

King George the Third, and intituled "An Act for the better Regulation of the several Ports, Harbours, Roadsteads, Sounds, Channels, Bays, and Navigable Rivers, in the United Kingdom, and of His Majesty's Docks, Dock-Yards, Arsenals, Wharfs, Moorings, and Stores therein, and for repealing several Acts passed for that purpose."

I.

IT is hereby ordered, that no owner, master, or other commanding officer, of any private ship of war, transport, or other private or merchant ship, or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, nor any pilot, or other person, employed by either of them, shall anchor, or moor, or cause to be anchored, or moored, any such private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, in the fair way or channel, between the King's Moorings, fixed on the East and West sides of the said Harbour, nor across the stream of any part thereof, until they shall arrive above the North End of the Burrough Shoal, nor shall they remain in such fair way or channel of the said Harbour above such shoal, for a longer time than the weather or other circumstances may render it absolutely necessary, but shall remove and moor such private ships of war, transports, or other private ships or vessels, lighters, barges, boats, or other craft, on the outside of such King's Moorings, and between the same and the shores, or the mud's edge, near low water mark, in tiers, head and stern, as close in shore as possible, along the Gosport shore, as far as Carver's Wharf, or above the magazine at Priddy's Hard, on the West shore, and above Fountain Lake, on the East shore; nor shall they anchor, moor, ground, strand, run on shore, or deposit any private ship of war, transport or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat or other craft, in the front of, or abreast of His Majesty's Docks, Dock-Yard, Timber Pounds, or other premises belonging thereto, or in the ways or passages, leading from the said fair way or channel to such docks, dock-yard, timber pounds, and other premises belonging thereto, and between the same and the King's Moorings on the East side of the said Harbour, from the Southernmost of such moorings; to the North and East Boundaries of the said Dock-yard, nor in the ways or passages leading from the said fair way or channel, to His Majesty's victualling quays and gunwharfs, and the storehouses thereto respectively belonging, nor within the distance of thirty feet from the front of the old, or Southernmost victualling quay, and fifty feet from the South West End of the Northernmost victualling quay, lately part of the new gunwharf, nor within the buoys or piles to be fixed at, or placed in an irregular line between the North corner of the old victualling quay, and the South corner of the South West End of the said other victualling quay, nor within the distance of forty feet from the front of the Southernmost gunwharf, nor within the buoys or piles, to be fixed or placed to ascertain such distances, and continued from thence in an irregular line, until they shall meet the said Southernmost King's Mooring; nor make fast any such private ship of war, transport or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other

craft, to any part of the shore, or to any of the buoys or piles of His Majesty, within the said Harbour, in the fronts of the said docks, dock-yard, timber pounds, gunwharfs and victualling quays, or other premises belonging to them respectively; nor anchor or moor, so as to swing within any of the said buoys, or piles, nor anchor, moor, ground, strand, run on shore, or deposit any such private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, between the King's moorings and the Gosport shores, on the West side of the said Harbour, from the mooring called the third or flag guard ship mooring, to the North End of the Burrough Shoal (except such as may be consigned to either of His Majesty's Arsenals, which are to anchor only in such situations as shall be directed by the Commissioner residing at such port, or the master attendant, or King's pilots, employed by them), nor in the ways or passages leading from the said fair way or channel to Stoke or Blockhouse Lake and the Royal Hospital at Haslar therein, and to His Majesty's victualling brewery, His Majesty's magazines or powder works at Priddy's Hard, Tipner, and Little Horsey Island, or to any other quays, works, or concerns of His Majesty, in the said Harbour; nor shall they anchor, moor, ground, strand, run on shore, or deposit any such private ship of war, transport, or other private ship or vessel, lighter, barge, boat, or other craft, within the distance of ninety yards from the centre of any of His Majesty's moorings, ships, floating magazines, and hulks, on the Western side, or in any other part of the said Harbour, upon pain of the penalties in the said Act mentioned.

II.

All private ships of war, transports, and other private ships or vessels, lighters, barges, boats; and other craft, are hereby expressly prohibited, under the penalties of the said Act, from being breamed in any part of the said harbour of Portsmouth, except on the beach at Gosport, at a distance of at least two hundred yards from any of the said moorings or from any of His Majesty's ships of war: And from coming or entering into the said harbour, being laden with, or having on board any quantity of gunpowder, exceeding five pounds weight in the whole.—And all such gunpowder hereby is appointed to be left and deposited at Blockhouse Fort, on the western side of the entrance of the said harbour, where the same will be taken and received according to the provisions of this Act.

III.

And it is hereby ordered, that no person or persons shall take any ballast, or shingle, from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks, of the Port of Portsmouth, between the west side of the entrance of Langston harbour, and the western extremity of His Majesty's lands, at or near Brown Down, nor from the shores, or banks of any part of the said harbour of Portsmouth, on any account or pretence whatsoever, without being duly authorised by us, or other sufficient authority of His Majesty's Government, upon pain of the penalties in this Act mentioned.

By Command of their Lordships,

JOHN BARROW.