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Abstract of an Act passed in the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, *An Act to prevent the clandestine Running of Goods, and the Danger of Infection thereby; and to prevent Ship-breaking their Quarantine; and to subject Copper Ore, of the Production of the British Plantations, to such Regulations, as other enumerated Commodities of the like Production are subj<sup>d</sup>.*

**T**HAT if any Foreign Brandy, Arrack, Strong Waters, or Spirits of any kind whatsoever, shall, from and after the Twenty Fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, be imported or brought into Great Britain, or into any Port, Harbour, Haven, or Creek thereof, in any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, of the Burthen of Forty Tuns, or under, (except only for the Use of the Seamen then belonging to and on Board such Ship, Vessel or Boat, not exceeding Two Gallons for each such Seaman) every such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, with all her Tackle, Furniture, and Apparel, as also all such Brandy, Arrack, Strong Waters, or Spirits, or the Value thereof, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs, and shall and may be prosecuted and divided in such Manner and Form as is prescribed.

That after the Seizure and Condemnation of such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in the Port or Place where the same shall be at the time of such Condemnation, are directed to cause the Hull of such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, to be burnt and wholly destroyed, and the Tackle, Furniture, and Apparel thereunto belonging, to be publickly sold to the best Advantage, and the Produce thereof to be divided, as after mentioned, the reasonable Charges of prosecuting, selling, and burning, as aforesaid, being first deducted.

That from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, if any Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, rowing, or made or built to row, with more than four Oars, shall be found upon the Water, or in any Bargehouse, Workhouse, Shed, or other Place, within any of the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, or Essex, or in the River of Thames, either above or below London Bridge, or within the Limits of the Ports of London, Sandwich, or Ipswich, or the Members or Creeks to them, or either of them respectively belonging, such Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, with all her Tackle and Furniture, or the Value thereof, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs; and the Owner or Owners thereof, or any Person using, or rowing in such Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, shall also forfeit and lose the Sum of Forty Pounds; and such Seizure and Forfeiture shall and may be prosecuted in the manner after mentioned; and after the Seizure and Condemnation of such Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in the Port or Place where the same shall be at the time of such Condemnation, are directed to cause such Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, to be burnt, and wholly destroyed, and the Tackle, Furniture, and Apparel thereunto belonging, to be publickly sold to the best Ad-

vantage, the Produce whereof to be divided as after mentioned; the reasonable Charges of prosecuting, selling, and burning, as aforesaid, being first deducted.

Provided, That this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to any Barge or Gally belonging to, or to belong to His Majesty, or the Royal Family, or any of them, or to any Long Boat, Yawl, or Pinnace, belonging to, and used in the Service of any Merchant Ship, or Vessel, or to such Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, as shall be licensed by the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or the major part of the same Commissioners, for the time being; which Licences shall be in Writing, signed by the said Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or the major part of such Commissioners, for the Time being, and shall be granted without any Fee or Charge whatsoever.

Provided, That no such Licence shall be granted, but upon sufficient Security to be given to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by the Owner or Owners of such Boat, Wherry, Pinnace, Barge, or Gally, by Bond, in such Penalty as the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, for the Time being, shall find to be reasonable, with Condition that the same shall not be made use of in the clandestine Running of Uncustomed and Prohibited Goods; which Security the said Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, who shall grant such Licence, are hereby impowered and required to take for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

That from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, all and every Person and Persons, who shall be found passing (knowingly and wittingly) with any foreign Goods or Commodities, landed from any Ship or Vessel, without the due Entry and Payment of the Duties by Law charged thereon, in his, her, or their Custody, from any of the Coasts of this Kingdom, or within the Space of twenty Miles of any of the said Coasts, and shall be more than Five Persons in Company, or shall carry any offensive Arms or Weapons, or wear any Vizard, Mask, or other Disguise, when passing with such Goods or Commodities as aforesaid, or shall forcibly hinder or resist any of the Officers of the Customs or Excise, in the Seizing or Securing any Sorts or Kinds of Run Goods or Commodities, shall be deemed and taken to be Runners of foreign Goods and Commodities, within the Meaning of this present Act, and (being convicted of and for any of the said Offences, for which he, she, or they so convicted, are by this present Act declared to be deemed and taken to be Runners of foreign Goods and Commodities) shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall, for such his, her, or their Offence, be transported as a Felon, to some or one of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, there to remain for the Space of Seven Years, in the same manner as Felons are appointed to be transported, by an Act made in the Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, *An Act for the Pre-*  
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