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An Act to make further Provisions respecting Naval Prize Money. [24th *July* 1820.]

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WHEREAS an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to make further Regulations as to the Payment of Navy Prize Orders;* and it was in the said Act, amongst other Things, enacted, that certain Persons therein mentioned should take out a Licence from the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy before they should act as Agents for receiving the Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money, of Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, or Marines, and should enter into a Bond, in the Form set out in the Schedule to the said Act annexed, for the Purposes therein mentioned: And whereas it is expedient to repeal so much of the said Act as relates to the Bonds so to be entered into, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof: 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 so much of the said Act as relates to the Bonds directed to be entered into by licensed Agents, and also so much and such Parts of the said Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His late Majesty as are by this Act altered, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

So much of recited Act as relates to Bonds entered into by licensed Agents repealed.

Persons approved by the Treasurer of the Navy to be licensed shall enter into Bond with Two sufficient Sureties for 500l. that they shall duly account for the Money coming to their Hands.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every Person and Persons approved by the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy to be licensed for receiving the Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money, of any Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, or Marines, shall, previously to receiving his Licence to act as such Agent, enter into a Bond with Two sufficient Sureties, to be jointly and severally bound to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds, that such Person so taking out such Licence shall demean himself properly, and duly account to all Persons for whom or for whose Use any such Wages, Pay, Prize Money, or Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money, shall have come to his Hands; which said Bond shall be in such Form as the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy for the Time being shall approve and direct: Provided nevertheless, that this Act shall not extend or be construed to extend to prevent such Agents as have already taken out Licences from the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, in conformity to the said Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or who have entered into any other Bond of a different Nature from that set forth in the said Act, from acting as such licensed Agents during their respective existing Licences.

Not to affect Agents now acting under Licences.

Treasurer may revoke Licences in case of Misconduct, or removing without giving Notice.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of the Navy for the Time being to revoke the Licence granted to or taken out by any Person to enable him to act as an Agent for receiving the Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowances of Money, of any Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, or Marines, in case it shall appear to the said Treasurer that such Agent has been guilty of any Misconduct, or shall remove or change his Office or Place of Abode without giving Notice thereof in Writing to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, and to the Clerk of the Check of *Greenwich* Hospital for the Time being, in addition to the Penalty imposed by Law for Neglect in giving such Notice.

Registrar of the Court of Admiralty shall send Quarterly to the Treasurer of Navy, &c. Lists of Persons entering into Bonds, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Registrar or proper Officer of the High Court of Admiralty shall and he is hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, and every succeeding Three Months, to send to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, and to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, the Name and Description of every Person or Persons who shall have entered into a Bond or Bonds to the said Court of Admiralty, on registering any Letter of Attorney appointing him or them as the Agent or Agents for any Prize or Bounty Money, Grant, or other Allowances of Money, distributable amongst any Persons entitled thereto.

List of Agents shall be kept at the Navy Pay Office for Inspection, and sent to Out-ports.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Names and Places of Abode and of transacting Agency Business of every such licensed Agent, shall be inserted in a List, and which List shall be kept by the Officer for Prizes of the Navy Pay Office in *Somerset Place*, for the Inspection of such Persons as shall resort thither on Business; and such Lists shall be renewed from Time to Time, as Occasion may require; and the

the said Officer shall from Time to Time transmit Copies of such Lists to the Navy Pay Offices at the several Out-ports of the United Kingdom, and to the Clerk of the Cheque of *Greenwich* Hospital, and to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Agents after rendering an Account of Prize and other Money to the Treasurer of Greenwich Hospitalshall send a like Account to the Treasurer of Navy, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Agent or other Person authorized and empowered to receive or distribute any Prize or Bounty Money, or other Monies as aforesaid, shall, within Ten Days after he shall have rendered or ought by Law to have rendered to the Treasurer of *Greenwich* Hospital, or his Deputy, and verified his Statement and Account of the Proceeds and Distribution of any such Prize or other Monies, deliver or transmit to the Treasurer or Paymaster of His Majesty's Navy, a Copy of such Statement and Account (the Charge for copying the same being allowed to the said Agent), under the like Penalty for Neglect as is by the said Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty imposed, for neglecting to render such Statement and Account to the Treasurer of the said Hospital or his Deputy.

