

termination to observe the strictest neutrality with respect to the states and countries engaged in such hostilities; and whereas His Majesty has been informed, that attempts have been made to induce His Majesty's subjects to engage in such hostilities, by entering into the military and naval service of some of the said states and countries without His Majesty's leave or licence :

And whereas by an Act, made and passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty of Blessed Memory, intituled " An Act to prevent " the enlisting or engagement of His Majesty's " subjects to serve in foreign service, and the " fitting out or equipping, in His Majesty's dominions, vessels for warlike purposes, without " His Majesty's licence :

It is, amongst other things, enacted, " that if any natural born subject of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, without the leave or licence of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, for that purpose first had and obtained under the sign manual of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, or signified by Order in Council, or by Proclamation of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, shall take or accept, or shall agree to take or accept any military commission, or shall otherwise enter into the military service as a commissioned or non-commissioned officer, or shall enlist or enter himself to enlist, or shall agree to enlist or to enter himself to serve as a soldier, or to be employed, or shall serve in any warlike or military operation in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or of any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of government, in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people, either as an officer or soldier, or in any other military capacity; or if any natural born subject of His Majesty, shall, without such leave or licence as aforesaid, accept, or agree to take or accept, any commission, warrant, or appointment, as an officer, or shall enlist or enter himself, or shall agree to enlist or enter himself to serve as a sailor or marine, or to be employed or engaged, or shall serve in and on board any ship or vessel of war, or in and on board any ship or vessel used, or fitted out, or equipped, or intended to be used for any warlike purpose in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign power, prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or of any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise the powers of government in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people; or if any natural born subject of His Majesty, shall, without such leave and licence as aforesaid, engage, contract, or agree to go, or shall go to any foreign state, country, colony, province, or part of any province, or to any place beyond the seas, with an intent, or in order to enlist or enter himself to serve, or with intent to serve in any warlike or military operation whatever, whether by land or by sea, in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province

or people, or in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of government in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people, either as an officer or a soldier, or in any other military capacity, or as an officer, or sailor, or marine, in any such ship or vessel as aforesaid, although no enlisting money, or pay, or reward, shall have been, or shall be, in any or either of the cases aforesaid actually paid to or received by him, or by any person, to or for his use or benefit, or if any person whatever within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any part of His Majesty's dominions elsewhere, or in any country, colony, settlement, island, or place, belonging to or subject to His Majesty, shall hire, retain, engage, or procure, or shall attempt, or endeavour to hire, retain, engage, or procure, any person or persons whatever to enlist, or to enter, or engage to enlist, or to serve, or to be employed in any such service or employment as aforesaid, as an officer, soldier, sailor, or marine, either in land or sea service, for, or under, or in aid of, any foreign prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or for, or under, or in aid of, any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, any powers of government as aforesaid, or to go, or to agree to go, or embark, from any part of His Majesty's dominions, for the purpose or with intent to be so enlisted, entered, engaged, or employed as aforesaid, whether any enlisting money, pay, or reward, shall have been, or shall be actually given or received, or not, in any or either of such cases, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon being convicted thereof, upon any information or indictment, shall be punishable by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the Court before which such offender shall be convicted :"

And it is further enacted, " that it shall and may be lawful for any justice of peace residing at or near to any port or place, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, where any offence, made punishable by this Act as a misdemeanor, shall be committed, on information, on oath, of any such offence, to issue his warrant for the apprehension of the offender, and to cause him to be brought before such justice, or any justice of the peace; and it shall be lawful for the justice of the peace before whom such offender shall be brought, to examine into the nature of the offence upon oath, and to commit such person to gaol, there to remain until delivered by due course of law, unless such offender shall give bail to the satisfaction of the said justice, to appear and answer to any information or indictment to be preferred against him, according to law, for the said offence:."

And it is further enacted, " that in case any ship or vessel in any port or place within His Majesty's dominions, shall have on board any such person or persons who shall have been enlisted or entered to serve, or shall have engaged or agreed, or been procured to enlist or enter or serve, or