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CAP. XXXVIII.

An Act for the better Support and Eſtabliſhment of the *Greenland* and Whale Fiſhery.

WHEREAS the free Importation of Fins, Oil, and Blubber of Whales, and the Oil-skins and other Produce of Seals, and other Creatures, taken or caught in the Greenland Seas, and Davis's Streights, and the Bounties given by former Acts of Parliament for the Encouragement of His Majeſty's Subjects to carry on and improve the Greenland and Whale Fiſheries, have been found of great Advantage to the Navigation, Trade, and Manufactures of this Kingdom, and further Encouragements are neceſſary to ſupport and eſtabliſh the ſaid Fiſheries; may it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons, for and during the Space of Fifteen Years, to be computed from the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-one, to

Preamble.

From *Dec.* 25, 1771, Perſons may import Blubber, Whale Fins, &c.

caught in the *Greenland* Seas, &c. in *British* Ships;

to import Whale Fins, Oil, or Blubber of Whales, Seal Oil, Seal Skins, or any other Produce of Seals, or other Fish or Creatures, taken or caught in the said Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, or in any Parts of the Seas adjoining or adjacent thereunto, in British Ships, whereof the Captain or Master, and One Third Part at the least of the Mariners are British Subjects, without paying any Custom, Subsidy, or other Duty for the same, during the said Term of Fifteen Years; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the Contrary thereof notwithstanding.

the Captain and One Third of the Mariners, to be *British*; without paying Custom, during Fifteen Years.

Captain to make Oath that all Fish so imported were caught in the *Greenland* Seas, &c.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to give Liberty of importing any of the before-mentioned Commodities Duty-free, unless the Captain, Master, or other commanding Officer, of the Ship or Vessel importing the same, shall first make Oath, before some or One of the Commissioners or principal Officer of the Customs in the Port or Ports of Importation (who is and are hereby respectively authorised and required to administer such Oath), that all the Whale Fins, Oil, or Blubber of Whales, Seal Oil, Seal Skins, or other Produce of Seals, or other Fish or Creatures, imported in such Ship or Vessel, was really and bona fide the Fins, Oil, or Blubber of Whales, or the Skins, Oil, or other Produce of Seals, or other Fish or Creatures, caught and taken in the said Greenland Seas, Davis's Streights, or other Parts of the Seas adjoining or adjacent thereunto, by the Crews of such Ships and Vessels only, whereof the Captain or Master, and One Third Part, at the least, of the Mariners were British Subjects.

After *Dec.* 15, 1771, Bounties granted by former Acts to cease.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, the former Bounties granted by any Act or Acts of Parliament for the Encouragement of the said Greenland or Whale Fishery, shall cease, determine, and be no longer paid or allowed (except in such Cases only where especial Provision is made for the same by this Act), and in lieu and instead thereof, the several respective Bounties herein after mentioned, shall be paid and allowable under the several Rules and Restrictions herein after expressed and directed; (that is to say) Every British Ship or Vessel that shall, within the Time limited by this Act, proceed from any Port of Great Britain on the Whale Fishery to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, and the adjacent Seas, named and navigated as aforesaid, shall, before she proceed on such Voyage, or be intitled to the Benefit of this Act,

British Ships to be visited by Officers of the Customs before they proceed on their Voyage to *Greenland*.

