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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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Power in Amity with His Majesty, such reasonable Salaries as to His Majesty shall seem meet, and by and with such Advice as aforesaid, from Time to Time to alter, increase, or diminish any such Salaries or Salary as Occasion may require.

Terms on which Salaries shall be granted.

II. And be it further enacted, That such Salaries shall be issued and paid to such Consuls General and Consuls without Fee or Deduction: Provided always, that all such Salaries as aforesaid be granted for and during His Majesty's Pleasure, and not otherwise, and be held and enjoyed by such Consuls General and Consuls as aforesaid, so long only as they shall be actually resident at the Places at which they may be so appointed to reside, and discharging the Duties of such their Offices: Provided nevertheless, that in case His Majesty shall, by any Order to be for that Purpose issued through One of his Principal Secretaries of State, grant to any such Consul General or Consul as aforesaid Leave of Absence from the Place to which he may be so appointed as aforesaid, such Consul General or Consul shall be entitled to receive the Whole, or such Part as to His Majesty shall seem meet, of the Salary accruing due and payable during and in respect of such Period of Absence as aforesaid.

Leave of Absence.

Salaries so granted to be in lieu of Salaries and Fees formerly paid.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Salaries so to be granted by His Majesty as aforesaid shall be taken and received by the said Consuls General and Consuls in lieu of and as a Compensation for all Salaries heretofore granted to them or any of them, and all Fees of Office and Gratuities heretofore demanded, received, or taken by them of or from the Masters or Commanders of *British* Ships and Vessels, or of or from any other Persons or Person, for or in respect of any Duties or Services by such Consuls General or Consuls done, performed, or rendered, for or to any such Masters or Commanders, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid; and that no such Consuls General or Consuls as aforesaid shall, from and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, be entitled for or by reason or on account of any Act, Matter, or Thing by him done or performed in the Execution of such his Office, or for or on account of any Service by him rendered to any Masters or Commanders of *British* Ships or Vessels, or to any other Person or Persons, in the Execution of such his Office, to ask, demand, have, receive, or take any Fees, Recompence, Gratuity, Compensation, or Reward, or any Sum or Sums of Money, save as herein-after is excepted.

From Jan. 1. 1826, Consuls not to take, on account of their Services, any other than the Fees herein-after mentioned.

Certain Fees allowed to be taken as mentioned in the Tables A. and B. annexed.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Consuls General and Consuls appointed by His Majesty, and resident within the Dominions of any Sovereign, or any Foreign State or Power in Amity with His Majesty, to accept, take, and receive the several Fees particularly mentioned in the Tables to this present Act annexed, marked with the Letters (A.) and (B.), for and in respect or on account of the several Matters and Things, and official Acts and Deeds particularly mentioned in the said Schedules; and that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by him made, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, to increase or diminish,

diminish, or wholly to abolish, all or any of the Fees aforesaid, and to establish and authorize the Payment of any greater or smaller or new or additional Fees or Fee, for or in respect of the several Matters and Things mentioned in the said Schedules or any of them, or for or in respect of any other Matters or Things or Matter or Thing to be by any such Consul General or Consul done or performed in the Execution of such his Office.

Penalty on Consuls demanding more Fees than specified in the Schedule or specified in any Order in Council.

V. And be it further enacted, That in case any Consul General or Consul, appointed by His Majesty as aforesaid, shall, by himself or Deputy, or by any Person authorized thereto in his Behalf, ask, demand, receive, take, or accept, for or by reason or on account of any Matter or Thing by him done or performed in the Execution of such his Office, or for or on account or under pretence or by reason of any Service or Duty by him rendered, done, or performed in such his Office for any Person or Persons whomsoever, any other or greater Fee, Reward, Gratuity, Gift, or Remuneration than is mentioned and specified in the said Schedule, or than shall be sanctioned and specified in or by any such Order or Orders in Council as aforesaid, the Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit and become liable to pay to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, any Sum of Sterling *British* Money, not exceeding the Amount of the Salary of such Person for One Year, nor less than the Twelfth Part of such annual Salary, at the Discretion of the Court in which such Penalty may be recovered, and shall moreover upon a Second Conviction for any such Offence forfeit such his Office, and for ever after become incapable of serving His Majesty in the same or the like Capacity.

