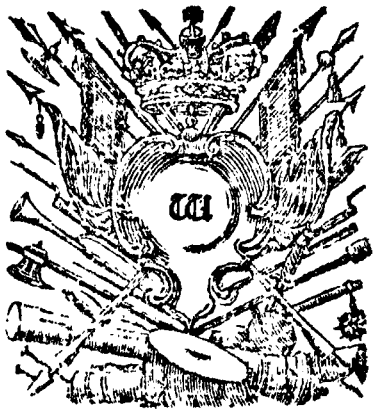
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CAP. XV.

An Act for the better ſupplying the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* with Fiſh, and to reduce the preſent exorbitant Price thereof; and to protect and encourage Fiſhermen.



WHEREAS the better ſupplying the Cities of London and Weſtminſter with Fiſh, and encouraging Fiſhermen, and others, to employ themſelves in fiſhing on the Sea Coaſts, and in the navigable Rivers, of Great Britain, will tend to reduce the preſent exorbitant Price of Fiſh: May it therefore please Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and 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 this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon, although not brought up in the Trade of a Fiſhmonger, to buy (ſubject to, and under, the Reſtrictions herein after contained) at any Market, Sea Coaſt, Creek, Port, Haven, Bank of any River,

Preamble.

General Licence to any Perſon, tho' not a Fiſhmonger, to buy at any Market, Sea Coaſt, or River, &c.

any Fish in Season, and sizeable;

River, or Place, in Great Britain, any Fish in Season, which shall not be unsizeable, or under the Dimensions the same respectively, by the Laws now in Force, are allowed to be sent to the City of London, paying the

paying the accustomed Dues at the Place of Purchase;

usual and accustomed Dues at the Places where any such Fish shall be so purchased; and afterwards to sell again all

and to sell the same again in any Fish or Flesh Market, paying the usual Market Dues;

such Fish in publick or fixed Shops, Stalls, or Houses, in any other Market in Great Britain, where Fish or Flesh are or usually have been sold, in Manner by this Act prescribed, paying only the usual Stallage or Market Dues paid at every such Market, without incurring any Penalty or Forfeiture; any Law, Statute, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Covent Garden Market, and the Precincts thereof, excepted.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein before contained shall extend, or be construed or taken to extend, to permit, impower, or authorize, any Person or Persons to sell, or expose to or for Sale, any Fish in Covent Garden Market, or in any of the Precincts thereof, in the County of Middlesex.

Such Fish not to be resold by the first Purchaser, before the same shall be brought to *London* or *Westminster*, or to where consigned,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Fish allowed to be bought as aforesaid, shall be sold again by the First Purchaser thereof, or any of his or her Agents or Servants, before such Fish shall have been conveyed by Land Carriage, or otherwise, to the Cities of London or Westminster, or such other Places in Great Britain, as the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof shall think fit, from time to time, to consign the same to;

under Penalty of 20*l*.

under Pain that every one who shall offend in the Premisses shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered and applied in Manner herein after mentioned.

and to be conveyed to the Places consigned, without being liable to be stopped, and exposed to Sale on the Way.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Fish, allowed to be purchased as aforesaid, shall be permitted to be, from time to time, sent and conveyed to the Place or Places to which the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof shall think fit to consign the same, without being subject or liable to be stopped, in any City, Market Town, or Place, in order to be sold or exposed to Sale there, under Pretence of any Custom or Usage whatsoever.

Carriages employed in the Service are to carry Fish only,

And, for the more expeditious Conveyance of Fish by Land Carriage, be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Carriage which shall be used for the Conveyance of such Fish as aforesaid, shall only carry Fish, allowed to be bought as aforesaid, therein, with the necessary Package and Implements which shall belong

and to be marked on the Outside, *Fish Machine Only*;

to such Carriage; and shall be marked on the Outside

Fiſh Machine Only; and ſhall have the Name or Names, and Place or Places of Abode, of the reſpective Owner or Owners thereof, entered at the Office of the Commiſſioners for licenſing Hackney Coaches; and for every ſuch Entry, only One Shilling ſhall be paid to the Clerk there; and the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby required to receive every ſuch reſpective Entry, and to cauſe the ſame to be regiſtered in the ſaid Office; and afterwards the reſpective Number of every ſuch reſpective Carriage ſhall be marked on ſome conſpicuous Part of the Outſide thereof, in large Figures, painted, or elſe ſhall be put on Lead or other Metal, and ſhall be fixed in the Front, or on One of the Shafts, or ſome other conſpicuous Part of every ſuch reſpective Carriage; and that no Fiſh Carriage ſhall be deemed or taken to be a Common Stage Waggon, Wain, or Cart: And if any One ſhall neglect to comply with and perform what is herein before directed, touching the marking, regiſtering, numbering, and keeping the Number of every ſuch reſpective Carriage on ſome Part thereof, and ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Neglect, in Manner herein after-mentioned, he ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Neglect, the Sum of Forty Shillings; to be levied, recovered, and applied, as herein after is directed.

and are to be entered at the Office for licenſing Hackney Coaches, paying 1 s. for the regiſtering;

and numbered, on Penalty of 40 s.

and are not liable to be deemed Common Stage Waggons, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every ſuch Fiſh Carriage numbered and marked as aforeſaid ſhall be permitted to travel, paſs, or be drawn on any Turnpike Road, by any Number of Horſes in Pairs not exceeding Four, or by any Single Horſe, or by any Number of Horſes at Length not exceeding Three, although the Fellies of the Wheels of any ſuch Fiſh Carriage ſhall not be of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches from Side to Side; and that every ſuch Fiſh Carriage ſhall only pay the like Toll, at every Turnpike-gate or Bar through which every ſuch Fiſh Carriage ſhall paſs, as Poſt Chaiſes, or other Chaiſes, drawn by a like Number of Horſes, or by a Single Horſe, by the Laws now in Force, are ſubject and liable to pay there.