be visited by the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs belonging to such Port, who shall examine into such Ship or Vessel, and take an Account of the Tonnage thereof by Admeasurement, and shall certify such his or their Visitation, Examination, and Admeasurement, to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs; and if it appear by the Certificate of such Officer or Officers, that she hath on Board such a Number of Men, Provisions, Boats, Fishing-lines, and Instruments to be used in such Fishery as herein after are mentioned, that she is strongly built, and otherwise a proper Ship for such Voyage and Fishery, and hath on Board, among her Crew, a sufficient Number of Harpooners, Steersmen, and Line-managers, who have before been employed in such Voyages (the Names of such Persons to be contained in such Certificate), and if it further appear by the Oath of One or more Owner or Owners, and of the Master or chief Officer of such Ship, written at the Foot of such Certificate, and made before the Collector or Comptroller of such Port (who are hereby impowered and required to administer the same), that it is really and truly their firm Purpose and determined Resolution, that such Ship shall, as soon as Licence shall be granted, forthwith proceed, so manned, furnished, and accoutred, in a Voyage to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, or the Seas adjacent, and there, in the then approaching Season, to use the utmost Endeavours of themselves and their Ship's Company to take Whales, or other Creatures living in the Sea, and on no other Design or View of Profit in such Voyage, and to import the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber thereof, into the Kingdom of Great Britain (naming the Port to which it is their Intention to return); and if the Master, after such Certificate had, and Oath made, do also become bound, with Two sufficient Securities, unto His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in the Penalty of such Sum as shall be equal to Treble the Bounty intended by this Act, (which Bond the said Collector, with the Approbation of the Comptroller, is hereby required to take, and is to be in Force for the Term of Three Years, against the Master and Sureties, for the faithful Dealing of the said Master and Ship's Company, in regard to the said Ship and Voyage); then, and in all such Cases, it shall and may be lawful for any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Customs in England or Scotland respectively, for the Time being, on receiving such Certificates and Oaths made, and it being certified to them by the Collector and Comptroller

Commissioners of the Customs to grant Licences to the Master to proceed, sufficient Securities being given.

troller of such Port, that sufficient Security hath been given as aforesaid, to give and grant, and they are hereby required to give and grant, to the Master and Owners of such Ship, full Licence and Authority to proceed on such Voyage as aforesaid.

Ships of 200 Tons Burthen how to be furnished.

And to prevent any Disputes that may arise, whether a Ship be properly qualified, and duly fitted out for the Whale Fishery, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and intitled to a Certificate thereof from the Custom-house Officers, it is hereby enacted, That every Ship of the Burthen of Two hundred Tons, designed for this Fishery, shall, and is hereby obliged to have on Board Forty Fishing Lines, of One hundred and twenty Fathom each, Forty Harpoon Irons, four Boats, with Seven Men (including a Harpooner, a Steersman, and a Line-manager, to each Boat, making in the Whole Twenty-eight Men, besides the Master and Surgeon) with Six Months Provisions, at the least, for such Number of Men; and every Ship of larger Burthen an increase of Six Men, One Boat, Ten such Lines, and Ten Harpoon-Irons more, for every Fifty Tons above the said Two hundred Tons, together with Provisions in proportion; and every Ship, which shall be so employed in the said Fishery, shall have on Board an Apprentice, indentured for the Space of Three Years at the least, for every Fifty Tons Burthen, who shall be accounted as One of the Number of Men required to be on Board such Ship as aforesaid.

On Return of such Ship, Officers of the Customs to inspect her Condition and Lading.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on the Return of such Ship to the Port to which the Master and Mate declared, on Oath, their Intention to return, the proper Officers of the Customs, at such Port, shall immediately repair on Board, and view the Condition of such Ship and her Lading, and certify the same, together with their Observations thereon, as also the real Tonnage of the said Ship; and the said Officers are also to take an Account or Schedule of the Names of the Master, Mate, and other Persons on Board, distinguishing therein the Harpooners and Persons more immediately employed in the said Fishery, and to certify the same; and the Master and Mate shall make Oath before the Collector and Comptroller (who are hereby impowered and required to administer the same) on the Back of, or annexed to the Licence granted as aforesaid, which they are hereby then required to deliver up, that they did, in pursuance thereof, (mentioning the Day of their Departure) proceed in a