Tables of Fees to be exhibited at Custom Houses;

VI. And be it further enacted, That a printed Copy of the Tables of Fees allowed by this Act, or which may or shall be sanctioned or allowed by any Order to be made in pursuance of this Act, by His Majesty in Council, shall be exhibited in a conspicuous Manner, for the Inspection of all Persons, in the Custom House in the Port of *London*, and in all other Custom Houses in the several Ports and Harbours of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and that printed Copies thereof shall, by the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs in all such Ports and Harbours as aforesaid, be delivered gratuitously, and without Fee or Reward, to every Master or Commander of any Ship and Vessel clearing out of any such Port or Harbour, and demanding a Copy thereof.

also at Consul's Office.

VII. And be it further enacted, That a Copy of the said Schedule or Table of Fees to this present Act annexed, or which may be established and authorized by any such Order or Orders in Council as aforesaid, shall be hung up and exhibited in a conspicuous Place in the Public Offices of all Consuls General or Consuls appointed by His Majesty, in the Foreign Ports or Places to which they may be so appointed, for the Inspection of all Persons interested therein; and any Consul General or Consul omitting or neglecting to exhibit any such Copy of the said Schedules in such his Public Office, or refusing to permit the same to be inspected by any Person or Persons interested therein, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum of *British* Sterling Money not exceeding One Half the Amount

Amount of the Salary of such Person for One Year, nor less than the Twelfth Part of such annual Salary, at the Discretion of the Court in which such Penalty may be recovered.

Allowances in the Nature of Superannuation.

VIII. And whereas it is expedient that His Majesty should be enabled to grant to the said Consuls General and Consuls, appointed as aforesaid, Allowances in the Nature of Superannuation or Reward for meritorious Public Services, be it further enacted, That all the Clauses, Provisions, Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Conditions, and Forfeitures contained and declared in an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to direct that Accounts of Increase and Diminution of Public Salaries, Pensions, and Allowances should be annually laid before Parliament, and to regulate and controul the granting and paying of such Salaries, Pensions, and Allowances;* and in another Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of His late Majesty, for directing that Accounts of Increase and Diminution of Public Salaries, Pensions, and Allowances shall be annually laid before Parliament, and for regulating and controlling the granting and paying of such Salaries, Pensions, and Allowances;* and in another Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty, respecting Superannuation Allowances*, shall be and the same are hereby extended to the said Consuls General and Consuls, so far as such Clauses, Provisoes, Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Conditions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, can be applied to the Cases of such several Persons respectively, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this present Act.

50 G. 3. c. 117.

3 G. 4. c. 113.

5 G. 4. c. 104.

Allowances during War to be such as His Majesty in Council shall direct.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time happen that by reason of any War which may hereafter arise between His Majesty and any Sovereign, or Foreign State or Power, within the Dominions of whom any such Consul General or Consul as aforesaid shall be appointed to reside, he shall be prevented from residing, and shall in fact cease to reside at the Place to which he may be so appointed, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order to be issued by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to grant to any such Consul General or Consul, who may have served His Majesty in that Capacity for any Period not less than Three Years nor more than Ten Years next preceding the Commencement of any such War as aforesaid, a special Allowance not exceeding the Proportion of their respective Salaries to which such Consuls General and Consuls would be entitled under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, in case the Period of their respective Service had exceeded Ten Years and had not exceeded Fifteen Years: Provided always, that in case any such Consul General or Consul shall have served in such his Office for the Space of Ten Years and more, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any such Order in Council as aforesaid, to grant to him or them such a Proportion of his or their respective Salaries, which by the said recited Act is authorized

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to be granted as a Superannuation Allowance, according to the several Periods of Service exceeding Ten Years, in the said Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign.

Provision for Support of Churches and Chapels, &c. in Foreign Ports and Places where a Chaplain is appointed and maintained by Subscription: Consuls authorized to advance for such Purpose a Sum equal to the Amount subscribed.

