Engagements, do severally promise and agree, and bind ourselves by these Presents to behave with due Subordination and Respect, and to obey the lawful Commands of our Commander or superior Officers on board the said Ship, or Boats thereunto belonging, as becomes good and faithful Seamen and Mariners, and at all Places where the said Ship shall touch at, put into, or anchor, during the said Voyage, to do our utmost Endeavours for the Preservation of the said Ship and Cargo, and not to neglect or refuse doing our Duty by Night or by Day, nor go out of the said Ship on board any other Vessel, or be on Shore, under any Pretence whatsoever, without Leave first obtained of our Commander or Commanding Officer on board; and further, that we will, on no Account whatsoever, leave or desert the said Ship without the Master's Consent (unless to serve on board any of his Majesty's Ships) till the abovesaid Voyage be ended, and the said Ship discharged, under the Forfeiture of our Wages: And we do further agree, that when absent upon Leave we will immediately repair on board, when required so to do by our Commander, or any of our superior Officers, on Failure whereof to forfeit for such Disobedience seven Days Pay, to be charged against our Wages for every such Offence: And we do further agree and acknowledge, that forty-eight Hours Absence without Leave shall be deemed a total Desertion from the said Ship, and our Wages forfeited as above agreed on, unless good and sufficient Cause can be assigned for such Absence.

And it is further agreed, by us the said Officers and Mariners belonging to the said Ship, That we will not demand our Wages, or any Part thereof, except the Value of a fourth Part of our Wages to be supplied in Slops or other Necessaries, and one Month's Pay with our Short Allowance Money then due, in the *West Indies* or *America*, until the Arrival of the said Ship at her delivering Port, except we should be impressed or enter on board any of his Majesty's Ships, or be discharged by mutual Consent, agreeable to the foregoing Certificate, as specified in the Act.

And it is hereby further agreed, by us the said Officers, Mariners, Seamen, Seafaring Men, Landsmen, and Boys, That whatever Stores, Furniture, or Apparel, each or any of us receive into our Charge belonging to the said Ship, shall be accounted for; and in case any thing should be lost or damaged by our Negligence or Carelessness, it shall be made good to the Masters or Owners out of the Wages of such Officers or Seamen by whose Negligence it has happened.

SCHEDULE (B.)

MUSTER ROLL.

Officers and Men's Names.	Quality.	Where Born.	Age.	Years at Sea.	Time of Entry, and Place where.	Time when, and Place where discharged, died, run, or drowned.	Cause of Discharge, Death, or drowned.	Number of Months and Days on board.	Wages per Month.	Advance Money.	Hospital Duty.	Amount of Slops supplied.	Amount of Dead Men's Cloaths.	Amount of Short Allowance Money.	Total Amount of Wages due when discharged, &c. &c.	Amount of Run Men's Pay.
John Jones.	Master.	—	30	15	5th Nov. 1785, Bristol.	Died 5th January 1786. Cape Coast.	Fever.	M. D. 2 —	£. s. d. 6 0 0	£. s. d. 6 0 0	£. s. d. 0 2 0	£. s. d. 0 0 0	£. s. d. 14 16 9½	£. s. d. 0 0 0	£. s. d. 12 0 0	£. s. d. 0 0 0