Voyage

Voyage directly to the Places aforesaid, and have not since been on any other Voyage, or pursued any other Design, or View of Profit; and that they did there (mentioning the Time of their Stay in those Seas) use their utmost Endeavour of themselves, and their Ships Company, to take Whales, and other Creatures living in those Seas; and that all the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber, imported (if any) in such Ship, was really and bona fide caught and taken in the said Seas, by the Crew of such Ship only, or with the Assistance of the Crew of some other British Ship licensed for that Voyage, pursuant to the Directions of this Act; all which Schedule, Certificate, Licence, and Oath, shall be transmitted by the Collector and Comptroller of such Port, to the respective Commissioners for that Part of Great Britain from whence the Ship departed with her Licence; and such Commissioners being fully satisfied of the faithful Dealings of the Master, and other Persons employed in such Ships, with respect to such Voyage and Fishery, shall, on Demand, cause Payment to be made to the Master or Owners, or to his or their Assigns, by the Receiver-general of the Customs for that Part of Great Britain from whence the Ship departed, the Bounty or Premium following, according to the Admeasurement of such Ship duly certified as aforesaid; (that is to say) For every such Ship as shall proceed on the said Fishery, from the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, to the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, the Sum of Forty Shillings per Ton; and for every such Ship, as shall proceed on the said Fishery, from the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, to the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, the Sum of Thirty Shillings per Ton; and for every such Ship as shall proceed on the said Fishery from the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, to the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, the Sum of Twenty Shillings per Ton.

Bounty on Vessels 40 *s.* *per* Ton, from *Dec.* 25, 1771, to *Dec.* 25, 1776.

From *Dec.* 25 1776 to *Dec.* 25 1781, 30 *s.* *per* Ton.

From *Dec.* 25, 1781 to *Dec.* 25, 1786, 20 *s.* *per* Ton.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall be allowed or intitled to receive the Bounty herein before granted, for any Ship which shall proceed upon the said Whale Fishery, from any Part of Great Britain, after the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, unless such Ship shall sail from the Port where she shall be surveyed and cleared directly

No Person to receive Bounty unless the Ship sail from the Port where inspected.

on her intended Fishery, on or before the Tenth Day of April in each and every Year, and shall continue with her Crew in the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, or the adjacent Seas, diligently endeavouring to catch Whales, or other Creatures living in those Seas, and shall not depart from thence before the Tenth Day of August then following, unless such Ship shall be laden with the Blubber and Fins of One Whale, caught by the Crew thereof, or with the Assistance of the Crew of some other licensed Ship, before that Time; or shall be forced, by some unavoidable Accident or Necessity, to depart sooner from those Seas; which Accident or Necessity shall be verified on the Oaths of the Master and Mate belonging to such Ship, upon her Return from the said Fishery, before the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Port where she shall arrive, who shall transmit the same, together with the Schedule, Licence, and other Documents by this Act required, to the respective Commissioners of the Customs for that Part of Great Britain from whence such Ship departed with her Licence.

Ships cleared out before the passing hereof intitled to the Bounty of 40 s. *per* Tun.

And whereas the Dispatch of Ships on the Whale Fishery to the Greenland Seas, Davis's Streights, and Seas adjacent, must of Necessity be within the Months of March or April; and some British Ships, for the Sake of keeping the Men that have been taught the Art of the said Fishing in Employ, and to prevent their going into foreign Service, may have been fitted out from the River of Thames, or other Parts of His Majesty's British Dominions, and proceeded on the said Whale Fishery to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, and Seas adjacent, since the Commencement of this Session of Parliament, and before the Commencement of this Act, and it will be but just and reasonable that the Bounties intended to be given on the Return of the Ships hereafter to be fitted out on such Voyage, should be given also to the Owners of such Ships already sailed upon such Voyage, and not yet returned; be it therefore provided and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Owner or Owners of any Ship or Ships already sailed on the said Voyage and Fishery respectively, who have conformed themselves, in all Respects, to the Rules and Directions prescribed by the several Acts of Parliament which were in Force at the Commencement of this Act, for granting a Bounty upon such Ships, shall be allowed and intitled to receive the Bounty of Forty Shillings per Ton for such Voyage, in the same Manner as he or they would have been intitled to receive the same, if