X. And whereas Churches and Chapels for the Performance of Divine Service, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, or of the Church of *Scotland*, have been erected, and proper Grounds have been appropriated and set apart for the Interment of the dead, in divers Foreign Ports and Places, and Chaplains have been appointed for the Performance of Divine Service in the said Churches and Chapels, and are now resident in such Foreign Ports and Places; and it is expedient to afford Encouragement for the Support of the Churches and Chapels so erected as aforesaid, and to promote the Erection of other Churches and Chapels in Foreign Ports and Places to which His Majesty's Subjects may resort, and wherein they may be resident in considerable Numbers, for the Purposes of Trade or otherwise; be it therefore enacted, That at any Foreign Port or Place in which a Chaplain is now, or shall at any future Time be, resident and regularly employed in the Celebration of Divine Service, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, or of the Church of *Scotland*, and maintained by any voluntary Subscription or Rate, levied among or upon His Majesty's Subjects resorting to or residing at such Foreign Port or Place, or by any Rate or Duty levied under the Authority of any of the Acts herein-after repealed, it shall and may be lawful for any Consul General or Consul, in obedience to any Order for that Purpose issued by His Majesty through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, to advance and pay from Time to Time, for and towards the Maintenance and Support of any such Chaplain as aforesaid, or for and towards defraying the Expences incident to the due Celebration of Divine Service in any such Churches and Chapels, or for and towards the maintaining any such Burial Grounds as aforesaid, or for and towards the Interment of any of His Majesty's Subjects in any such Burial Grounds, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in any one Year the Amount of the Sum or Sums of Money which during that Year may have been raised at such Port or Place for the said several Purposes, or any of them, by any such voluntary Subscription or Rate as aforesaid; and every such Consul General or Consul shall, once in each Year, transmit to One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State an Account, made up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the Year next preceding, of all the Sums of Money actually raised at any such Port or Place as aforesaid, for the several Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, by any such voluntary Subscription or Rate as aforesaid, and of all Sums of Money by him actually paid and expended for such Purposes, or any of them, in obedience to any such Orders as aforesaid, and which Accounts shall by such Principal Secretary of State be transmitted to the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Time being, who shall give to any such Consul General or Consul as aforesaid Credit for all Sums of Money not exceeding the Amount aforesaid, by them disbursed and expended in pursuance

of any such Order as aforesaid, for the Purposes before mentioned, or any of them.

Where voluntary Contributions towards erecting Churches, Hospitals, or providing Burial Grounds, in any Place where Consuls are resident, such Consuls are authorized to advance a Sum equal to the Amount of such Contributions.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case any of His Majesty's Subjects shall by voluntary Subscriptions among themselves raise and contribute such a Sum of Money as shall be requisite for defraying One Half Part of the Expence of erecting, purchasing, or hiring any Church or Chapel or Building, to be appropriated for the Celebration of Divine Service according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, or of the Church of *Scotland*, or for defraying One Half Part of the Expence of erecting, purchasing, or hiring any Building to be used as a Hospital for the Reception of His Majesty's Subjects, or for defraying One Half of the Expence of purchasing or hiring any Ground to be used as a Place of Interment for His Majesty's Subjects at any Foreign Port or Place wherein any Consul General or Consul appointed by His Majesty shall be resident, then and in any such Case it shall and may be lawful for such Consul General or Consul, in obedience to any Order to be for that Purpose issued by His Majesty through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, to advance and pay, for and towards the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole in any one Year the Amount of the Money raised in that Year by any such voluntary Contribution as aforesaid; and every such Consul General or Consul as aforesaid shall in like Manner once in every Year transmit to One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State an Account, made up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the Year next preceding, of all the Sums of Money actually raised at any such Port or Place as aforesaid, for the several Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, by any such voluntary Subscription as aforesaid, and of all Sums of Money by him actually paid and expended for such Purposes, or any of them, in obedience to any such Orders as aforesaid, and which Accounts shall by such Principal Secretary of State be transmitted to the Lord High Treasurer, or to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the Time being, who shall give to such Consuls General or Consuls Credit for all Sums of Money not exceeding the Amount aforesaid, by him disbursed and expended in pursuance of any such Order as aforesaid, for the Purposes before mentioned, or any of them.