They ſhall be permitted to travel with 4 Horſes in Pairs, or with 1 Horſe; or 3 Horſes in Length; tho' with narrow Wheels;

and ſhall only pay the like Toll as Poſt Chaiſes, &c. drawn by a like Number of Horſes;

And be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every ſuch Fiſh Carriage as aforeſaid ſhall be allowed to travel, paſs, and be drawn, on Sundays and Holydays, on any Road, whether laden or returning empty; and that the Horſe or Horſes which ſhall return from drawing any ſuch Fiſh Carriage, although rode on by any Driver of any ſuch Fiſh Carriage, or drawing back any empty Fiſh Carriage, ſhall alſo be allowed to paſs on Sundays and Holydays on any Road, without any Driver of

and ſhall be allowed to travel on Sundays and Holydays;

as ſhall alſo the returned Horſes of ſuch Carriages;

any such Fish Carriage, or the Rider on any such Horse as aforesaid, incurring any Penalty for so travelling therewith.

and neither Carriages or Horses, if returning empty, shall be liable to pay Tolls;

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Toll shall at any Time be paid for any such Fish Carriage returning without Fish, or for any Horse or Horses which shall draw the same back empty, for passing on any Turnpike Road, or through any Turnpike-gate or Bar, or for any Horse or Horses returning from drawing any such Fish Carriage laden as aforesaid, although such Horse or Horses, or any of them, shall be rode on by any Driver of any such Fish Carriage, and although such Horse or Horses shall not draw back any such empty Fish Carriage.

and if any Game, or other Thing besides Fish, and the necessary Implements of the Carriage, be put therein for Conveyance,

the Person putting in the same shall forfeit 5*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall put any Game, or any other Thing except Fish as aforesaid, and the Baskets and other necessary Package in which the same shall be packed, and the necessary Implements of every such Fish Carriage, into any such Fish Carriage to be conveyed thereby; every Person, other than the Driver of any such Fish Carriage, who shall so put any Game or other Thing than Fish, and the Baskets and other necessary Package and Implements as aforesaid, into any such Fish Carriage, and to be thereby conveyed, shall, on being convicted thereof in Manner herein after mentioned, forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied in Manner herein after specified: And if the Driver of any such Fish Carriage shall take up, or suffer any Passenger, Game, or other Thing except Fish, and the Baskets and other necessary Package and Implements as aforesaid, to be at any Time carried or conveyed in or by any such Fish Carriage, every Driver of every such Fish Carriage, who shall so offend in the Premisses, and be thereof convicted in Manner herein after mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered and applied in Manner herein after mentioned; And if, on the Conviction of any Driver of any such Fish Carriage, the Sum forfeited shall not be forthwith paid, the Justice or Justices before whom any such Driver of any such Fish Carriage shall be convicted, shall, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, commit every such Driver of any such Fish Carriage, who shall be so as aforesaid convicted, to the House of Correction of the County, City, or Place, in which the Offence for which any such Driver was convicted, or where any such Driver

and if the Driver shall take up, or suffer any Passenger, Game, or other Thing, to be carried therein, he shall forfeit 40*s.*

and on Non-payment, shall be committed, and kept to Hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Month.

ſhall be apprehended, there to remain and be kept to Hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Month, as any Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall order, unleſs the Money forfeited ſhall be ſooner paid.

If Bulk ſhall be broke of any Fiſh Carriage conſigned for the *London* Markets, &c. before being brought within the Bills of Mortality,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the Owner or any other Perſon who ſhall have the Care or Conduct of any ſuch Fiſh Carriage as aforeſaid, which after the paſſing this Act ſhall be loaded with Fiſh as aforeſaid, and conſigned for the Supply of the Cities of London or Weſtminſter, ſhall break Bulk before the ſame ſhall have been brought within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or ſell, or expoſe to Sale, any of the Fiſh which ſhall be loaded in any ſuch Fiſh Carriage, before the ſame ſhall have been brought to the Cities of London or Weſtminſter, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and expoſed there to or for Sale in Manner herein after directed, he, ſhe, or they, who ſhall ſo offend in the Premiſſes, ſhall, on being thereof convicted in Manner herein after mentioned, forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein after mentioned.

or Sale made of the Fiſh before they are expoſed in the ſaid Markets,

the Offenders ſhall forfeit 10*l.*

The Fiſh, after being ſo brought up, is to be forthwith ſorted, and expoſed to Sale in ſome publick Market the next Morning,

And be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Fiſh as aforeſaid which ſhall be brought by Land Carriage to the Cities of London or Weſtminſter, or to any other Place within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, ſhall, with all convenient Speed after the ſame ſhall be ſo brought there, be ſorted, and, the next Morning at farthеſt after the ſame ſhall be ſo brought there, ſhall be openly and publickly offered and expoſed to Sale in ſome Publick Market or Markets within the Weekly Bills of Mortality (except ſuch next Day ſhall happen to be a Sunday, and in ſuch Caſe, then on Monday Morning next following) and that, until ſuch Fiſh as aforeſaid ſhall be ſo expoſed to Sale in ſome Publick Market or Markets as aforeſaid, no Part thereof ſhall be ſold, or offered to or for Sale, by Retail, upon Pain that every Perſon who ſhall offend in the Premiſſes, and ſhall be thereof convicted in Manner herein after-mentioned, ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein after-mentioned.

Sundays excepted;

and until ſuch Fiſh is ſo expoſed, no Part thereof is to be ſold by Retail, on Penalty of 10*l.*

but Mackrell brought up by ſuch Carriages may be ſold on *Sundays*.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to prohibit the ſelling any Mackrell, which ſhall be brought by any ſuch Fiſh Carriage as aforeſaid, before or after Divine Service on a Sunday.

And be it likewiſe enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Contracts made by or with any Perſon or Perſons

All Contracts made for Fiſh, except for Salmon and Lobſters, are vacated after 1 *May*, 1762,

ſons for any Fiſh, except Salmon and Lobſters, from and after the Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, ſhall be, and are hereby declared to be, void, ſo far as the ſame ſhall relate to, or be intended to take Effect at any Time ſubſequent to, the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two; and

and the Parties diſcharged from the Penalties of their Contracts;

the Party and Parties to every ſuch Contract and Contracts is and are hereby reſpectively diſcharged from all Penalties and Forfeitures he or they may incur by reaſon of the Non-performance of any ſuch Contract or Contracts: And if, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, any Perſon or Perſons ſhall enter into or make any Contract or Contracts for buying up any Fiſh, except Salmon and Lobſters, before the ſame ſhall be firſt brought to an open Market, or ſome uſual Place for the Sale of Fiſh, and before the ſame ſhall be there expoſed in the ordinary Manner, and for the uſual Time Fiſh ſhall be there expoſed for publick Sale, every ſuch Contract and Contracts is and are hereby declared to be abſolutely void, and every Party thereto ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Contract which he or ſhe ſhall be a Party to, or concerned in, on being convicted thereof in Manner herein after-mentioned, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and applied, in Manner herein after-mentioned.

