



# Customs Consolidation Act 1876

## 1876 CHAPTER 36

AS TO THE COURSE OF PROCEDURE FOR RECOVERING PENALTIES, ENFORCING FORFEITURES, AND PUNISHING OFFENDERS UNDER THE CUSTOMS ACTS.

*As to claim by owners of goods seized*

### **267 Probable cause may be certified in bar.**

When in any information or suit relating to any seizure a verdict or judgment shall be found for the claimant, if it shall appear to the judge or justice before whom the same was heard that there was reasonable or probable cause of seizure, and such judge or justice shall so certify on the record or information, such certificate may be pleaded a bar to any action, indictment, or other proceeding against the seizer; and in case any action, indictment, or other proceeding shall be brought to trial against any person on account of any seizure (whether any information be brought to trial for the condemnation of the same or not), and a verdict shall be given for the plaintiff, if the judge or justice before whom such action, indictment, information, or other proceedings shall be tried or heard shall certify on the record, information, or other written proceedings that there was reasonable or probable cause for seizure, the plaintiff shall not be entitled to more than twopence damages nor to any costs, nor shall the defendant be fined more than one shilling; and the production of such certificate, or a copy thereof, verified by the signature of the officer of the court, shall be sufficient evidence of such certificate.