His Majesty's Approbation to be first obtained.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such Order shall be issued as aforesaid through any of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, authorizing the Expenditure of Money for the Erection, Purchase, or Hiring of any such new Church or Chapel or Hospital as aforesaid, or for the Purchase or Hiring of any such new Burial Ground as aforesaid, unless and until such Consul General or Consul shall first have transmitted to His Majesty, through One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Plan of such intended Church or Chapel, Hospital, or Burial Ground, with an Estimate, upon the Oath of some One or more competent Person or Persons, stating the probable Expence of and incident to the Erection, Purchase, or Hiring of any such Church, Chapel, Hospital, or Burying Ground as aforesaid, and unless and until His Majesty shall have signified, through

through One of His said Principal Secretaries of State, His Approbation of the said Plan and Estimate: Provided also, that no Money shall actually be disbursed by any such Consul General or Consul as aforesaid, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, unless and until the Money to be raised by any such voluntary Subscription as aforesaid be actually paid up and invested in some public or other sufficient Security, in the joint Names of such Consul General or Consuls and Two Trustees appointed for that Purpose by the Persons subscribing the same, or unless and until Two or more of such Subscribers shall enter into good and sufficient Security to His Majesty, by Bond or otherwise, that the Amount of such Subscriptions shall actually be paid for the Purposes aforesaid, by a certain Day to be specified in every such Bond or Security, and which Bond or Security shall be preserved in the Office of such Consul General or Consul, and shall by him be cancelled and delivered back to the Parties entering into the same, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, when and so soon as the Condition thereof shall be fully performed and satisfied.

Salaries to Chaplains not to exceed the Sums herein mentioned.

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the whole Salary of any Chaplain heretofore appointed or to be appointed to officiate in any such Church or Chapel in any Foreign Port or Place in *Europe*, shall not exceed in the Whole Five hundred Pounds by the Year, or in any Foreign Port or Place not in *Europe*, Eight hundred Pounds by the Year: Provided also, that all such Chaplains shall be appointed to officiate as aforesaid, by His Majesty, through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, and shall hold such their Offices for and during His Majesty's Pleasure, and no longer.

Meetings of Subscribers to Churches, Chapels, &c.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all Consuls General and Consuls appointed by His Majesty to reside and being resident at any Foreign Port or Place wherein any such Church or Chapel, or other Place appropriated for the Celebration of Divine Worship, or Hospital, or any such Burial Ground as aforesaid, hath heretofore been or shall hereafter be erected, purchased, or hired, by the Aid of any voluntary Subscription or Rates collected by or imposed upon His Majesty's Subjects, or some Person or Persons for that Purpose duly authorized by any Writing under the Hand and Seal of any such Consul General or Consul, shall, Once at the least in every Year, and more frequently if Occasion shall require, by public Advertisement, or in such other Manner as may be best adapted for insuring Publicity, convene and summon a Meeting of all His Majesty's Subjects residing at such Foreign Port or Place as aforesaid, to be holden at the Public Office of such Consul General or Consul, at some Time, not more than Fourteen Days nor less than Seven Days next after the Publication of any such Summons; and it shall and may be lawful for all His Majesty's Subjects residing or being at any such Foreign Port or Place as aforesaid, at the Time of any such Meeting, and who shall have subscribed any Sum or Sums of Money not less than Twenty Pounds in the whole, nor less than Three Pounds by the Year, for or towards the Purposes before mentioned, or any of them, and have paid up the Amount of such their Subscriptions, to be present and vote at any such Meetings; and such Consuls General or

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Consuls shall preside at all such Meetings; and in the Event of the Absence of any such Consuls General or Consuls, the Subscribers present at any such Meeting shall, before proceeding to the Despatch of Business, nominate one of their Number to preside at such Meeting; and all Questions proposed by the Consul General, Consul, or Person so nominated as aforesaid to preside in his Absence, to any such Meeting, shall be decided by the Votes of the Majority in Number of the Persons attending and being present thereat; and in the Event of the Number of such Votes being equally divided, the Consul General, Consul, or Person so presiding in his Absence, shall give a casting Vote.

