

of His Majesty's dominions in which there are no officers of His Majesty's customs, for any governor, or persons having the chief civil command, upon information on oath given before them respectively, which oath they are hereby respectively authorised and empowered to administer, that such person or persons as aforesaid is or are on board such ship or vessel, or to detain and prevent any such ship or vessel, or to cause such ship or vessel to be detained and prevented from proceeding to sea on her voyage with such persons as aforesaid on board; provided, nevertheless, that no principal officer, governor, or person shall act as aforesaid, upon such information upon oath as aforesaid, unless the party so informing shall not only have deposed in such information, that the person or persons on board such ship or vessel hath or have been enlisted or entered to serve, or hath or have engaged or agreed, or been procured to enlist or enter or serve, or is or are departing as aforesaid, for the purpose and with the intent of enlisting or entering to serve or be employed, or of serving or being engaged or employed in such service as aforesaid, but shall also have set forth in such information upon oath, the facts or circumstances upon which he forms his knowledge or belief, enabling him to give such information upon oath; and that all and every person and persons convicted of wilfully false swearing in any such information upon oath, shall be deemed guilty of and suffer the penalties on persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury:"

And it is further enacted, "that if any master or other person, having or taking the charge or command of any ship or vessel, in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any part of His Majesty's dominions beyond the seas, shall, knowingly and willingly, take on board, or if such master or other person, having the command of any such ship or vessel, or any owner or owners of any such ship or vessel, shall, knowingly, engage to take on board any 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 who shall be departing from His Majesty's dominions, for the purpose and with the intent of enlisting or entering to serve, or to be employed, or of serving or being engaged or employed in any naval or military service, contrary to the provisions of this Act, such master or owner or other person, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds for each and every such person so taken or engaged to be taken on board; and moreover every such ship or vessel so having on board, conveying, carrying, or transporting any such person or persons, shall and may be seized and detained by the collector, comptroller, surveyor, or other officer of the customs, until such penalty or penalties shall be satisfied and paid, or until such master or person, or the owner or owners of such ship or vessel shall give good and sufficient bail, by recognizance, before one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, for the payment of such penalty or penalties:"

And it is further enacted, "that if any person within any part of the United Kingdom, or in any

part of His Majesty's dominions beyond the seas, shall, without the leave and licence of His Majesty for that purpose first had and obtained, as aforesaid, equip, furnish, fit out, or arm, or attempt or endeavour to equip, furnish, fit out, or arm, or procure to be equipped, furnished, fitted out, or armed, or shall knowingly aid, assist, or be concerned in the equipping, furnishing, fitting out, or arming of any ship or vessel, with intent or in order that such ship or vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince, state, or potentate, or of any foreign colony, province, or part of any province or people, or of any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, any powers of government in or over any foreign state, colony, province, or part of any province or people, as a transport or store ship, or with intent to cruize or commit hostilities against any prince, state, or potentate, or against the subjects or citizens of any prince, state, or potentate, or against the persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, the powers of government in any colony, province, or part of any province or country, or against the inhabitants of any foreign colony, province, or part of any province or country with whom His Majesty shall not then be at war, or shall, within the United Kingdom, or any of His Majesty's dominions, or in any settlement, colony, territory, island, or place belonging or subject to His Majesty, issue or deliver any commission for any ship or vessel, to the intent that such ship or vessel shall be employed, as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall, upon conviction thereof, upon any information or indictment, be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the court in which such offender shall be convicted, and every such ship or vessel, with the tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all the materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may belong to, or be on board of, any such ship or vessel, shall be forfeited; and it shall be lawful for any officer of His Majesty's customs or excise, or any officer of His Majesty's navy who is, by law, empowered to make seizures for any forfeiture, incurred under any of the laws of customs or excise, or the laws of trade and navigation, to seize such ships and vessels aforesaid, and in such places, and in such manner in which the officers of His Majesty's customs or excise, and the officers of His Majesty's navy, are empowered respectively to make seizures under the laws of customs and excise, or under the laws of trade and navigation, and that every such ship and vessel, with the tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all the materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may belong to or be on board of such ship or vessel, may be prosecuted and condemned in the like manner, and in such courts as ships or vessels may be prosecuted and condemned, for any breach of the laws made for the protection of the revenues of customs and excise, or of the laws of trade and navigation:"

And it is further enacted, "that if any person, in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any part of His Majesty's dominions beyond the seas, without the leave and