this Act had not been made, any Thing herein contained to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Bounties how to be settled by the Commissioners of the Customs.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of the Customs in England and Scotland respectively, to order the respective Receivers-general of the Customs, in case the Monies remaining in their Hands, arising from the Old Subsidy, shall not be sufficient, at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this Act, to satisfy the said Bounty of Forty Shillings per Ton, and Thirty Shillings per Ton, and Twenty Shillings per Ton, during the several Periods herein before limitted, payable on all Ships employed in the said Fishery, according to the Directions of this present Act, to pay the same out of any Monies that shall be in their Hands, arising from any of the Duties and Revenues under their Management respectively.

Commissioners of the Customs to lay before the Parliament, at the Commencement of each Session, what Number of Ships have been employed in the Whale Fishery, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs for England and Scotland respectively, shall, at the Beginning of every Session of Parliament, lay before both Houses of Parliament an Account in Writing under their Hands of what Number of Ships have been employed in the Whale Fishery to Davis's Streights and the Greenland Seas, with their respective Names and Burthens, from whence they were fitted out, and at what Port in Great Britain they were discharged, and also what Quantity of Oil, or Whale Fins each Ship shall have imported.

Owners of Ships under 200 Tuns Burthen, intitled to Bounty, according to their Admeasurement.

And whereas it hath been found by Experience, that Ships under the Burthen of Two hundred Tons are fit for the said Fishery; be it therefore enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That every Owner or Owners of any Ship or Ships, under the Burthen of Two hundred Ton, which shall be employed in the said Fishery, who have conformed themselves in all Respects to the Rules and Directions herein before prescribed to the Owners of Ships of Two hundred Tons, shall be intitled to the said Bounty, as herein before limitted, according to the Admeasurement of such Ship or Ships respectively.

No Ship above 400 Tons Burthen to be intitled to a larger Bounty.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Ship, to be employed in the said Fishery, although she be above the Burthen of Four hundred Tons, shall be intitled to a larger Bounty than a Ship of Four hundred Tons would be intitled to.

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Provided also, That nothing in this present Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to oblige the

Owner or Owners of any Ship above the Burthen of Four hundred Tons, in order to intitle him or them to the said Bounty, to fit out, equip, and man, any such Ship, otherwise than as a Ship of the Burthen of Four hundred Tons only is, by this present Act, required to be fitted out, equipped, and manned.

Owners may insure the Bounty they are intitled to.

And whereas Applications have heretofore been made to Parliament for the Bounty on Ships employed in the said Fishery that have happened to be lost at Sea before their Return to Great Britain, and a Doubt hath arisen whether the said Bounty may be lawfully insured by the Owner or Owners of such Ships; for obviating such Doubt, and for preventing any future Applications to Parliament for the Bounty on any such Ships, be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Owner or Owners of any Ship employed, or designed to be employed, in the said Fishery, to insure the Bounty which such Owner or Owners would be intitled to upon the Return of such Ship to the Port to which the Master and Mate of such Ship shall have declared on Oath their Intention to return, and on the Performance of all other Matters directed and appointed by this present Act to be performed for obtaining the said Bounty.

