



# Incitement to Mutiny Act 1797

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An Act for the better Prevention and Punishment of Attempts to seduce Persons serving in His Majesty's Forces by Sea or Land from their Duty and Allegiance to His Majesty, or to incite them to Mutiny or Disobedience. [6th June 1797]

## Preamble

Whereas divers wicked and evil disposed persons, by the publication of written or printed papers and by malicious and advised speaking, have of late industriously endeavoured to seduce persons serving in his Majesty's forces by sea and land from their duty and allegiance to his Majesty, and to incite them to mutiny and disobedience:

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

## [1.] Any person who shall attempt to seduce any sailor or soldier from his duty or incite him to mutiny, &c. to suffer death.

From and after the passing of this Act, any person who shall maliciously and advisedly endeavour to seduce any person or persons serving in his Majesty's forces by sea or land from his or their duty and allegiance to his Majesty, or to incite or stir up any such person or persons to commit any act of mutiny, or to make or endeavour to make any mutinous assembly, or to commit any traitorous or mutinous practice whatsoever, shall, on being legally convicted of such offence, be adjudged guilty of felony, . . . <sup>F1</sup>

### Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1888 \(c. 3\)](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Reference to "His Majesty's forces by land" to be construed as including a reference to the Air Force: S.R. & O. 1918/548 (Rev. I, p. 896: 1918 I, p. 501), Sch.

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**Textual Amendments**  
F2 S. 2 repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. III](#)

3 **Persons tried for offences against this Act not to be tried again for the same, as high treason, or misprision of high treason, &c.**

Provided always, that any person who shall be tried and acquitted or convicted of any offence against this Act shall not be liable to be indicted, prosecuted or tried again for the same offence or fact as high treason or misprision of high treason; and that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend to prevent any persons guilty of any offence against this Act, and who shall not be tried for the same as an offence against this Act, from being tried for the same as high treason or misprision of high treason, in such manner as if this Act had not been made.

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**Textual Amendments**  
F3 S. 4 repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1871 \(c. 116\)](#)

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