and Perſons contracting after the ſaid Time for buying up Fiſh, other than Salmon and Lobſters, before the ſame ſhall be firſt brought to Market, and duly expoſed to Sale there,

forfeit 50 *l.* and the Contract is declared void:

Provided always, and be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, no Contract or Agreement which ſhall be made or entered into for the buying of any Salmon or Lobſters which ſhall be taken in any River, or in any of the Seas, or on any of the Sea Coaſts of Great Britain, ſhall be or continue in Force for any longer Time than for One Year, to be computed from the Date of every ſuch reſpective Contract or Agreement which ſhall be entered into in Writing; and if not entered into in Writing, then only for One Year, to be computed from the Time of the making or entering into every ſuch Paroll Contract or Agreement reſpectively.

And after 1 *May*, 1762, no Contract for *Britiſh* Salmon and Lobſters ſhall be in Force longer than 1 Year;

and the like Rule is to take Place with reſpect to any Paroll Contracts.

And be it likewiſe enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall, at any Time after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, employ, or be employed by, any other Perſon or Perſons in buying, or to buy, in or at any Market in the City of London, or in the City of Weſtminſter, or elſewhere within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, any Fiſh which ſhall be brought there to be ſold, to be divided by Lots or in Shares amongſt any Fiſhmongers or other Perſons, in order to be afterwards put to Sale

After 1 *May*, 1762, no Perſon may employ, or be employed in buying at the Markets of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, &c. Fiſh brought there for Sale, to be afterwards divided amongſt Fiſhmongers, or others, to be ſold;

again, or ſold by Retail; nor ſhall any Fiſhmonger or other Perſon at any Time after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, buy in any Market in London, or in the ſaid City of Weſtminſter, or elſewhere within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, any Fiſh, but what ſhall be for his own Sale or Uſe only, upon Pain that every Perſon who ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Offence, in Manner hereby directed, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every ſuch Offence, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in the Manner herein after directed.

nor may any Perſon buy in the ſaid Markets any Fiſh but what ſhall be for his own Sale or Uſe,

on Penalty of 20*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Proprietor of Fiſh, or any Saleſman or Perſon intruſted or employed to ſell any Fiſh in any Publick Market, ſhall refuſe to ſell, or ſhall enter into any Agreement or Confederacy not to ſell, to or for the Uſe of any particular Perſon or Perſons, any Fiſh which ſhall be brought or expoſed to or for Sale at or in any ſuch Publick Market; then, and in every ſuch Caſe, every Perſon who ſhall ſo offend in the ſaid Premiſſes, and ſhall be thereof convicted in the Manner by this Act directed, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner hereby directed.

No Saleſman or other Perſon may refuſe to ſell, or enter into any Agreement not to ſell to or for any particular Perſon's Uſe, any Fiſh expoſed to Sale at a publick Market,

on Penalty of 20*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Fiſh of any of the reſpective Sorts herein after ſpecified, which, after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, ſhall be brought for Sale to the Cities of London or Weſtminſter, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, ſhall be openly and publickly expoſed for Sale at the Firſt Hand; and ſhall be ſold in no greater Number or Quantity of Fiſh in any One Lot or Parcel, or by any greater Weight of Fiſh in any One Lot or Parcel, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock, or in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, than herein after is directed and preſcribed touching the ſame reſpectively; and that every Lot or Parcel of ſuch Fiſh as aforeſaid, ſhall conſiſt only of One Sort of Fiſh, and ſhall not be compoſed of Two or more different Sorts of Fiſh; that is to ſay,

And all Fiſh of the reſpective Sorts ſpecified in the Act, brought after 1 *May*, 1762, for Sale to the *London* Markets, ſhall be openly ſold at the Firſt Hand, and in no greater Number or Quantity in a Lot than is preſcribed;

and every Lot is to conſiſt of One Sort of Fiſh only.

All freſh Salmon, Sturgeon, large freſh Cod, Skait, Pike, Turbot, Bret, Bril, Pearl, Kingſton, Ling, and Doreys, by the ſingle Fiſh; all half freſh Cod, not exceeding Two in any One Lot; all Quarter freſh Cod, not exceeding Four in any One Lot; all Mullets, Cole Fiſh, Salmon Trout, and other Trout, not exceeding

The Species of Fiſh, and Number and Quantity thereof allowed to be ſold in a Lot at *Billingſgate*, or other Markets.

Two in any One Lot; all ſmall Cod, not exceeding Twenty four in any One Lot; in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Eight in any One Lot:

All ſmall Pike, not exceeding Six in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Four in any One Lot:

All large Haddock, not exceeding Four in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Two in any One Lot:

All ſmall Haddock, not exceeding Twenty four in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Eight in any One Lot:

All Perch, above Six Inches long from the Eye to the Fork of the Tail thereof, not exceeding Twelve in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Eight in any One Lot:

All Carp, Gurnet, Tench, and Sea Baſs, not exceeding Six in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Four in any One Lot:

All Thornbacks, not exceeding Two in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding One in any One Lot:

All large Soals, not exceeding Four Pair in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Two Pair in any One Lot:

All ſmall Soals, not exceeding Eight Pair in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Four Pair in any One Lot:

All Mackrell, Whitings, Whiting Pouts, Plaice, Dabbs, Herrings, Pilchards, Garb Fiſh, Flounders, and Maids, not exceeding Sixty in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Thirty in any One Lot:

All Smelts, not exceeding Fifty two in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Twenty ſix in any One Lot:

All Eels, not exceeding Twenty Pounds Weight in any One Lot, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Ten Pounds Weight in any One Lot, unleſs any ſingle Fiſh ſhall exceed that Weight:

All large Lobſters and Crabs, not exceeding, of either Sort, in any One Lot, Twenty, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Ten of either Sort in any One Lot:

All ſmall Lobſters and Crabs, not exceeding, of either Sort, in any One Lot, Forty, in Billingſgate Market, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock; and, in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, not exceeding Twenty of either Sort in any One Lot:

