

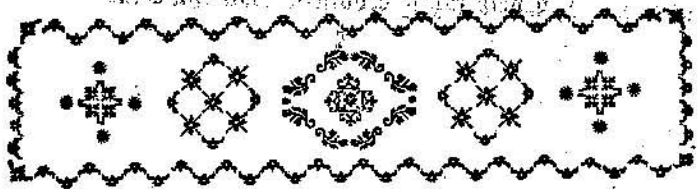


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An Act for establishing Regulations respecting Aliens arriving in this Kingdom, or resident therein, in certain Cases.



**PREAMBLE.**  
WHEREAS a great and unusual Number of Persons, not being natural-born Subjects of His Majesty, or Denizens, or Persons naturalized by Act of Parliament, have lately resorted to this Kingdom: And whereas, under the present Circumstances, much Danger may arise to the publick Tranquillity from the Resort and Residence of Aliens, unless due Provision be made in respect thereof; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority

Masters of Vessels to give to the Officer of the Customs at the Port of Arrival, a written Declaration, specifying the Names, &c. of Foreigners on Board.

of the same, That, during the Continuance of this Act, the Master or Commander of every Ship or Vessel which shall arrive in any Port or Place of this Kingdom, shall, immediately on his Arrival, declare in Writing to the Collector and Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, at or near such Port or Place, whether there are, to the best of his Knowledge, any Foreigners on Board his said Vessel; and shall, in his said Declaration, specify the Number of Foreigners, if any, on Board his said Vessel, and also specify their Names and respective Rank, Occupation, or Description, as far as he shall be informed thereof.

Penalty for Neglect of so doing.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master or Commander of every Ship or Vessel, so arriving as aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to make such Declaration as aforesaid, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds; for each and every Foreigner who shall have been on Board at the Time of the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, whom he shall have wilfully neglected or refused to declare as aforesaid; One Moiety whereof shall be to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish or Place in which such Offence shall have been committed, to be recovered before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Division, City, Town, or Place, in which such Offence shall have been committed, by the Confession of the Party; or on the Oath of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses; and in case such Master or Commander as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse forthwith to pay such Penalty as he shall be adjudged to pay in Manner aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, to detain such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, until the same shall have been paid.

Application of Penalty, and how recoverable.

On Nonpayment of Penalty, the Vessel may be detained.

Aliens arriving after Jan. 10, 1793, to give to the Port Officer of the Customs a written De-

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Alien who shall arrive in any Port or Place of this Kingdom, on or after the Tenth Day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, shall, immediately

immediately after such Arrival, declare in Writing to the Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, at or near such Port or Place, his or her Name and Rank, Occupation or Description, or if a Domestic Servant, then also the Name, Rank, Occupation, or Description of his or her Master or Mistress, or shall verbally make to such Officer as aforesaid such Declaration, to be by him reduced to Writing; and shall also in like Manner declare the Country or Countries, Place or Places where he or she shall have principally resided for Six Calendar Months next immediately preceding such Arrival: And that every such Alien who shall neglect to make Declaration of the aforesaid Particulars, or who shall wilfully make any false Declaration thereof, shall, for every such Offence, on Conviction thereof in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, or in any Court of Oyer and Terminer, Gaol Delivery, or Great Sessions, or Judiciary Court in Scotland, be adjudged to depart out of this Realm, and all other His Majesty's Dominions, within a Time to be limited in such Judgement; and if he or she shall be found therein after such Time in such Judgement so limited, without lawful Cause, he or she shall, being duly convicted thereof, be transported for Life.

Declaration of their Names, Rank, &c.

Aliens neglecting to make such Declaration, &c. to be adjudged to depart out of the Realm, and for Non-compliance, to be transported for Life.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Alien so arriving as aforesaid, shall obtain from the Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Customs (and such Officers are hereby respectively required to deliver the same) a Certificate of his or her Declaration, made in Writing or verbally, containing all the Particulars in such Declaration contained.

Aliens to obtain from the Officer of the Customs, a Certificate of their Declarations.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein-before contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Mariner, whom the Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel, arriving in any Port or Place in Great Britain, shall certify to such Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Customs, in Writing, subscribed by such Master or Commander, to be actually engaged and employed

As not to extend to Mariners certified by the Master to the Officer of the Customs.

ployed in the Navigation of such Ship or Vessel, during the Time that such Mariner shall remain so actually engaged and employed; and which Certificate in Writing, so subscribed as aforesaid, every such Master or Commander as aforesaid is hereby required to give.

Arms, &c. attempted to be imported by Aliens, except as Merchandize, to be seized.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any Alien to arrive to import or bring into this Kingdom, any Weapons, Arms, Gunpowder, or Ammunition whatsoever, other than as Merchandize, subject to the Laws now in force respecting the Importation of such Arms or Ammunition respectively as Merchandize; and that it shall be lawful for any of His Majesty's Officers of the Customs to take into his or their Custody any Weapons, Arms, Gunpowder, or Ammunition which shall be attempted to be imported or brought into this Kingdom, in any Manner contrary to this Act, taking an Account thereof; which Account shall specify the Persons by whom the same were respectively brought; and that such Weapons, Arms, Gunpowder, or Ammunition shall be, and shall remain at the King's Disposal.

If His Majesty in Council shall direct that Aliens of any Description, shall not be landed, or only at prescribed Places, Masters of- fending, liable to Penalty.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and so often as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall think it necessary for the Safety or Tranquillity of the Kingdom, by His or Their Proclamation or Order in Council, to direct that Aliens of any Description therein contained (not being Alien Merchants within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act) shall not be landed in this Kingdom, or shall not be landed, except at such Places, and under such Regulations, as shall be in such Proclamation or Order expressed, then and in every such Case the Master or Commander of every Ship, or Vessel, or Boat, having any such Alien or Aliens on Board, shall not suffer any such Alien or Aliens to land within any Part of this Kingdom, contrary to such Proclamation or Order in Council, unless by the express Permission of His Majesty, signified under the Hand of One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and every such Master or Commander wilfully neglecting to conform to any of the Directions or Regula-  
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Penalty, and how applied and recover- able.