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*An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places Infected, more effectually to perform their Quarantine.*

**W**Hereas several Places on or near the Baltic Sea are and have been, for some time past, Infected with the Plague; and her Majesty, for preventing that Infection being brought into her Dominions by Persons or Merchandizes coming from Places Infected, hath by several Orders made by her in Council, and by her Royal Proclamation, dated the Ninth Day of November, in the Ninth Year of her Majesty's Reign, required a Quarantine to be performed by all Ships and Persons coming from Places Infected, as therein is directed: And whereas it is necessary that some Provision be made by Act of Parliament, for obliging all Persons concerned to perform their Quarantine in such manner as hath been or shall be, in Times of Infection, ordered by her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, and for punishing Offenders therein, in a more expeditious manner than at present can be in the ordinary Methods of the Law; Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That during the present Infection, and in all future Times, when any Foreign Countries or Places shall be Infected with the Plague, all Ships or Vessels coming into the Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland, from Places so infected, shall be obliged to make their Quarantine in such Place and Places, for such Time, and in such Manner, as hath been, or as shall from time to time be directed for that purpose, by her Majesty, her Heirs or Successors; and that during the time, and until the respective Ships shall be discharged of such Quarantine, no Persons coming, or Goods Imported in such Ship or Ships, shall come on Shore, or go on any other Ship, or be Landed, or put into any other Ship, Vessel or Boat, in any Place within her Majesty's Dominions; nor shall any Person go on Board any such Ship, without Licence, for the respective purposes aforesaid, first had and obtained in Writing under the Hand of such Person or Persons who shall be Authorized and Appointed to take care to see such Quarantine duly performed; and that the said Ships, and the Persons and Goods coming and imported in, or going on Board the same, during the time of Quarantine, and all Ships, Vessels, Boats and Persons receiving any Goods or Persons under Quarantine, shall be subject to such Orders, Rules and Directions touching Quarantine, as hath been, or shall be made by her Majesty, her Heirs or Successors, and notified by Proclamation.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Five and twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and ten, if any Commander, or Master, or

other Person taking Charge of any Ship or Vessel, so coming from any Place infected as aforesaid, shall himself, or shall permit or suffer any Seaman belonging to such Ship, or any Passenger therein, to quit such Ship or Vessel, by going on Shore, or by going on Board any other Ship, Boat or Vessel whatsoever, during the time of the said Quarantine, and until such Ship shall be discharged from Quarantine, without such Licence first had and obtained as aforesaid, then and in all and every such Case and Cases, every such Ship and Vessel, with her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, shall be Forfeited to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, and shall and may be seized, sued for, and recovered in the Court of Exchequer, to the Use of her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors: And further, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, arrived, or who shall arrive in any Port or Place within the Realms of Great Britain and Ireland, in any Ship or Vessel which shall, by reason of its coming from any Foreign Country infected with the Plague, be obliged to do Quarantine, shall, after the said Five and twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and ten, quit such Ship or Vessel, by coming on Shore, or by going on Board any other Ship or Vessel before or while under such Quarantine, it shall and may be lawful for the Persons appointed to see the Quarantine duly performed to compel, and, in case of Resistance, by Force and Violence to compel such Person or Persons to return on Board such Ships, and there to remain during the time of Quarantine; and such Person so leaving such Ship, and being thereof, at any time after the Expiration of his Quarantine, convicted by the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses, before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace living near the Place where the Offence shall be committed, shall Forfeit such Sum, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, as such Justice or Justices shall adjudge, to be forthwith paid down into the Hands of such Justice or Justices, who are hereby empowered, according to his or their Discretions, to reward the Informer out of the same, not exceeding One third part, and are hereby required to pay the remainder (necessary Charges being deducted) to the Use of the Poor of the Parish where such Conviction shall be had; and in default of such Payment, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace to commit such Offender to the House of Correction, there to be kept to Hard Labour for any time not exceeding One Month.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person whatsoever, from and after the said Five and twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and ten, shall presume to go on Board, and return from any such Ship or Vessel, so required to do Quarantine, before or during the time of such Quarantine, without such Licence, as aforesaid, every such Offender shall and may be compelled, and, in case of Resistance, may by Force and Violence be compelled by the Persons appointed as aforesaid, to return on Board such Ship, and there to remain during the time of her Quarantine; and the Master of such Ship is hereby obliged to keep and maintain such Person Aboard accordingly.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful for any Officer