



Foreign Enlistment Act 1870

1870 CHAPTER 90 33 and 34 Vict

Illegal Enlistment

5 Penalty on leaving Her Majesty's dominions with intent to serve a foreign state.

If any person, without the license of Her Majesty, being a British subject, quits or goes on board any ship with a view of quitting Her Majesty's dominions, with intent to accept any commission or engagement in the military or naval service of any foreign state at war with a friendly state, or, whether a British subject or not, within Her Majesty's dominions, induces any other person to quit or to go on board any ship with a view of quitting Her Majesty's dominions with the like intent,—

He shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be punishable by fine and imprisonment, or either of such punishments, at the discretion of the court before which the offender is convicted; . . . ^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words omitted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\), s. 1\(2\)](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\), s. 221\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Foreign Enlistment Act 1870, Section 5.