Anno ſecundo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act for rendering more effectual an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for providing a Publick Reward for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall diſcover the Longitude at Sea*, with regard to the making Experiments of Propoſals made for diſcovering the Longitude.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for providing a Publick Reward for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall diſcover the Longitude at Sea, the Commiſſioners therein named, or any Five or more of them, have full Power to hear and receive any Propoſal or Propoſals that ſhall be made to them for diſcovering the ſaid Longitude; and in caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall be ſo far ſatisfied of the Probability of any ſuch Diſcovery, as to think it proper to make Experiment thereof, they ſhall certify the ſame, under their Hands and Seals, to the Commiſ-

Preamble, reciting Clauſes in Act 12 *Anne*,

Commiſſioners of the Navy for the time being, together with the Perſons Names who are Authors of ſuch Propoſals; and upon producing ſuch Certificate, the ſaid Commiſſioners are thereby authorized and required to make out a Bill or Bills for any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding Two thouſand Pounds, as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Diſcovery of the ſaid Longitude, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think neceſſary, for making the Experiments, payable by the Treaſurer of the Navy; which Sum or Sums the Treaſurer of the Navy is, by the ſaid Act, required to pay immediately to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners to make thoſe Experiments, out of any Money that ſhall be in his Hands unapplied for the Uſe of the Navy: And whereas, for a due and ſufficient Encouragement to any ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall diſcover a proper Method for finding the ſaid Longitude, it is likewiſe enacted by the ſaid Act, That the Firſt Author or Authors, Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers, of any ſuch Method, his or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall be intitled to, and have, ſuch Reward as in the ſaid Act
14 *Geo.* II. is particularly mentioned: And whereas by another Act of Parliament made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for ſurveying the Chief Ports and Head Lands on the Coaſts of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Iſlands and Plantations thereto belonging, in order to the more exact Determination of the Longitude and Latitude thereof, it was enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners for diſcovering the ſaid Longitude, or any Five or more of them, ſhould have full Power to apply ſuch Part of the ſaid Sum of Two thouſand Pounds, mentioned in the ſaid firſt recited Act, as had not then been laid out in Experiments, as they ſhould think neceſſary for the making ſuch Survey, and determining the Longitude and Latitude of the Chief Ports and Head Lands on the Coaſts of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Iſlands and Plantations thereto belonging; and that ſuch Sum or Sums, Part of the ſaid Two thouſand Pounds, which the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhould think neceſſary, ſhould be paid immediately by the Treaſurer of the Navy, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhould be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners to make ſuch Survey, and determine ſuch Longitude and Latitude, out of the Money that ſhould be in the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer un-
and 26 *Geo.* II. applied for the Uſe of the Navy: And whereas by an Act made in the Twenty firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act to render

render more effectual an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for providing a Publick Reward for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall diſcover the Longitude at Sea*, with regard to the making Experiments of Propoſals made for diſcovering the Longitude, and to enlarge the Number of Commiſſioners for putting in Execution the ſaid Act, the further Sum of Two thouſand Pounds was directed to be applied in ſuch Manner as the Commiſſioners for the Diſcovery of the Longitude ſhould think neceſſary, for making further Experiments: And whereas the ſaid Commiſſioners have, by virtue of the Powers veſted in them by the ſaid ſeveral Acts before-mentioned, heard and received ſeveral Propoſals made to them, at different Times, for diſcovering the ſaid Longitude, and have, accordingly, certified the ſame, from time to time, to the Commiſſioners of the Navy for the time being, whereupon Bills have been made out for ſeveral Sums of Money, amounting, in the Whole, to Four thouſand Pounds; all which reſpective Sums have been paid to ſeveral Perſons by the Treaſurer of the Navy, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Acts of Parliament; which the ſaid Commiſſioners, for diſcovering the Longitude, thought neceſſary for making the ſaid Experiments: And whereas by reaſon of the ſeveral Payments made by the Treaſurer of the Navy to the ſeveral Perſons as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners have, by virtue of the ſaid Acts of Parliament, expended the Whole of the Sums thereby granted for the Purpoſes aforeſaid: And whereas, from the Experiments which have already been made in purſuance of the Powers veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, there is great Reaſon to expect that, by continuing to encourage ingenious Perſons to invent and make further Improvements and Experiments, in order to diſcover the ſaid Longitude, ſuch Diſcoveries may at length be produced as will effectually anſwer that End, and thereby contribute very much to the Advantage of the Trade and Honour of this Kingdom: Therefore, for enabling the ſaid Commiſſioners to cauſe ſuch further Experiments to be made as they ſhall think proper for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, 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 the ſaid Commiſſioners, conſtituted by the ſaid ſeveral Acts of Parliament before-mentioned for the Diſcovery of the Longitude at Sea, and for examining, trying, and judging, of all Propoſals, Experiments, and Improvements, relating to the ſame,

The Commiſſioners conſtituted under the recited Acts, are impowered to hear and receive Propoſals for diſcovering the Longitude at Sea;

or any Five or more of them, ſhall have full Power to hear and receive any Propoſal or Propoſals that have been, or ſhall hereafter be, made to them for diſcovering the ſaid Longitude at Sea; and in caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall be ſo far ſatisfied of the Probability of any ſuch Propoſal or Diſcovery, as to think it proper to make Experiment thereof, they ſhall certify the ſame, under their Hands and Seals, to the Commiſſioners of the Navy for the time being, together with the Perſons Names who ſhall be the Authors of ſuch Propoſals; and, upon producing ſuch Certificate, the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Navy are hereby authorized and required to make out a Bill or Bills for any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding Two thouſand Pounds, as the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Diſcovery of the ſaid Longitude, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think neceſſary for making any Experiments in purſuance of this Act, or any of the ſaid former Acts above-mentioned, payable by the Treaſurer of the Navy; which Sum or Sums the Treaſurer of the Navy for the time being is hereby required to pay immediately to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners for the Diſcovery of the ſaid Longitude, to make thoſe Experiments, out of any Money that ſhall be in his the ſaid Treaſurer's Hands unapplied for the Uſe of the Navy.

and being ſo far ſatisfied of the Probability of any ſuch Propoſal, as to think proper to make Experiment thereof, they are to certify the ſame, with the Authors Names, to the Commiſſioners of the Navy; who are to make out Bills thereupon for any Sum or Sums not exceeding 2,000 *l.* as ſhall be thought neceſſary;

to be paid by the Treaſurer of the Navy out of any Money in his Hands unapplied.

FINIS.