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And if any Person shall give, offer, or promise to give any Bribe, Recompence, or Reward to, or make any Collusive Agreement with, any Officer of the Customs, or connive at any Act whereby the Provisions of this or any other Act relative to the Customs may be evaded or broken, every such Person shall forfeit the Sum of £500.

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To all people to whom these presents shall come.

We the Commissioners for Managing and causing to be Levied & Collected His Majesty's Customs, Do hereby Constitute and Appoint **Lawrence Wills** *to be a Boatman in the Preventive Boat in the service of the said Revenue at Elmer in the* **Port of Arundel** *and to do and perform all things to the said Office or Employment belonging, when at the said Port, or at any other Port or Place in England or Wales, or at the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed. By virtue whereof He hath Power to enter into any Ship, Bottom, Boat or other Vessel, & also in the Day Time with a Writ of Assistants under the Seal of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and taking with him a Constable, Headborough or other public Officer next inhabiting, to enter into any House, Shop, Cellar, Warehouse or other Place whatsoever not only within the said Port, but also within any other Port or Place whatsoever there to make diligent Search, and in case of Resistance, to break open any Door, Trunk, Chest, Case, Pack, Truss or any other Parcel or Package whatsoever, for any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, prohibited to be exported out of, or imported into the said Port, or whereof the Customs or other duties have not been duly paid. And the same to seize to His Majesty's Use, and to put & secure the same in the Warehouse in the Port next to the place of Seizure. In all which Premises, He is to proceed in such Manner as the Law directs. Hereby praying and requiring all and every His Majesty's Officers and Ministers, & all others whom it may concern, to be aiding and assisting to Him in all things as becometh.*

Given under our Hands and Seal at the Custom House, **LONDON** *this first Day of May in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Fourth, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty-one.*

[signed] W. T. Roe | *[signed] W. Boothby*
[signed] H. Richmond | *[signed] J. Stewart*

Commissioners of the Customs for the United Kingdom, "Appointment as a Commissioned Boatman," folded vellum document in a leather carrying case, Lawrence Wills, 01 May 1821; citing CENM2001.115.1 held by National Museums Liverpool - Maritime Museum, Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool, Merseyside, England.

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