

tificer contracted with, or seduced, forfeit FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County or Stewartry wherein such Offender shall be convicted for Twelve Calendar Months, and until Forfeiture be paid: And in Case of a subsequent Offence of the same Kind, the Persons so again offending shall forfeit, for every Person contracted with or seduced; ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County or Stewartry wherein such Offender shall be convicted, for Two Years, and until such Forfeiture be paid.

If any Person in Great Britain or Ireland shall put on Board any Ship or Boat not bound directly to some Port in Great Britain or Ireland, or to some other of the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain, any such Tools or Utensils as are commonly used in, or proper for the Preparing, Working up or Finishing of the Woollen or Silk Manufacturers or any Part of such Tools, he shall for every Offence forfeit all such Tools, or Parts thereof, put on Board, and TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered by Action of Debt, &c. in any Court of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Session in Scotland, or at any of the Four Courts, in Dublin respectively, wherein no Essoin, &c. shall be allowed.

It shall be lawful for any Officer of the Customs in Great Britain, or for any Officer of the Revenue in Ireland, to seize and secure, in some of His Majesty's Warehouses, all such Tools or Utensils prohibited to be exported, as such Officer shall find on board any Vessel not bound directly to some Port in Great Britain or Ireland, or to some other of the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain; and all Tools so seized shall, after Condemnation, be publicly sold to the best Bidder; and one Moiety of the Produce shall be to the Use of His Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Officer who shall seize and secure the same.

If the Captain of any Vessel in Great Britain or Ireland knowingly permit any of the said Tools, prohibited to be exported, to be put on Board his Vessel, he shall for every such Offence forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as the Penalties inflicted upon Persons exporting the Tools; and if the Vessel belongs to His Majesty, the Captain shall not only forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, but shall also forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of any Employment under His Majesty.

If any Officer of the Customs in Great Britain, or of the Revenue in Ireland, take, or knowingly suffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or sign any Cocket or Sufferance for the Shipping or Exporting of any of the said Tools, or knowingly suffer the same to be done, he shall forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as aforesaid, and also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of any Office under His Majesty.

One Moiety of the Forfeitures shall be applied to the Use of His Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person who shall sue for the same.

Whitehall, July 23, 1784.

*WHEREAS* it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Thursday the 15th Instant, a most considerable Quantity of Tea and Foreign Spirits was run on Shore near Christ Church, within the Limits of the Port of Southampton, from Two large Lug sail Vessels, by a numerous Gang of Smuglers, in Defiance of the Laws of the Revenue, and in Opposition to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs employed in the Execution thereof, who, notwithstanding their utmost Endeavours, were unable to resist so large a Body of desperate and armed Men:

That upon Information being received that the said Two Smuggling Vessels had taken Shelter in Christ Church Harbour, an Attempt was made, on the Evening of the said 15th Instant, by the Officers and Crew of His Majesty's Sloop of War the *Orestes*, in Conjunction with the Officers of the *Sawan Cutter*, in the Service of the Customs, and of a Cutter in the Service of the Excise, in their respective Boats, manned and armed, to seize and take Possession of the said Smuggling Vessels:

That in the Execution of this Service they were most violently and forcibly resisted by a large Body of Smuglers, armed with Fire Arms and other offensive Weapons, who were assembled on board the said Vessels, and on Shore, for that Purpose, and who fired upon the Officers, and killed Mr. William Allen, the Master of the said Sloop of War the *Orestes*, (who, by virtue of a Commission from the Board of Customs, was likewise an Officer of that Revenue) and also dangerously wounded one of the Boat's Crew:

That the Officers however resolutely persevered in the Execution of their Duty, boarded and seized both the said Smuggling Vessels, and, after having taken Possession thereof, carried them into the Port of Cowes; but that the Persons concerned in this atrocious Outrage and Murder made their Escape.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned therein, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders (except the Person who actually fired and killed the said Mr. Allen) who shall discover his Accomplices, so that Two or more of them may be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence.

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And, as a farther Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby offer a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any Two or more of the said Offenders, to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

And if any one of the said Offenders shall, within Three Months from the Date hereof, discover his Accomplices, so that two of them at least be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence, the Offender making such Discovery shall be entitled to the like Reward.

By Order of the Commissioners,

William Stiles, Secretary.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS is hereby offered by the Executors of the said Mr. William Allen, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid (except as before excepted) to be paid by them upon the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders.

John Sabine, Executor.

Birchin-Lane.

Whitehall, July 23, 1784.

*WHEREAS* it has been humbly represented to the King, That Two several Incendiary Letters, signed with the supposed seditious Name of "Jack Oakham," dated "St. Catherine's, Wapping, July 18, 1784," one of them directed "To James Adair, Esq; Recorder of the City of London, Portugal-street near Lincoln's Inn Fields," the other to "Madam Adair, the Recorder's Wife," in the same Street, containing the most horrid Imprecations, and the most shocking and indecent Expressions, and threatening to murder the said James Adair, Esq; and his Wife, and to burn his House, were delivered by the Penny-Post Letter-Carrier at the House of the said James Adair, Esq; above-mentioned, on the 20th Day of this Instant July, and appear to be written with a View to obstruct the Course of Justice, by preventing the Execution of William Thompson, who is now under Sentence of Death in Newgate for Forgery:

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