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An Act for repealing an Act made in the ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarantine; and for the better preventing the Plague being brought from foreign Parts into Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark or Man; and to hinder the spreading of Infection.

WHereas in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster in the ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, an Act passed, intituled, *An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarantine*; and whereas Marseilles, and other Places in the Southern Parts of France, have, for some time past, been visited with the Plague, which occasioned just Apprehensions lest the Infection might be brought into this Kingdom from the Places so infected, or other Places trading or corresponding therewith, unless timely Care were taken to prevent the same; and whereas it has been found by Experience, that the said Act is defective and insufficient for the Purposes intended; and the Penalties inflicted by the same not adequate to the Offences thereby prohibited; and some further Provisions are necessary to be made, in case it should please Almighty God to permit these Kingdoms to be afflicted with the Plague: For Remedy thereof, be it enacted by the King'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 Country or Place shall be infected with the Plague, all Ships, Vessels, Persons, Goods and Merchandizes whatsoever, coming or imported in such Ships or Vessels, into any Port or Place within Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark or Man, from any Place so infected, or from any Place the Inhabitants whereof are known to trade or correspond with any Country or Place actually infected, or from any Place from whence his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy-Council, shall judge it probable that the Infection may be brought, shall be obliged to make their Quarantine in such Place and Places, for such Time and in such Manner as hath been or shall, from time to time, be directed by His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, by his or their Order or Orders made in his or their Privy Council, and notified by Proclamation; and that until such Ships, Vessels, Persons, Goods, and Merchandizes, shall have respectively performed, and be discharged from such Quarantine, no such Persons, Goods, or Merchandizes, or any of them, shall come or be brought on Shore, or go or be put on board any other Ship or Vessel in any Place within His Majesty's Dominions, unless in such Cases, and by such proper Licence, as shall be directed or permitted by such Order or Orders made by His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, and notified, as aforesaid; and that all such Ships and Vessels, and the Persons and Goods coming or imported in, or going or being put on board the same, and all Ships, Vessels, Boats, and Persons receiving any Goods or Persons out of the same, shall be subject to such Orders, Rules, and Directions concerning Quarantine, and the prevention of Infection, as have been or shall be made by His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in Council, and notified by Proclamations, as aforesaid.

And to the End it may be the better known, whether any Ship or Vessel be actually infected with the Plague, or whether such Ship or Vessel, or

the Mariners or Cargo coming and imported in the same, are liable to any Orders touching Quarantine; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That during the present Infection, and in all future Times, when any Country or Place shall be infected with the Plague, and any Order or Orders shall be made by His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, concerning Quarantine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified, as aforesaid, as often as any Ship or Vessel shall attempt to enter into any Port or Place in Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, the principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs in such Port or Place, or such Person as shall be authorized to see Quarantine duly performed, shall go off, or cause some other Person to be by him appointed for that Purpose, to go off to such Ship or Vessel; and such Officer or other Person authorized to see Quarantine performed, as aforesaid, or the Person so by him appointed for that Purpose, shall, at a convenient Distance from such Ship or Vessel, demand of the Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, and such Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall, upon such Demand, give a true Account of the following Particulars; (that is to say) the Name of such Ship or Vessel; the Name of the Commander or the Person having Charge thereof; at what Place the Cargo was taken on board; what Place or Places the Ship or Vessel touched at in her Voyage; Whether such Places, or any, and which of them, were infected with the Plague; how long such Ship or Vessel had been in her Passage; how many Persons were on board when the said Ship or Vessel set Sail; whether any, and what Persons, during that Voyage, on board such Ship or Vessel, had been or shall be then infected with the Plague; how many died in the Voyage, and of what Distemper; what Ships or Vessels he or any of his Ships Company with his Privy went on board, or had any of their Company come on board his Ship or Vessel in the Voyage; and to what Place such Ships or Vessels belonged; and also the true Contents of his Lading to the best of his Knowledge: And in case it shall appear upon such Examination or otherwise, that any Person then on board such Ship or Vessel, shall at the time of such Examination be actually infected with the Plague, in such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Officers of any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or any of His Majesty's Forts or Garrisons, and all other His Majesty's Officers, whom it may concern, upon Notice thereof given to them, or any of them respectively, and to and for any other Person or Persons, whom they shall call to their Aid or Assistance, and they are hereby required to resist and oppose the Entrance of such Ship or Vessel into any such Port or Place, or to oblige such Ship or Vessel to depart out of the same, and to use all necessary Means for the Purposes aforesaid, or either of them, be it by firing of Guns upon such Ship or Vessel, or any other kind of Force and Violence whatsoever; and in case any such Ship or Vessel shall come from any Place visited with the Plague, or have any Person on board actually infected, and the Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall not discover the same, such Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death, as in case of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; and in case such Commander, Master, or other Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall, upon such Demand made, as aforesaid, not make a true Discovery in any other of the Particulars before mentioned, such Commander, Master or other