

which should be seized after the First Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, and condemned and sold according to Law, (the Charges thereof being first deducted) should be allowed by the Commissioners of the Customs to any Officers of the Customs who should seize the same; and that the other Moiety thereof should be paid by the said Commissioners into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, in lieu of His Majesty's Share thereof, (except in those Cases which are otherwise provided for by the said Act :) And that for the more effectual Prevention of the infamous Practice of Smuggling, and for the better Encouragement of the Officers and Seamen of all such Ships and Vessels of War belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, who may be employed in preventing the clandestine Running of Goods on the Coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the other Dominions and Colonies belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to direct and appoint the Moiety therein before-mentioned, or any other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that shall be made by such Officers and Seamen respectively, to be employed as aforesaid, to be divided amongst all such Officers and Seamen who shall make any such Seizure, in such Proportions, and in such Manner, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall think fit to order and direct, by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be made or issued from Time to Time for that Purpose: And whereas by one other Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, entitled, "An Act for granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, for continuing, amending and making perpetual an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, (intituled, An Act for the better securing and encouraging the Trade of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America) for applying the Produce of such Duties, and of the Duties to arise by Virtue of the said Act, towards defraying the Expences of defending, protecting, and securing, the said Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, (intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade,) and for altering and disallowing several Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandestine Conveyance of Goods to and from the said Colonies and Plantations, and improving and securing the Trade between the same and Great Britain"; it is, amongst other Things enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by that, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Trade and Revenues of the British Colonies or Plantations in America, which shall be incurred and recovered there, (except such Seizures as shall be made at Sea by the Commanders or Officers of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War duly authorized to make Seizures) shall be divided, after deducting the Charges of Prosecution from the Gross Produce thereof, into three Parts; and that one Part of the nett Produce thereof should be paid into the Hands of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at the Port or Place where such Penalties or Forfeitures should be recovered for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors; one other Third to the Governor of the Colony, and the other Third to the Seizer or Prosecutor; and that one Moiety of all such Seizures as should be made at Sea by His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as aforesaid, and of the Penalties and Forfeitures recovered thereon, first deducting the Charges as aforesaid, shall be paid as aforesaid to the Collector of His

Majesty's Customs, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors; and the other Moiety to him or them who shall Seize, Inform, and Sue for the same; subject nevertheless to such Distribution of the Produce of the Seizures so made at Sea, as well with Regard to the Moiety therein before granted to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, as with Regard to the other Moiety given to the Seizer or Prosecutor, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall think fit to order and direct by any Order or Orders of Council, or by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be made for that Purpose; His Majesty taking the same into his Royal Consideration, is hereby pleased, pursuant to the Powers vested in him by the said Acts of Parliament, and by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, direct and appoint, that the Moiety, or other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that have been, or shall be made by Virtue of the first mentioned Act, and granted to the Officers and Seamen as aforesaid, and the Moiety of Seizures granted by the said last mentioned Act, be divided in the following Proportions, viz.

1st. With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Ships and Sloops of War.

To the Captain or Captains of any such Ships or Sloops who shall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Vessel or prohibited Goods, Three Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them: To the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Masters on Board any such Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: To the Lieutenants and Quarter Masters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Ensigns, and Quarter Masters of Land Forces, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Master's Mate, Surgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain, on Board any such Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: To the Midshipmen, Secretary to Flag Officers, Captain's Clerk, Master Sailmaker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatswain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Master at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter Masters, Quarter Master's Mates, Surgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines, or Land Forces on Board any such Ships or Sloops, One Eighth Part to be equally divided amongst them: To the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine, or other Soldiers, and all other Persons doing Duty, or assisting on Board any such Ships or Sloops, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them.

2d. With Regard to Seizures made by the Officers and Men of Cutters commanded by Lieutenants.

To the Lieutenant commanding such Cutter, who shall be actually on Board at the Seizure of any Smuggling Vessel, or Prohibited Goods, One Half Part: To the Second Master and Pilot, or Master's Mate, and the Midshipmen on Board any such Cutter, One Eighth Part: The Second Master and Pilot, or Master's Mate, to have Two Third Parts thereof, and the Midshipman to have the Remainder; but if there should happen to be a Pilot Extraordinary on Board at the making of any such Seizure, the Second Master and Pilot, or Master's Mate, is, in that Case, to have one Moiety of the said Eighth Part, and the other Moiety is to be equally divided between the Pilot Extraordinary and Midshipman: To the Clerk and Steward, Boatswain's Mate, Gunner's Mate, Carpenter's Mate, and Surgeon's Mate on Board any such Cutter, One Eighth Part: To the Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and all other Persons doing Duty and assisting on Board any such Cutter, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them.

3d. With