And if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſell or buy any of the Fiſh aforeſaid, at the Firſt Hand, in any Market or Markets in the City of London, or within One hundred and fifty Yards of Billingſgate Dock, or in any Market in the City of Weſtminſter, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, in any Lot or Parcel, containing any greater Number of any Sort of Fiſh as aforeſaid in any ſuch Lot or Parcel, or any greater Weight of Eels in any Lot or Parcel, than is herein before directed and appointed to be ſold in any One Lot or Parcel; or if any One ſhall ſell, or offer for Sale, in any ſuch Lot or Parcel, more than One Sort of any of the Fiſh herein before ſpecified; he, ſhe, or they, who ſhall ſo offend in the Premiſſes, and be convicted of any ſuch Offence in Manner herein after mentioned, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds,

None of the ſaid ſeveral Species of Fiſh may be bought or ſold at the Firſt Hand in the ſaid Markets in a greater Number or Quantity in a Lot, than is preſcribed,

nor more than One Sort of Fiſh in a Lot, be ſold, or offered for Sale,

on Penalty of 5*l.*

Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein after directed.

but a ſmaller Number of any of the ſaid Fiſh, than a Lot conſiſts of, if it contains more than One;

and alſo a leſſer Weight of Eels than makes One Lot, may be ſold or expoſed to Sale in the ſaid Markets.

Provided always, That, notwithſtanding any thing herein before contained, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon to expoſe to or for Sale, and to ſell in Billingſgate Market, or in any other Market within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, any of the ſaid herein before-mentioned reſpective Sorts of Fiſh, where more than One is to be contained in any Lot as aforeſaid, in any ſmaller Number; or any Eels by any leſſer Weight than herein before is preſcribed for the ſelling, in any One Lot, any of the ſaid reſpective Sorts of Fiſh herein before ſpecified.

No Fiſh may be ſold again, or expoſed to Sale the ſame Day, in the ſame Market where it was before ſold, on Penalty of 10*l.*

but the Buyer may ſell the ſame, whilſt ſound and wholeſome, in any other Place.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, ſhall a Second Time ſell or expoſe to or for Sale in Billingſgate Market, or within the Space of One hundred and fifty Yards from Billingſgate Dock, or in any other Market in the City of London, or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, any Fiſh which, in the ſame Day, ſhall have been before ſold in the ſame Market; but any Buyer of Fiſh in any of the ſaid Markets may ſell the ſame again, whilſt ſound and wholeſome, in any other Place or Places whatſoever, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding; upon Pain that every One who ſhall offend in the Premiſſes, and ſhall be thereof convicted in Manner hereby preſcribed, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein after mentioned.

Before any Fiſh, to be ſold at the Firſt Hand in any of the ſaid Markets, be expoſed to Sale, an Account of the Sorts, and Quantity of each, in large legible Characters, is to be put up at the Fiſh Stand,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, no Perſon ſhall ſell, or expoſe to or for Sale, at the Firſt Hand, in any Market in the Cities of London or Weſtminſter, or within the Limits of the Weekly Bills of Mortality, any of the ſeveral Sorts of Fiſh herein before ſpecified, before he, ſhe, or they, ſhall have, from time to time, firſt placed or put up, in ſome conſpicuous Manner, on or over the Form, Bench, Stall, or Place, at which he or ſhe ſhall intend to offer or expoſe for Sale, or ſhall offer or expoſe for Sale any of ſuch Fiſh in any ſuch Market, a true Particular or Account, and in a large, fair, and legible Character, and either wrote or printed, diſtinguiſhing therein the ſeveral Species or Sorts of all ſuch Fiſh as aforeſaid, and the Quantity of every Sort thereof reſpectively which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall then have, or have been intruſted with or employed to ſell in any ſuch Market, except as to the Number of Flounders, Plaice, Dabbs,

the Number of Flounders, Plaice, Dabbs, excepted;

Mackrell, Maids, Herrings, and Pilchards, which ſhall be brought to any ſuch Market for Sale: And if, at any Time of the Morning or Day in which any ſuch Account ſhall have been ſo placed up, and before the Market of that Day ſhall be ended or over, any other Fiſh of the Species or Sorts herein before mentioned, except as before excepted, ſhall be brought or ſent to any ſuch Market as aforeſaid to be ſold, the Perſon who ſhall be employed or intruſted to ſell the ſame, before he or ſhe ſhall ſell, or offer or expoſe to or for Sale, all or any of ſuch other Fiſh, ſhall add a true Account or Particular thereof to the Account before put up, if he or ſhe had before put up any ſuch Account, and if not, ſhall put up ſuch Account thereof as is herein before directed; and the Party or Parties hereby directed to put up ſuch Account and Accounts as aforeſaid, ſhall take Care that every ſuch Account and Accounts ſhall continue up, where the ſame ſhall have been firſt placed, until all the Fiſh ſpecified therein ſhall be ſold, or the Market of the Day ſhall be over or ended, without being defaced or obliterated, upon Pain that every One who ſhall neglect to put up any ſuch Account, or ſhall not continue up ſuch Account as hereby is directed, during the Time ſuch Account ought to continue up, and ſhall be convicted in Manner herein after preſcribed of any ſuch Offence, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in the Manner herein after-mentioned; and that every Perſon who ſhall be convicted, in Manner herein after directed, of wilfully taking down, defacing, obliterating, or altering, or cauſing to be taken down, defaced, obliterated, or altered, any ſuch Account hereby directed to be placed up as aforeſaid, at any Time whilſt the ſame, according to the Intent of this Act, ought to continue up, ſhall, for every ſuch laſt-mentioned Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein after-mentioned.

and alſo of Mackrell, Maids, Herrings, and Pilchards; and if any other Fiſh of the Sorts mentioned in the Act be brought for Sale, before the Market of the Day is over,

they are likewiſe to be added to the Account, before they are expoſed to Sale; and the ſaid Accounts are to be kept up, undefaced, till all the Fiſh be ſold, or the Market be over;

on Penalty of 5l.

