

O A P. III.

An ACT for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty's Navy and Army in this Province.

HEREAS notwithstanding the Provision made by the Act of Parliament, and the Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, for preventing the Desertion of Seamen from his Majesty's Ships of War, and of Soldiers from his Majesty's Troops in this Province, many evil minded Persons do harbour, conceal, assist and even excite them to desert, to the great Detriment of his Majesty's Service; for Remedy whereof,

Preamble.

I. Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any Person shall harbour or conceal any Stranger or idle wandering Person, who has not a Certificate or Pass from one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within this Province, or from an Officer commanding any of Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or from the commanding Officer of any Regiment, Troop or Company, to which they belong, which shall set forth from whence such Person shall have come, and the Place to which they are to pass, and shall not use his utmost Endeavour to apprehend, or cause such idle or wandering Person to be apprehended and conveyed before some Justices of Peace, such Person being thereof convicted before any two or more of his Majesty's Justices of Peace either on Confession or Oath of one credible Witness, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Ten Pounds, one Half, to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other half to the Poor of the Township where the Offense shall be committed to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles by Warrant from such Justices, and if sufficient Distress cannot be found, it shall be lawful for such Justices to commit the Person so offending to Goal, or to the House of Correction; there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time, not exceeding Four Months, nor less than two Months.

If any Person shall harbour or conceal any Stranger or wandering person who has not a Pass,

and shall not use his Endeavour to apprehend such Stranger & convey him before a Justice, on Conviction to forfeit not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Ten Pounds.

II. And be it also Enacted, That if any Person shall advise or incite any Seaman or Soldier to desert, such Person so advising or inciting shall upon Conviction by the Oath of two or more credible Witnesses before two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace be liable to a fine of Forty pounds, for the Use of the poor of the Township where the Offense shall be committed, and be levied and recovered as aforesaid, and in Failure of payment thereof, or where no sufficient Distress can be found, whereon to levy the same, such Person shall be committed to Goal or the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for Twelve Months.

Any Person advising or inciting any Seaman or Soldier to desert, shall on a Conviction be liable to a Fine of Forty Pounds.

committed.

III. Provided always that any Person who shall have been prosecuted and fined on the Act of Parliament for concealing or Harboursing Deserters shall not be again prosecuted for the same offence on this Act.

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IV. And

IV. *And provided also.* That this Act and every Clause and Article therein contained shall be of Force for and during the present Rebellion in America, and no longer.

C A P. IV.

. Geo. 3. cap. 1.
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An A C T for continuing the several Acts relating to the Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

Continued to 31st
December, 1778.

✠✠✠✠ *E it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and*
✠ B ✠ *Assembly, that an Act made in the Eight Year of his present*
✠✠✠✠ *Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for Granting to His*
Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula
of Halifax, and also An Act made in the fifteenth Year of his said
Majesty's Reign, in Amendment of the said Act, shall be, and the
same are hereby continued in force from the Expiration thereof
until the Thirty first Day of December One Thousand Seven Hun-
dred and Eighty.

C A P. V.

An A C T for continuing an Act made in the 15th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, arms and Ammunition, or Salt-petre, or carrying the same Coastways.

✠✠✠✠ *E it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and*
✠ B ✠ *Assembly, That an Act made in the fifteenth year of his*
present Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act empower the
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief,
for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, Arms
and Amunition or Salt Petre, or carrying the Same Coastways, shall
be, and continue, and the same is hereby continued in Force, from
the Expiration thereof, for and during the present Rebellion in America
only and no longer.