General Meetings may establish Rules for the Management of such Churches, &c., subject to the Sanction of the Consul, who shall transmit the same for His Majesty's Approbation.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any such General Meeting as aforesaid to make and establish, and from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, to revoke, alter, and render such General Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as may appear to them to be necessary for the due and proper Use and Management of such Churches, Chapels, Hospitals, and Burial Grounds as aforesaid, or for the proper Controul over and Expenditure of the Money raised by any such Subscription as aforesaid, or otherwise in relation to the Matters aforesaid, as may be necessary for carrying into Execution the Objects of this Act, so far as relates to those Matters, or any of them: Provided always, that no such Rule, Order, or Regulation as aforesaid shall be of any Force or Effect, unless or until the same shall be sanctioned and approved by the Consul General or Consul for the Time being, appointed by His Majesty to reside and actually resident at such Foreign Port or Place; and provided also, that the same shall, by such Consul General or Consul, be transmitted by the first convenient Opportunity for His Majesty's Approbation; and that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order to be by him issued through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, either to confirm or disallow any such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, either in the whole or in part, and to make such Amendments and Alterations in or Additions to the same, or any of them, as to His Majesty shall seem meet, or to suspend for any Period of Time the Execution thereof, or any of them, or otherwise to direct or prevent the Execution thereof, or any of them, in such Manner as to His Majesty shall seem meet; and all Orders so to be issued by His Majesty, in relation to the Matters aforesaid, through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, shall be recorded in the Office of the said Consul General or Consul at the Foreign Port or Place to which the same may refer, and shall be of full Force, Effect, and Authority upon and over all His Majesty's Subjects there resident.

Repeal of certain Acts, viz.

8 G. 1. c. 17.

XVI. And whereas it is expedient that the several Acts of Parliament herein-after mentioned should be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for more equal paying and better collecting certain small Sums therein mentioned, for Relief of shipwrecked Mariners and distressed Persons (His Majesty's Subjects) in the Kingdom of* Portugal, *and for other pious and charitable Purposes usually contributed to by the Merchants*

chants trading to Portugal; and a certain other Act, made and passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more equal paying and better collecting certain small Sums for Relief of shipwrecked Mariners and distressed Persons* (*His Majesty's Subjects*) *in the Port of* Cadiz *and Port of* Saint Mary's, *in the Kingdom of* Spain, *and for other Uses usually contributed to by the Merchants trading to the said Ports;* and a certain other Act made and passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of the said King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for collecting at the Port of* Leghorn *certain small Sums of Money to which the Merchants trading there have usually contributed for the Relief of shipwrecked Mariners, Captives, and other distressed Persons* (*His Majesty's Subjects*), *and for other charitable and public Uses;* and a certain other Act, made and passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for altering and extending the said recited Act of the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

9 G. 2. c. 25.

10 G. 2. c. 14.

54 G. 3. c. 126.

Application of Duties raised under the recited Acts repealed.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall be and remain in the Hands of any Collector or Treasurer or other Person, arising from any Duties leviable under the several Acts hereby repealed, or any of them, and which shall not have been applied to the Purposes or in manner directed by the said Acts respectively, shall by such Collector, Treasurer, or other Person be paid over to the Consul General or Consul at the Port or Place where the same shall have been received; and all and every such Sums and Sum which shall be so paid to and received by any such Consul General or Consul, and all other Arrears of Money arising from any such Duties which shall be in the Hands of any such Consul General or Consul, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of in such Manner, and to and for such Public Purposes, as shall be directed by any One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Consuls to have Credit for Money disbursed for shipwrecked and distressed Persons.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Consuls General and Consuls shall be allowed and have Credit in any Accounts by them rendered, through One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Time being, for all such Sums of Money as shall by any such Consul General or Consul be disbursed and expended towards the Succour and Relief of Mariners shipwrecked and taken in War, or other distressed Persons being Subjects of His Majesty, and resorting to the Port or Place at which any such Consul General or Consul may be appointed to reside: Provided always, that such Sums of Money be so disbursed and expended in pursuance of and in conformity to any Special or General Rules and Regulations to be for that Purpose made and prescribed by His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by Him for that Purpose issued, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, and that an Account of the Particulars of all such Expenditure shall by the first convenient Opportunity be transmitted by such Consul General or Consul for His Majesty's Information, through One of His Principal Secretaries of State.

