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CAP. III.

An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other Trading Ships and Vessels.

FOR the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other Trading Ships and Vessels; be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, until the First Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, and no longer, (except in respect to such Merchant Ships, and other Trading Ships, or Vessels, which shall be on their Voyage before the said First Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and

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Until *Feb.* 1. 1772, Trading Ships or Vessels may be navigated by Foreign Seamen;

and seventy-two, who shall be, and are hereby allowed the Liberty and Benefit of returning home, navigated in the Manner as herein after is provided), it shall and may be lawful for any Merchant Ship, or other Trading Ship, or Vessel, to be navigated by Foreign Seamen or Mariners, not being Natives of Great Britain, or of any of the Colonies or Plantations thereto belonging, or His Majesty's natural or naturalized Subjects, so as the Number of such Foreign Seamen or Mariners do not exceed Three Fourths of the Mariners at any one Time employed to navigate such Merchant Ship, or other Trading Ship, or Vessel; and that One Fourth, at least, of the Mariners or Seamen so employed be at all Times Natives, or His Majesty's naturalized Subjects of Great Britain (sudden Death and Hazard, and Casualties of War, and the Seas, saved and excepted); One Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation, or any other Statute or Law to the Contrary notwithstanding.

so as their Number do not exceed 3 Fourths of the Mariners employed.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to take away, or restrain the Effect of any such Royal Proclamation, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, are impowered to make by virtue of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other Trading Ships, and Privateers.

This Act not to restrain the Effect of any Royal Proclamation made by virtue of Act 13 *Geo.* II.

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