

Upon Complaint made upon Oath before any Justice of Peace that any Person is endeavouring to seduce any such Artificers, or that any such Artificer hath contracted, or is preparing to go out of His Majesty's Dominions, for the Purposes aforesaid; such Justice may send his Warrant to bring the Person complained of before him, or before some other Justice; and if it shall appear by the Oath of one Witness, or by Confession, that he was guilty of any of the said Offences, such Justice may bind him to appear at the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions: And if such Person shall refuse to give Security, the Justice may commit him to Goal till the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions, and until he shall be delivered by due Course of Law. And if any such Artificer shall be convicted upon Indictment of any such Promise, Contract, or Preparation to go beyond the Seas for the Purpose aforesaid, he shall give such Security to the King, not to depart out of His Majesty's Dominions, as such Court shall think reasonable, and shall be imprisoned till Security given.

If any of the above Offences shall be committed in Scotland the same shall be prosecuted in the Court of Justiciary, or the Circuits there.

*Statute 23 George II. Chap. 13.*

**I**F any Person shall contract with, or endeavour to seduce any Artificer in Wool, Mohair, Cotton or Silk, or in Iron, Steel, Brass, or other Metal, or any Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer in any other of the Manufactures of Great Britain or Ireland, to go out of this Kingdom or Ireland, into any Foreign Country, not within the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain, and shall be convicted upon Indictment or Information in the King's Bench at Westminster, or by Indictment at the Assizes or General Gaol Delivery for the County, &c. wherein such Offence shall be committed in England, or by Indictment in the Court of Justiciary, or any of the Circuit Courts in Scotland, or by Indictment or Information in the King's Bench at Dublin, if such Offence be committed in Ireland; the Person so convicted shall, for every Artificer contracted with, or seduced, forfeit FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Goal 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 Effoin, &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, August 31, 1784.

*WHEREAS* it has been humbly represented to the King, that, in the Night of Monday the 23d Instant, a large Engine, in the Lord's Grounds in the Parish of Wrangle, in the County of Lincoln, belonging to Charles Chaplin, of Tathwell, in the said County, Esq; which had been erected for draining the Lands, was wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some evil disposed Person or Persons unknown, whereby the same was entirely destroyed.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in burning the said Engine, is hereby pleased to promise His most Gracious Pardon to any one of them who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a further Encouragement, the said Charles Chaplin doth hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person making such Discovery as abovementioned, to be paid by him upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Office of Ordnance, August 12, 1784.

*THE Honourable House of Commons* having, on the 7th Instant, come to the following Resolution, viz.

“ That all Persons interested in or entitled unto any Debentures payable out of His Majesty's Office of Ordnance, which were dated on or before

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