or if any Perſon before ſuch Time ſhall wilfully take down, deface, or alter, the Accounts ſo put up, or cauſe the ſame to be done, he forfeits 40s.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Fiſherman, Mariner, or other Perſon, who ſhall be employed on Board any Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall, after her Arrival from Fiſhing, wilfully deſtroy, or throw or caſt away any Fiſh, which any ſuch Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall have brought from Sea, or caught in any navigable River, that is not unwholeſome, periſhed, or unmarketable, except Sprats, which ſhall remain unſold when the Market, to which the ſame ſhall be ſent for Sale, ſhall be ended; and if any ſuch Fiſherman, Mariner, or other Perſon, ſhall offend in the Premiſſes, and be thereof convict-

No Fiſherman, &c. after the Arrival of his Veſſel from Fiſhing, may deſtroy, or caſt away, any of the Fiſh, not being unwholſome, periſhed, or unmarketable, remaining unſold after Market is over;

on Penalty of being committed, and kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding 2 Months, nor leſs than 1 Week.

ed in Manner herein after preſcribed, every ſuch Fiſherman, Mariner, or other Perſon, who ſhall be ſo convicted, ſhall be committed to the Houſe of Correction of the County, City, or Place, in which any ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted or apprehended, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Months, nor leſs than One Week, as the Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom any ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, ſhall order.

All Perſons coming under the Four following Deſcriptions, employed in the Fiſheries of theſe Kingdoms, are exempted from being impreſſed into the King's Service, *viz.* 1ſt, Maſters of Fiſhing Veſſels, who, either themſelves or their Owners, have, or within 6 Months before applying for a Protection, ſhall have had, One or more Apprentices, under 16 Years of Age, bound for 5 Years, and employed in the Buſineſs of Fiſhing; 2dly, All ſuch Apprentices, not exceeding 4 to every Maſter or Owner of a Fiſhing Veſſel of 30 Tuns Burthen, or upwards; and 2 to every Veſſel under 30 Tuns; during the Time of their Apprenticeſhip, and till the Age of 20 Years, they continuing for the Time in the Buſineſs of Fiſhing only; 3dly, One Mariner, beſides the Maſter and Apprentices, to every Fiſhing Veſſel of 10 Tuns Burthen, or upwards, employed on the Sea Coaſt, during his Continuance in ſuch Service;

And be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every the Perſon and Perſons within the Four Degrees or Deſcriptions herein after ſpecified, who ſhall be employed in the Fiſheries of theſe Kingdoms, ſhall be freed and exempted from being impreſſed into the Service of his Majeſty, His Heirs, or Succeſſors, other than and except in the Caſes herein after excepted; that is to ſay, Firſt, Every Maſter who ſhall have the Care or Conduct of any Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, which ſhall be employed in the Fiſhery on any of the Sea Coaſts of Great Britain, or in any of the navigable Rivers within Great Britain; and who, or ſome Owner of which Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall have, or within Six Calendar Months before the applying for any Protection, as herein after is allowed, ſhall have had, One or more Apprentice or Apprentices, under the Age of Sixteen Years each, bound to him, or to any ſuch Owner as aforeſaid, for a Term not leſs than Five Years; and which Apprentice or Apprentices, in purſuance of ſuch Binding, actually ſhall be, or have been, in the Service of ſuch Maſter or Owner, in the Buſineſs of a Fiſherman: Secondly, Every ſuch Apprentice, not exceeding the Number of Four Apprentices to every ſuch Maſter or Owner as aforeſaid of any Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, or Veſſel, of or above the Burthen of Thirty Tuns; and not exceeding the Number of Two Apprentices to every ſuch Maſter or Owner as aforeſaid, of any Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, under the ſaid Burthen of Thirty Tuns, during the Time every ſuch reſpective Apprentice as aforeſaid ſhall continue as an Apprentice in the actual Service of ſuch his Maſter only, or of his Repreſentatives or Aſſigns, in the Buſineſs of a Fiſherman, and in no other Service, and until the reſpective Age of Twenty Years of every ſuch Apprentice who ſhall ſo long continue in the Fiſhing Trade: Thirdly, One Mariner, beſides the Maſter and his Apprentice or Apprentices as aforeſaid, who ſhall be employed to navigate or fiſh, in any Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, or Veſſel,

Veſſel, of the Burthen of Ten Tuns or upwards, on any Parts of the Sea Coaſts of Great Britain, during the Time ſuch Mariner ſhall continue and be ſo actually and truly employed in the ſaid Fiſhing Service: And, Fourthly, any Landman who ſhall enter on Board any ſuch Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, or Veſſel, of the Burthen of Ten Tuns or upwards, and be actually employed in navigating or fiſhing therein, on any Part of the Sea Coaſts of Great Britain, for and during the Space of Two Years, to be computed from the Time of his firſt going to Sea, employed as aforeſaid in any ſuch Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, or Veſſel, of the Burthen of Ten Tuns or upwards, as aforeſaid, and to the End of any Fiſhing Voyage he may then be engaged in, and if he ſhall continue and be ſo long really and truly employed in ſuch Service.

4thly, Any Landman entering, and employed on Board ſuch Veſſel, for 2 Years from his firſt going to Sea, and to the End of the Voyage then engaged in, if he ſo long continue in ſuch Service.

And, to ſecure to the ſeveral Perſons herein before deſcribed, the Benefit intended for them reſpectively by this Act, and to puniſh the Perſons who ſhall act contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That on an Affidavit ſworn before ſome Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, making out that the Perſon or Perſons named and deſcribed in ſuch Affidavit come, or is or are within ſome or One of the Deſcriptions herein before ſpecified, and inſerting therein the Tunnage of every ſuch Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, and the Port or Place to which ſhe belongs, and the Name and Deſcription of every ſuch Maſter, and the Age of every ſuch Apprentice, and the Term for which every ſuch Apprentice ſhall be bound, and the Date of his Indenture, and the Name, Age, and Deſcription, of every ſuch Mariner and Landman reſpectively, and the Time of every ſuch Landman's firſt going to Sea, being offered to the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or to the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain for the time being, or any Three or more of them, or left at the Office of Admiralty, the ſaid Lord High Admiral, or Commiſſioners of the Admiralty for the time being, is and are hereby directed and required, with all convenient Speed after every ſuch Affidavit ſhall be tendered to him or them, or left at the Admiralty Office (unleſs he or they ſhall have reaſonable Cauſe to ſuſpect the Truth of any ſuch Affidavit, and in every ſuch Caſe he and they is and are hereby directed to cauſe Inquiry to be made into the Truth of the Matters contained in every ſuch Affidavit) from time to time, to grant a ſeparate Protection to every ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid reſpectively, during the Time he is allowed by this Act to be protected,