After *Dec.* 25. 1771, for 15 Years, Ships fitted out from *America* to be inspected by the Officers at the respective Ports.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, for and during the Space of Fifteen Years, to be computed from the said Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, every Ship built or fitted out in any of his Majesty's Dominions in America, not being more than Two Years old from the first Building thereof, that proceeds from any Port in his Majesty's American Dominions on the Fishery aforesaid, manned and navigated as by the Laws now in Force is directed, which shall, before she proceeds on such Voyage, be visited by the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs belonging to such Port, who shall take an Account of the Tonnage thereof in such Manner as is herein before directed concerning British Ships which should be intitled to the Benefits of this Act, and shall certify such his or their Visitation, Examination, and Admeasurement, to the Governor or Commander in Chief of the Place where such Ship shall be fitted out, or to the Naval Officer of such Port; and if it appear, by the said Certificate of such Officer or Officers, that

that he had, at the Time of giving such Certificate, on Board such a Number of Men, Provisions, Boats, Fishing-lines, and Instruments, to be used in such Fishery as is herein before required of British Ships which should be intitled to the Benefit of this present Act, and that he is a Ship strongly built, and otherwise a Ship proper for such Voyage and Fishery, and had, at the Time of granting the said Certificate, on Board, among her Crew, such a Number of Harpooners, Steersmen, and Line-managers, who had before been employed in such Voyages, (the Names of such Persons to be contained in such Certificate), according to the Directions aforesaid concerning British Ships to be employed in the said Fishery; and if the Owner or Owners, and Master, or Chief Officer of such Ship, shall, in Writing, at the Foot of such Certificate, make such Oath before the Governor, Commander in Chief, or Naval Officer, (who are hereby impowered and required to administer such Oath), as is herein before required of the Owner or Owners, and Master, or Chief Officer of such British Ship as aforesaid, and likewise that such Ship is not more than Two Years old from the first Building thereof; and if the Master shall likewise, after such Certificate had, and Oath made, become bound with such Sureties in such Penalty and Condition as herein before is required to be given by the Master of such British Ships as aforesaid, which said Bond is hereby required to be taken by the Governor, or Commander in Chief, or Naval Officer of such Place, from whence the said Ship is so fitted out; then, and in all such Cases, it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor, or Commander in Chief, or Naval Officer, and they are hereby required to give and grant to the Master and Owners of such Ship, full Licence and Authority to proceed on such Voyage.

On the Arrival of such Ship at the Port in *Britain* intended,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on the Arrival of such Ship at the Port in Great Britain to which the said Master and Mate declared on Oath they intended to proceed after their intended Voyage to the Greenland Seas, or to Davis's Streights, or to the Seas adjacent, or on their Arrival at some other Port of Great-Britain where they shall unload, the proper Officers of the Customs of such Port shall proceed in such Manner, and make such Schedule as is herein before directed, concerning British Ships who were to be intitled to the Benefits of this Act; and such Schedule, Certificate, Licence, and Oath, shall be transmitted to the respective Commissioners of his

Custom-house Officers shall make such Schedule as before directed.

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Majesty's Customs for that Part of Great Britain in which such Ship shall arrive, after her said Voyage to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, or the Seas adjoining; and such Commissioners being satisfied of the faithful Dealings of the Master, and other Persons employed in such Ships, with respect to such Voyage and Fishery, shall, on Demand, cause Payment to be made to the Master, or Owners, or to his or their assigns, by the Receiver-general of the Customs of that Part of Great Britain at which the said Ship shall arrive as aforesaid, of the like Sum per Ton, according to the Admeasurement of such Ship duly certified as aforesaid, and in like Manner, as to the Owners and Masters of British Ships who are intitled to the said Bounties by virtue of this present Act.

The like Bounty to be paid, according to such Vessel's Admeasurement.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Ships that shall be fitted out in America for the said Fishery, after having conformed to all the aforesaid Rules and Restrictions, shall sail from such Port where surveyed directly on her intended Fishery on or before the First Day of May, and shall not depart or leave Davis's Streights or Greenland, and Seas adjacent, before the Twentieth Day of August, unless such Ship shall be laden with the Blubber and Fins of One Whale, caught by the Crew thereof, or with the Assistance of the Crew of some other licensed Ship before that Time, or should meet with any unavoidable Accident, so as to endanger the Lives of the Ship's Crew, which Accident, shall be declared on the Oaths of the Master and Mate, Carpenter, Harpooners, Line-managers, Boat-steerers, and Surgeon, belonging to such Ship, upon her return from the said Fishery, before the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Port where she shall arrive, who shall transmit the same to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England or Scotland respectively; and in case of any irregular Proceeding contrary hereunto, every Ship so offending shall lose the Benefit of this Bounty.

