

any whole packages (if any) which may have been abandoned for the duties; and if upon such account there shall in either case appear to be any deficiency of the original quantity, the duty payable upon the amount of such deficiency shall then be paid:

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the collector or controller, under such regulations as they shall see fit, to permit moderate samples to be taken of any goods so warehoused without entry, and without payment of duty, except as the same shall eventually become payable, as on a deficiency of the original quantity:

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the collector and controller, under such regulations as they shall see fit, to permit the proprietor, or other person having controul over any goods so warehoused, to sort, separate, and pack and repack any such goods, and to make such lawful alterations therein, or arrangements and assortments thereof, as may be necessary for the preservation of such goods, or in order to the sale, shipment, or legal disposal of the same; and also to permit any parts of such goods so separated to be destroyed, but without prejudice to the claim for duty upon the whole original quantity of such goods; provided always, that it shall be lawful for any person to abandon any whole packages to the officers of the customs for the duties, without being liable to any duty upon the same:

And be it further enacted, that goods warehoused at any warehousing port in any of the British possessions in America, being first duly entered, may be delivered, under the authority of the proper officer of the customs, without payment of duty, except for any deficiency thereof, for the purpose of removal to another warehousing port in the same possession, under bond, to the satisfaction of such officer, for the due arrival and rewarehousing of such goods at such other port:

And be it further enacted, that all goods which have been so warehoused or rewarehoused shall be duly cleared, either for exportation or for home consumption, within two years from the day of the first entry for the warehousing thereof; and if any such goods be not so cleared, it shall be lawful for the collector and controller to cause the same to be sold, and the produce shall be applied, first, to the payment of the duties, next, of warehouse rent and other charges, and the overplus (if any) shall be paid to the proprietor; provided always, that it shall

be lawful for the collector and controller to grant further time for any such goods to remain warehoused, if they shall see fit so to do:

And be it further enacted, that upon the entry outwards of any goods to be exported from the warehouse, the person entering the same shall give security, by bond, in treble the duties of importation on the quantity of such goods, with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the collector or controller, that the same shall be landed at the place for which they be entered outwards, or be otherwise accounted for to the satisfaction of the collector and controller:

And be it further enacted, that all vessels, boats, carriages, and cattle made use of in the removal of any goods liable to forfeiture under this Act shall be forfeited; and every person who shall assist, or be otherwise concerned, in the unshipping, landing, or removal, or in the harbouring of such goods, or into whose hands or possession the same shall knowingly come, shall forfeit the treble value thereof, or the penalty of one hundred pounds, at the election of the officers of the customs; and the averment in any information or libel to be exhibited for the recovery of such penalty, that the officer proceeding has elected to sue for the sum mentioned in the information, shall be deemed sufficient proof of such election, without any other or further evidence of such fact:

And be it further enacted, that all goods, and all ships, vessels, and boats, and all carriages, and all cattle, liable to forfeiture under this Act, shall and may be seized and secured by any officer of the customs or navy, or by any person employed for that purpose, by or with the concurrence of the commissioners of His Majesty's customs; and every person who shall, in any way, hinder, oppose, molest, or obstruct any officer of the customs or navy, or any person so employed as aforesaid, in the exercise of his office, or any person acting in his aid or assistance, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds:

And be it further enacted, that, under authority of a writ of assistance granted by the superior or supreme Court of Justice, or Court of Vice Admiralty having jurisdiction in the place, who are hereby authorised and required to grant such writ of assistance upon application made to them for that purpose by the principal officers of His Majesty's customs, it shall be lawful for any officer of the customs, taking