



Submarine Telegraph Act 1885

1885 CHAPTER 49 48 and 49 Vict

6 Powers of British and foreign officers.

- (1) For the purpose of carrying into effect the Convention, a person commanding a ship of war of Her Majesty or of any foreign state for the time being bound by the Convention, or a ship specially commissioned for the purpose of the Convention by Her Majesty or by the government of such foreign state, may exercise and perform the powers and duties vested in and imposed on such officer by any article in the Schedule to this Act.
- (2) If any person obstructs any such officer in such exercise or performance, or refuses or neglects to comply with any demand or direction lawfully made or given by him in pursuance of this Act, such person shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}fifty pounds][^{F1}level 3 on the standard scale], or to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding two months, . . . ^{F2}
- (3) ^{F3}
- (4) ^{F4}
- (5) Every such action shall be brought in one of Her Majesty's superior courts in the United Kingdom (which courts shall have jurisdiction to try the same wherever the matter complained of occurred) ^{F5} . . . or in a court exercising in a British possession the like authority as the High Court in England, but in no other court whatsoever.

Textual Amendments

- F1** In s. 6(2) for “fifty pounds” there is substituted (E.W.S.) “level 3 on the standard scale” by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) (as inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 54](#)).
- F2** Words omitted under authority of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), [s. 1\(2\)](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 221\(2\)](#), and repealed (N.I.) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1953 \(c. 14\)](#), [s. 1\(2\)](#).
- F3** [Ss. 6\(3\), 13](#) repealed by [Continental Shelf Act 1964 \(c. 29\)](#), [s. 8\(2\)](#).
- F4** [S. 6\(4\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), [s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Submarine Telegraph Act 1885, Section 6. (See end of Document for details)

F5 Words in s. 6(5) repealed (8.11.1995) by 1995 c. 44, s. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. II** Group 2

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