American Vessels to sail on her intended Voyage before *May* 1.

For Encouragement of the Whale Fishery in the Gulf of *Saint Lawrence*.

And for the further Encouragement of the Whale Fishery, in the Gulf and River of Saint Lawrence, and on the Coasts of His Majesty's Colonies in America, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for and during the Space of Fifteen Years, to be computed from the said Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, it shall and may be lawful, to and for any Person or Persons, to import in Ships belonging to His Majesty's Subjects, (whereof the Captain or Master, and

and Three-fourths of the Mariners, are His Majesty's Subjects) Whale Fins, taken from Whales caught by any of His Majesty's Subjects in the Gulf or River of Saint Lawrence, or in any Seas on the Coasts of any of His Majesty's Colonies in America, without paying any Custom, Subsidy, or Duty, for the same, other than and except the Rate or Duty commonly called The Old Subsidy, granted by an Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the *Greenland* and *Eastland* Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade, for and during the Term aforesaid; any Law or Statute to the Contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Whale Fins may be imported without paying more Custom, than the Subsidy granted by Act 25 *Car.* II.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to allow the Importation of such Whale Fins without paying any Custom, Subsidy, or Duty, other than and except the said Rate or Duty commonly called The Old Subsidy, unless the Captain, Master, or other commanding Officer of the Ship or Vessel, or the Person importing the same, shall first make Oath before One of the principal Officers of the Customs in the Port or Ports of Importation, (who is and are hereby authorised and required to administer such Oath) that all the Whale Fins imported in such Ship or Vessel were, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, really, and bona fide, the Fins of Whales caught and taken in the Gulf or River of Saint Lawrence, or in the Seas or the Coasts of some of His Majesty's Colonies in America, by the Crew of such Ships and Vessels only, whereof the Owner or Owners, the Captain or Master, and Three-fourths of the Mariners, were His Majesty's Subjects.

Oath to be made by the Captain of such Fins being really taken in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence.*

And whereas the Greenland Fishery Trade cannot be carried on without a certain Number of Men who are used to the said Fishery, which, nevertheless, is intended as a Nursery of able and hardy Seamen for the publick Service in the Royal Navy; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Harpooner, Line-manager, or Boat-steerer, who shall be in, or belong to any Ship or Vessel in the Greenland Fishery Trade, and whose Name, (distinguishing the Capacity in which the Person so named, is to act), shall be inserted in a List, which is hereby required to be delivered on Oath, by the Owner of such Ship, to the Collector of the Customs at the Port from which such Ship is intended to proceed upon the

Harpooners, Line-manager, Boat-steers, and Sailors, how to be privileged.

said Fishery, (which Oath such Collector is hereby impowerd and required to administer), shall be impressed from the said Service; and that any such Harpooner, Line-manager, or Boat-steerer, may, during the Time of the Year that he or they are not employed in the said Fishery, sail in the Colliery Trade, upon giving Security, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs, that he or they will proceed in the said Ship or Vessel to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Streights, on the Whale Fishery the next Season: And that every Seaman, or common Mariner, who after the First Day of February in any Year during the Continuance of this Act, shall be entered to serve on Board any Ship, which shall be intended to proceed on the said Fishery in the following Season, whose Name shall be inserted in a List to be delivered as aforesaid, and who shall have given Security, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs, to proceed, and shall proceed accordingly, shall be privileged, and exempt from being impressed from or out of the said Service, from the said First Day of February, till after the Expiration of the then next Season for the said Fishery, and until the Voyage Home from thence shall be fully compleated and ended, and no longer; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the Contrary notwithstanding. 5

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