On Affidavit being made before ſome Juſtice, and laid before the Admiralty, that the Perſons therein named and deſcribed, come within ſome or One of the above Deſcriptions, (inſerting the Tunnage of the Veſſel, and Port ſhe belongs to; the Name and Deſcription of the Maſter; the Age of every ſuch Apprentice, and Term he is bound for, with the Date of his Indenture; and the Name, Age, and Deſcription of every ſuch Mariner and Landman, with the Time of ſuch Landman's firſt going to Sea) the Admiralty ſhall thereupon, unleſs they ſuſpect the Truth of ſuch Affidavit, (which in ſuch Caſe they are directed to enquire into) grant, without any Fee, a ſeparate Protection to every ſuch Perſon;

protected, and without any Fee or Reward to be paid or taken for the same; and every Person who shall be impressed contrary to the Intent of this Act, shall, on producing the Protection which shall have been granted to him in pursuance of this Act to the Commanding Officer, who shall have in his Custody, or under his Care, any such impressed Person as aforesaid, be forthwith discharged and released by such Commanding Officer.

on producing whereof, they are to be forthwith released, if impressed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if, during the Continuance of any Protection which shall be granted under this Act, any Person who shall be thereby protected shall be impressed to serve His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, other than and except in the Case of an actual Invasion of these Kingdoms, or imminent Danger thereof, and signified by some Order of His Majesty, or His Heirs, or of His or Their Privy Council, to the Lord High Admiral, or to the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain for the time being; and on producing the Protection which shall have been so granted to him, to the Commanding Officer of the Party or Gang who shall impress any such Person protected as aforesaid; or if offering to produce the same for the Inspection of such the Commanding Officer, any such Commanding Officer shall refuse or neglect to see or examine such Protection, or shall detain the same Protection from the Party intitled thereto, and shall not forthwith discharge the Party who shall be so impressed; or if the Party so impressed shall be carried on Board any Ship or Vessel of or in the Service of His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, and the Captain, or any Officer, who shall have the Command on Board any such Ship or Vessel of or in the Service of His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, shall not, on any such Protection granted as aforesaid being produced or tendered to him; or if such Protection shall have been taken away from the Party to whom it was so granted, at or after his having been so impressed, then, if on an Affidavit being made before some Justice or Justices of the Peace that such Protection was so granted, and continues in Force, and was taken away from the Party to whom the same was so granted, either at or after the Time he was impressed, and being tendered to the Captain or Officer who shall have the Command on Board any such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, such Captain or Officer having the Command as aforesaid, shall not forthwith discharge the Party who shall have been so impressed and brought on Shipboard as aforesaid; or if any Captain or Officer having Command as aforesaid, or any of the Crew or Company under him,

If any such protected Person shall be impressed, except in the Case of Invasion, or imminent Danger thereof,

and on producing, or offering to produce, his Protection, the Commanding Officer shall not examine, or shall withhold such Protection, and not release him;

or if, being carried on Board any of the King's Ships, the Commanding Officer there shall not discharge him on such Protection being produced; or if taken away from him,

on tendering to him an Affidavit made before some Justice, that such Protection was granted, and in Force, and was taken away, when he was impressed;

or if any Commanding Officer, or any of the Crew under him, shall take away, or detain, such Protection;

ſhall take away or detain any ſuch Protection granted as aforeſaid; then every Perſon who, in any of the ſaid Caſes, ſhall ſo offend, except in the Caſes herein before excepted, ſhall reſpectively forfeit and pay to the Party impreſſed, if not an Apprentice, and, if an Apprentice, then to the reſpective Maſter of every ſuch Apprentice, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered and levied in like Manner as other Forfeitures incurred by this Act are herein after directed to be recovered and levied.

the Offender, in any of the ſaid Caſes, ſhall forfeit 20 *l.* to the Party impreſſed, not being an Apprentice; and if an Apprentice, then to his Maſter.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Maſter or Owner of any ſuch Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall knowingly harbour, entertain, or employ, in any ſuch Fiſhing Ship, Sloop, Smack, Veſſel, or Boat, any Seaman or Landman, who ſhall have deſerted from his Majeſty's Service; every ſuch Maſter or Owner as aforeſaid, on being convicted of any ſuch Offence in Manner herein after-mentioned, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein after ſpecified.

The Maſter or Owner of any Fiſhing Veſſel, knowingly harbouring, &c. a Deſerter from the King's Service,

forfeits 20 *l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Juſtices of the Peace, within their reſpective Juriſdictions, ſhall hear and determine all Offences committed againſt the true Intent of this Act; and that all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted and made payable by this Act, whereof the Time for Payment is not herein before directed, ſhall be paid within Twenty four Hours after the Conviction of the Offender, either by his or her Confeſſion, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes; which Oath every Juſtice, within his reſpective Juriſdiction, is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter; and that any Juſtice or Juſtices, within his or their reſpective Juriſdiction, may iſſue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals reſpectively, directed to any Peace Officer within their reſpective Juriſdiction, to levy the ſame by Diſtreſs of the Goods and Chattles of the reſpective Perſon and Perſons who ſhall be ſo convicted, and which ſhall be found within the Juriſdiction of any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices; and if, within Five Days from any ſuch Diſtreſs being taken, the Money forfeited ſhall not be paid, together with the Coſts of ſuch Diſtreſs, the Goods ſo diſtrained ſhall be appraiſed and ſold, rendering the Overplus, if any, after deducting the Penalty or Forfeiture, and the Coſts and Charges of the Diſtreſs and Sale, to the Owner or Owners thereof; which Charges ſhall be aſcertained by ſome Juſtice or Juſtices of the County, City, Riding, Diviſion, or Place, in which the Offender

Juſtices are impowered to hear and determine all Offences committed againſt this Act within their reſpective Juriſdictions; and the pecuniary Penalties, where the Time is not otherwiſe limited, are to be paid in 24 Hours;

and may be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale,

together with all Charges, as aſcertained by a Juſtice;

and, for want of sufficient Distress,

(except in the Case of the Driver of a Fish Carriage)

the Offender, on the Application of the Prosecutor, shall be committed to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding 2 Months,

unless the Forfeiture be sooner paid.

or Offenders shall have been convicted; and if sufficient Distress cannot at any Time be found, whereby the Money which shall be forfeited by any Offender or Offenders against this Act (other than the Driver of any Fish Carriage as aforesaid) can be levied on his, her, or their Goods and Chattles, then, and in every such Case, on Proof thereof upon Oath before some Justice or Justices, within whose respective Jurisdiction any such Offender or Offenders shall reside or be, such Justice or Justices shall, on the Application of any Prosecutor or Prosecutors of any such Offender or Offenders, issue a Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any such Justice or Justices, directed to some Peace Officer or Officers, to apprehend every such Offender or Offenders, if he, she, or they can be found, and to convey and commit every such Offender and Offenders to the House of Correction of the County, City, or Place, where any such Offender or Offenders shall be found and apprehended, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Months, as any such Justice or Justices shall order, unless the Money which shall be forfeited by such Offender or Offenders shall be sooner paid.