Orders made in Ireland, &c. to receive Wages, &c. shall have the Certificate thereon signed by the Minister, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon all Orders made by Non-commissioned Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen and Marines, at any Place in *Ireland*, or in *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, or *Sark*, where there is no Deputy or Agent of *Greenwich* Hospital residing, to enable an Agent to receive Wages, Pay, Prize Money, Bounty Money, or other Allowance of Money, the Certificate required by Law to be printed upon the said Order shall be signed by the Minister and One of the Churchwardens of the Parish in which the said Order is made.

Orders made in favour of Parents, &c. shall be in the Form of Schedule (A).

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all Orders authorized by the said Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His late Majesty, to be made by Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, and Marines, Supernumeraries or Boys, in favour of their Parents, Children, Brothers, or Sisters, shall, if made after the passing of this Act, be in the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked (A.), and that all such Orders as are made in any other Form shall be void to all Intents and Purposes.

Orders in Possession of Insolvents available only for Money advanced.

IX. And be it enacted, That in case any licensed Agent shall take the Benefit of any Act passed for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, all Orders made in favour of such Agents, under or by virtue of any former Acts, or under this present Act, which shall be in his Possession, or to which he may be entitled at the Time of his Insolvency, shall be available against the said Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, for so much Money only as shall be proved to the Satisfaction of the Treasurer and Clerk of the Cheque of the said Hospital to have been advanced upon such Orders by the Agent in whose favour the said Orders are made.

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The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

1s. Stamp.

SCHEDULE (A.)

TAKE Notice, that no Prize Money can be received under this Order, except by the Wife, One of the Parents, or Children of the Grantor [*here insert the Place where and Time when the Order is made*] Day of One thousand eight hundred and

AT Seven Days Sight pay to or his Order, the Amount of my Share of Prize or Bounty Money, for the Capture of [*here insert the Names of the Prizes and Time of Capture, or give such other Description of them as shall be satisfactory to the Officers of Greenwich Hospital*] when serving on board His Majesty's Ship or Vessel the in Quality of

To the proper Officers of Greenwich Hospital.

THESE are to certify, that we have examined the said who signed the above Order in our Presence, and from the Documents he has shewn us, videlicet [*here insert the Nature of the Documents, whether they are Invalid Tickets, Certificates, or otherwise, and by what Officer they are signed,*] and his Answers to our Questions, we have Reason to believe that he was serving on board the said Ship at the Time of making the Captures above specified: He says he was born at in the County of that he is Years of Age, of a Complexion, Eyes, and Hair [*if the Party is discharged from the Service, state the Time and Cause of Discharge*] and was discharged from by reason of Given under our Hands

Note.—This Certificate to be signed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and one other signing Officer of the Ship to which the Party belongs. If discharged from the Service, and resident at any Place where there is a Deputy or Agent of the Hospital, to be signed by that Deputy. If within Four Miles of the Hospital, by the Clerk of the Check, or his First Clerk. If any other Place within the Bills of Mortality, by the Officer for Prizes in the Navy Pay Office, or his Assistant. If by Marines at Head Quarters, where there is no Deputy to the Hospital, to be signed by the Colonel or Commanding Officer and the Adjutant. If by any Person at Sick Quarters, to be signed by the Surgeon and One of his Assistants; but where there is a Deputy, to be signed by such Deputy. If at any other Place in England or Ireland, or in Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, and Sark, to be signed by the Surgeon and One of the Churchwardens; and if in Scotland, by the Minister and One of the Elders.

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