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An Act to enable Commissioners for trying Offences upon the Sea, and Justices of the Peace, to take Examinations touching such Offences, and to commit to safe Custody Persons charged therewith. [5th *May* 1826.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Commissioners named in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer, for the trying of Offences committed within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of *England;* and also the Commissioners named in Commissions made under an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, for the more speedy Trial of Offences in distant Parts beyond the Sea; and also the Justices of the Peace in the United Kingdom, should have the Power, severally as well as jointly, of taking Examinations upon Oath, touching Offences within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of *England,* and of committing to safe Custody Persons charged upon Oath with such Offences; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more of the Commissioners for the Time being, named or to be named in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer, for the trying of Offences committed within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of *England;* and also

Commissioners for trying Offences at Sea, or Justices, may

take Examinations touching Offences committed within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, and commit the Persons charged.

also to and for any One or more of the Commissioners for the Time being, named or to be named in any Commission made or granted under or by virtue of the said Act of the Forty-sixth Year of King *George* the Third; and also to and for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being for any County, Riding, Division, or Place, in the United Kingdom, and they are hereby respectively authorized, empowered, and required, from Time to Time to take any Information or Informations of any Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, which Oath they and each of them are hereby respectively authorized to administer, touching any Treason, Piracy, Felony, Robbery, Murder, Conspiracy, or other Offence, of what Nature or Kind soever, committed upon the Sea, or in any Haven, River, Creek, or Place where the Admiral or Admirals hath or have Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction; and thereupon (if such Commissioner or Commissioners, Justice or Justices of the Peace, shall see Cause), by any Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cause the Person or Persons charged in such Information or Informations to be apprehended and committed to safe Custody, to remain in such Custody until discharged in due Course of Law, or until bailed, in Cases in which Bail may by Law be taken.

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