Accounts and Estimates to be laid before Parliament.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That within Six Weeks after the Commencement of each Session of Parliament there shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament Copies of all Orders which may have been made, since the Commencement of the last preceding Session of Parliament, by His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of this Act, together with an Account of all Salaries which, since the Commencement of such next preceding Session of Parliament, may have been granted by His Majesty to any Consuls General or Consuls, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, together with an Estimate specifying the total Amount of the Money to be required for the Payment of the Salaries of all such Consuls General or Consuls respectively, for One Year from the Fifth Day of *January* preceding the Date of such Estimate, and also for all contingent Charges and Expences connected with the Public Duties and Establishments of such Consuls General or Consuls, after deducting the Amount provided on account of the Payment of such Consuls General or Consuls out of the Money applicable under the Third Class of His Majesty's Civil List, as specified in the Schedule annexed to an Act made in the First Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the Support of His Majesty's Household, and for the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of the United Kingdom of* Great Britain *and* Ireland.

1 G. 4. c. 1.

Oaths may be administered by Consuls.

XX. And whereas it is expedient that every Consul General or Consul appointed by His Majesty at any Foreign Port or Place should in all Cases have the Power of administering an Oath or Affirmation whenever the same shall be required, and should also have Power to do all such notarial Acts as any Notary Public may do; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for any and every Consul General or Consul appointed by His Majesty at any Foreign Port or Place, whenever he shall be thereto required, and whenever he shall see necessary, to administer at such Foreign Port or Place any Oath, or take any Affidavit or Affirmation from any Person or Persons whomsoever, and also to do and perform at such Foreign Port or Place all and every notarial Acts and Act which any Notary Public could or might be required and is by Law empowered to do within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and every such Oath, Affidavit, or Affirmation, and every such notarial Act, administered, sworn, affirmed, had, or done by or before such Consul General or Consul, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, and shall be of like Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as if any such Oath, Affidavit, or Affirmation, or notarial Act respectively, had been administered, sworn, affirmed, had, or done, before any Justice of the Peace or Notary Public in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or before any other legal or competent Authority of the like Nature.

Recovery of Penalties.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties incurred under or imposed by this Act shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered by any Person or Persons who may sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in the Name of His Majesty's Attorney

torney General, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act, and the several Clauses, Matters, and Things herein contained, shall take effect from the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, except where any other Commencement is particularly directed. Commencement.

TABLES

TABLES to which this Act refers.

TABLE (A.)

Certificate of due landing of Goods, exported from the United Kingdom	2 Dollars.
Signature of Ship's Manifest	2 Dollars.
Certificate of Origin, when required	2 Dollars.
Bill of Health, when required	2 Dollars.
Signature of Muster Roll, when required	2 Dollars.
Attestation of a Signature, when required	1 Dollar.
Administering an Oath, when required	½ Dollar.
Seal of Office, and Signature of any other Document not specified herein, when required	1 Dollar.

TABLE (B.)

Bottomry or Arbitration Bond	2 Dollars.
Noting a Protest	1 Dollar.
Order of Survey	2 Dollars.
Extending a Protest or Survey	1 Dollar.
Registrations	1 Dollar.
Visa of Passport	½ Dollar.
Valuation of Goods	1 per Cent.
Attending Sales, ½ per Cent. where there has been a Charge for valuing; otherwise 1 per Cent.	
Attendance out of Consular Office at a Shipwreck, Five Dollars per Diem for his personal Expences, over and above his travelling Expences.	
Do. on opening a Will	5 Dollars.
Management of Property of British Subjects dying intestate	2½ per Cent.

The Dollars mentioned in the preceding Tables are in all Cases to be paid by the Delivery of Dollars, each of which is to be of the Value of Four Shillings and Sixpence Sterling, and no more, according to the Rate of Exchange prevailing at the Place where such Payment is made.

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