Prosecutions to be commenced within 3 Months after the Offence;

and Persons suffering Imprisonment for any Offence, are not liable to pay the Penalty.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That no Person shall suffer any Punishment for any Offence committed against this Act, unless the Prosecution for the same be commenced within Three Calendar Months after such Offence committed; and that where any Person shall suffer Imprisonment, pursuant to this Act, for any Offence contrary thereto, in Default of Payment of any Penalty hereby imposed, such Person shall not be liable afterwards to pay such Penalty.

Any of the Parties concerned in contracting for Fish, contrary to this Act, giving the first Information against, and convicting others,

is indemnified himself,

and intitled to a Moiety of the Penalty.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who shall contract for Fish contrary to the Intent of this Act, shall, before Information shall be made against him for having so contracted for the same, inform against any other Party who shall have entered into any such Contract, and the Party or Parties who shall be so informed against shall afterwards, on any such Information, be duly convicted of any such Offence in Manner herein prescribed, then, and in every such Case, the Person who shall have so informed against and prosecuted to Conviction any such other Person as aforesaid, shall be acquitted and released from all Penalty and Forfeiture which the Party so informing had incurred by having entered into, or been a Party to, any such Contract, and shall be intitled to and have One Moiety of the Penalty which shall be forfeited by reason of the Conviction of the Party informed against.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if it ſhall be made out, by the Oath of any credible Perſon or Perſons, to the Satisfaction of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, that any One, within the Juriſdiction of any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, is likely to give or offer material Evidence on Behalf of the Proſecutor of any Offender or Offenders againſt the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or on Behalf of the Perſon or Perſons accuſed, and will not voluntarily appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and be examined, and give his, her, or their Evidence concerning the Premiſſes, every ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and required to iſſue his or their Summons, to convene every ſuch Witneſs and Witneſſes before any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, at ſuch ſeaſonable Time as in ſuch Summons ſhall be fixed; and if any Perſon ſo ſummoned ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear at the Time by ſuch Summons appointed, and no juſt Cauſe ſhall be offered for ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, then, after Proof by Oath of ſuch Summons having been duly ſerved upon the Party or Parties ſo ſummoned, every ſuch Juſtice and Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and required to iſſue his or their Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, to bring every ſuch Witneſs or Witneſſes before any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices; and, on the Appearance of any ſuch Witneſs or Witneſſes before any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, every ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and impowered to examine, upon Oath, every ſuch Witneſs; and if any ſuch Witneſs on his or her Appearance, or on being brought before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, ſhall refuſe to be examined, on Oath, concerning the Premiſſes, without offering any juſt Cauſe for ſuch Refuſal, any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, within the Limits of his or their Juriſdiction, may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, commit any Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing to be examined to the public Priſon of the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, or Place, in which the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing to be examined ſhall be, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, nor leſs than Three Days, as any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall direct.

Evidences may be ſummoned, and examined on Oath, on Behalf of the Proſecutor againſt Offenders;

and on their Nonappearance, without Cauſe ſhewn, or Refuſal, Warrants ſhall be iſſued againſt them;

and on their refuſing to be examined,

may be committed for any Time not exceeding 14 Days, nor leſs than 3.

And be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any Perſon againſt whom a Warrant ſhall be iſſued by any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for any Offence againſt this Act, ſhall go into, reſide, or be, in any other County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, out of the Juriſdiction of the Juſtice or Juſtices who ſhall have granted any ſuch Warrant or Warrants as

Offender eſcaping out of the Juriſdiction of the Juſtice granting a Warrant againſt him,

the Juſtice for the County where he ſhall eſcape to, may back ſuch Warrant,

aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, into which ſuch Offender or Offenders againſt this Act ſhall go or be, to indorſe his or their Name or Names on ſuch Warrant (Proof being firſt made, on Oath, of ſuch Warrant having been ſigned by ſuch other Juſtice or Juſtices) and every Warrant ſo indorſed ſhall be ſufficient Authority to all Perſons to execute ſuch Warrant in ſuch other County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, out of the Juriſdiction of the Juſtice or Juſtices who firſt granted ſuch Warrant; and every ſuch Juſtice and Juſtices reſpectively, as the Caſe ſhall happen, after indorſing any ſuch Warrant as aforeſaid, may, on the Offender or Offenders therein named being apprehended and brought before any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices within his or their reſpective Juriſdictions, hear and determine the Matter of the Complaint contained in every ſuch Warrant, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch Complaint had originally aroſe within the Juriſdiction of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices who ſhall have ſo backed any ſuch Warrant; or may direct the Offender or Offenders to be carried before a Juſtice or Juſtices within whoſe Juriſdiction the Offence was committed, there to be dealt with according to Law.

Proof being made of the original Signing thereof;

and may hear and determine the Matter of Complaint,

as if it had originally aroſe within his Juriſdiction;

or he may return the Offender to his original County, to be dealt with according to Law.

One Moiety of all Forfeitures, not otherwiſe appropriated, ſhall go to the Proſecutor,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That One Moiety of all Money which ſhall be forfeited for any Offence which ſhall be committed againſt this Act (and not herein otherwiſe appropriated) ſhall, when recovered, go and be paid to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall proſecute to Conviction any ſuch Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety thereof ſhall go and be paid to the Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital for the time being, for the Benefit of the ſame Hoſpital.

and the other to *Greenwich* Hoſpital.

