

Statute 23. George II. Chap. 13.

IF any Person shall contract with, or endeavour to seduce any Artificer in Wool, Mohair, Cotton or Silk, or in Iron, Steel, Bras, or other Metal, or any Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer in any other of the Manufactures of Great Britain or Ireland, to go out of this Kingdom or Ireland, into any Foreign Country, not within the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain, and shall be convicted upon Indictment or Information in the King's Bench at Westminster, or by Indictment at the Assizes or General Gaol Delivery for the County, &c. wherein such Offence shall be committed in England, or by Indictment in the Court of Justiciary, or any of the Circuit Courts in Scotland, or by Indictment or Information in the King's Bench at Dublin, if such Offence be committed in Ireland; the Person so convicted shall, for every Artificer contracted with, or seduced, forfeit FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County or Stewartry wherein such Offender shall be convicted, for Twelve Calendar Months, and until Forfeiture be paid: And in Case of a subsequent Offence of the same Kind, the Persons so again offending shall forfeit, for every Person contracted with or seduced, ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, and shall suffer Imprisonment in the Common Gaol of the County or Stewartry wherein such Offender shall be convicted, for Two Years, and until such Forfeiture be paid.

If any Person in Great Britain or Ireland shall put on Board any Ship or Boat not bound directly to some Port in Great Britain or Ireland, or to some other of the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain, any such Tools or Utensils as are commonly used in, or proper for the Preparing, Working up or Finishing of the Woollen or Silk Manufacturers or any Part of such Tools, he shall for every Offence forfeit all such Tools, or Parts thereof, put on Board, and TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered by Action of Debt, &c. in any Court of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Session in Scotland, or at any of the Four Courts, in Dublin respectively, wherein no Essoin, &c. shall be allowed.

It shall be lawful for any Officer of the Customs in Great Britain, or for any Officer of the Revenue in Ireland, to seize and secure, in some of His Majesty's Warehouses, all such Tools or Utensils prohibited to be exported, as such Officer shall find on Board any Vessel not bound directly to some Port in Great Britain or Ireland, or to some other of the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain; and all Tools so seized shall, after Condemnation, be publicly sold to the best Bidder; and one Moiety of the Produce shall be to the Use of His Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Officer who shall seize and secure the same.

If the Captain of any Vessel in Great Britain or Ireland knowingly permit any of the said Tools, prohibited to be exported, to be put on Board his Vessel, he shall for every such Offence forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as the Penalties inflicted upon Persons exporting the Tools; and if the Vessel belongs to His Majesty, the Captain shall not only forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, but shall also forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of any Employment under His Majesty.

If any Officer of the Customs in Great Britain, or of the Revenue in Ireland, take, or knowingly suffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or sign any Cocket or Sufferance for the Shipping or Exporting of any of the said Tools, or knowingly suffer the same to be done, he shall forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as aforesaid, and also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of any Office under His Majesty.

One Moiety of the Forfeitures shall be applied to the Use of His Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person who shall sue for the same.

Whitehall, December 30, 1784.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That about Seven o'Clock in the Evening of Tuesday the 30th of November last, Edward Holborough, who was fined by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Wilts, in the Penalty of Sixty-five Pounds, for harbouring Seventy-two Gallons of Spirits, came to the House of Mr. Robert Mann, Supervisor of Excise, at Corsham, in the same County, and paid the said Fine: That, about Eight o'Clock the same Evening, a Number of Ruffians came and knocked softly at the Door of the said Robert Mann, who was standing in the Kitchen with the Division Officer: That, upon the Door being opened, Seven or Eight Men in Disguise, rushed into the House, all armed with Pistols of various Sizes, and, with horrid Imprecations demanded the Money to be delivered up immediately, or they would blow out his the said Supervisor's Brains; and that Five of them surrounded him with their Pistols pointed at his Head and Body: That, upon the said Robert Mann's asking them what Money they meant, they said, the Fine;—their own—their own: That, upon the said Robert Mann's declaring he had it not about him, they obliged him to say where it was; and Four of them forced him up Stairs into his Chamber; and, upon his taking the said Money out of his Chest, which was in a Purse, they pulled the Purse from his Hands, and emptied the Money into one of their Hats, and ran down Stairs, saying to their Companions, Here it is—Here it is: That they then left the House, mounted their Horses and fired many Pistols as they rode along the Street: That several respectable Neighbours came to their Doors while the Ruffians were in the said Robert Mann's House, but they were obliged to go in again, the Ruffians threatening them with immediate Death if they did not.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the most daring Outrage and Robbery above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of the said Persons, who will discover his or her Accomplices or Accomplices therein, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a farther Encouragement, the Commissioners of Excise do hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery, to be paid by their Secretary on Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

John Fisher, Secretary.