



Piracy Act 1721 (repealed 5.11.1993)

1721 CHAPTER 24 8 Geo 1

6 Masters or seamen not defending themselves against pirates, etc. forfeit their wages and suffer six months imprisonment.

And in case any commander, master, or other officer, or any seaman or mariner of any merchant ship or vessel, which carries guns and arms, shall not when they are attacked by any pirate, or by any ship or vessel on which any such pirate is on board, fight and endeavour to defend themselves and their said ship or vessel from being taken by the said pirate, or shall utter any words to discourage the other mariners from defending the ship, and by reason thereof the said ship or vessel shall fall into the hands of such pirate, then and in every such case every such commander or master or other officer and every seaman or mariner who shall not fight and endeavour to defend and save the said ship or vessel, or who shall utter any such words as aforesaid, shall lose and forfeit all and every part of the wages due to him and them respectively, to the owner and owners of the said ship or vessel, and shall not be permitted to sue for or recover the same or any part thereof in any court either of law or equity, and as a further punishment shall suffer six months imprisonment.

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Piracy Act 1721 (repealed 5.11.1993), Section 6.