Perſons aggrieved by the Order or Determination of any Juſtice, may appeal to the next Quarter Seſſion,

Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall think him, her, or themſelves aggrieved by any Order or Determination of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, upon account of any Offence committed, or ſuppoſed to be committed, againſt this Act, to appeal to the General or Quarter Seſſion of the Peace which ſhall be held for the County, City, Riding, Diviſion, or Place, where any ſuch Offence ſhall have been committed, next after the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders for any Offence committed againſt this Act; the Perſon or Perſons ſo appealing firſt giving Security in double the Sum forfeited, before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, to proſecute ſuch Appeal with Effect, and to abide by the Order or Orders which ſhall be made on ſuch Appeal, and giving Eight Days Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to

giving 8 Days Notice to the Parties, and Security to proſecute ſuch Appeal with Effect;

appeal, to the Party or Parties on whoſe Proſecution any ſuch Conviction ſhall be made, if there ſhall be ſo many Days within the Time of ſuch Conviction and ſuch General or Quarter Seſſion, and, if not, then the Party or Parties who ſhall deem him, her, or themſelves aggrieved by any ſuch Conviction, ſhall and may be at Liberty to appeal to the next General or Quarter Seſſion but one which ſhall be held next after any ſuch Conviction for the County, City, or Place, where any ſuch Conviction ſhall be made; and the Juſtices in their ſaid General or Quarter Seſſion are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of every ſuch Appeal, and to make ſuch Order therein, and to award ſuch Coſts, as to them ſhall appear juſt, and to cauſe to be levied, under the Order of any ſuch Seſſion, the Coſts which ſhall be awarded, together with ſuch Money as any ſuch Court of Seſſion, on the Hearing of any ſuch Appeal, ſhall adjudge to be forfeited, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall refuſe to pay ſuch Coſts and Money forfeited; and if ſufficient Goods or Chattles of any ſuch Offender or Offenders cannot be met with to ſatisfy ſuch Coſts and Money forfeited, then by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have become Surety or Sureties as aforeſaid for the Party or Parties who ſhall have ſo appealed.

and if there be not Time to give ſuch Notice, Appeal may then be made to the ſubſequent Seſſion;

and the Juſtices are then to determine the ſame, and award Coſts;

to be levied, together with the Money adjudged to be forfeited,

by Diſtreſs and Sale, on the Party, if Diſtreſs can be found,

and if not, then on his Security.

Provided likewiſe, and be it alſo enacted, That no Order or Proceedings to be made or had by or before any Juſtice of the Peace in relation to the Premiſſes, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for want of Form only; and that the Order which ſhall be made in the Premiſſes by the Juſtices at their General or Quarter Seſſion of the Peace as aforeſaid, ſhall be final; and that no Proceedings of any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices out of Seſſion, or in their ſaid General or Quarter Seſſion, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be removeable by Certiorari, Letters of Advocation or of Suſpenſion, or otherwiſe.

No Order or Proceedings of Juſtices may be vacated for want of Form; or removed by *Certiorari*, &c. nor Order of the Court of Seſſion be appealed from.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any thing which ſhall be done in purſuance of this Act, every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought and commenced within the Space of Six Calendar Months next after any ſuch Cauſe of Action ſhall have accrued, and not afterwards; and ſhall be brought, laid, and tried in the County, City, or Place, in which the Cauſe of Action ſhall have ariſen, and not elſewhere; and that the Defendant and Defendants in every ſuch Action and Suit may plead the

Limitation of Actions.

General Iſſue. General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act: And if the ſame ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or if any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall not be commenced within the Time before limited, or ſhall be laid or brought in any other County, City, or Place, than where the Cauſe of Action ſhall have ariſen; then, and in any of ſuch Caſes, the Jury ſhall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall become Nonſuit, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action, after the Defendant or Defendants therein ſhall have appeared, or if, on any Demurrer, Judgement ſhall be given for the Defendant or Defendants; then, and in any of the ſaid Caſes, every ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have and recover Treble Coſts, and ſhall be intitled to purſue and take ſuch Remedy for recovering of the ſame, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have to recover his or their Coſts in other Caſes by Law.

Treble Coſts.

Proviſions in the Act touching the Sale or Buying of Fiſh within the Bills of Mortality, and Penalties for Non-obſervance thereof, are extended to the Pariſh of Saint *Mary le Bone* in *Middleſex*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Proviſions and Regulations herein before contained and enacted, with reſpect to Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, touching the Sale or Buying of Fiſh, and all Penalties for the Non-obſervance thereof, ſhall extend, and be conſtrued to extend, to the Pariſh of Saint Mary le Bone in the ſaid County of Middleſex, and ſhall in like Manner to all Intents and Purpoſes take Place, and be in Force, with reſpect to the ſaid Pariſh of Saint Mary le Bone.

The prohibitory Clauſes in this Act againſt Contracts, are not to extend to thoſe made, or to be made, with regard to ſalt or dried Fiſh, Oyſters, Carp, or Tench.

Provided further, and it is hereby alſo enacted and declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to make void any Contract already made, or to prevent any Contract from being made, after the ſaid Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, by or with any Perſon or Perſons, in regard to ſalt or dried Fiſh, Oyſters, Carp, or Tench, or any of them.

No Information may be received by a Juſtice againſt any Perſon, for being concerned in any Contract for buying up Fiſh to be ſold again contrary to this Act;

but the Penalty for entering into ſuch

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace ſhall receive any Information againſt any Perſon or Perſons, by reaſon of being a Party to, or concerned in, any Contract for buying up Fiſh to be ſold again contrary to the Intent of this Act; but that all Money which ſhall be payable or forfeited by reaſon of any ſuch Contract being made or entered into, ſhall be recoverable only, together with Double Coſts of

Suit, by the Perſon who ſhall inform and ſue for the ſame in One of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, wherein no Eſſoin, Wager of Law, or Protection, ſhall be allowed; and One Moiety of the Money ſo forfeited, ſhall, when recovered, go and be paid to the Treaſurer of Greenwich Hoſpital for the time being, for the Benefit of the ſame Hoſpital, and the other Moiety thereof to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall inform for and recover the ſame.

Contract, ſhall be recoverable only, with Double Coſts, in One of the Courts at *Weſtminſter*; One Moiety to go to *Greenwich* Hoſpital, and the other to the Proſecutor.

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