Anno ſecundo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XXXI.

An Act for making perpetual an Act for the better Regulation and Government of Seamen in the Merchants Service; and for extending the Proviſions thereof to His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*.



WHEREAS the Law herein after mentioned, which hath, by Experience, been found uſeful and beneficial, is near expiring, May it therefore pleaſe Your moſt Excellent 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 an Act made in the Second Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation and Government of Seamen in the Merchants Service, which was to be in Force for Five Years, from the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty

Preamble.

Act of 2 *Geo.* II. which was continued by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts, is made perpetual.

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twenty nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; and which Act was, by an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty, further continued until the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; and which Act was, by an Act made in the Twenty third Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty, further continued until the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, is temporary, and near expiring; ſhall be, and is hereby, made perpetual.

From and after 1 *May*, 1764, all the Provitions, Penalties, Matters, and Things, in the ſaid Act of 2 *Geo.* II. are extended to His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*; and the Forfeitures applicable to *Greenwich Hoſpital* are to be paid there to the Officer conſtituted by the Admiralty;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the Firſt Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four, all the Proviſions, Penalties, Clauſes, Matters, and Things, contained in the ſaid Act of the Second Year of His ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby, extended to all His Majeſty's Colonies in America; and that all Penalties and Forfeitures to be incurred by the ſaid Act, and directed to be applied to and for the Uſe of Greenwich Hoſpital, ſhall be paid to ſuch Officer or Officers in the ſaid Colonies, as ſhall on that Behalf be appointed by the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain for the time being: And in caſe any Maſters or Commanders, or Owners, of any Ships or Veſſels ſhall deduct out of the Wages of any Seaman or Mariner any of the Penalties and Forfeitures which, by the ſaid Act, are directed to be deducted and applied to and for the Uſe of Greenwich Hoſpital, and ſhall not pay the Money ſo deducted to ſuch Officer or Officers ſo to be appointed in the Port or Place in the ſaid Colonies where ſuch Deduction ſhall be made, within Three Months after ſuch Deduction, every Perſon ſo neglecting to pay the Money deducted as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and pay the Treble Value thereof to the Uſe of the ſaid Hoſpital; which, together with the Money deducted as aforeſaid, ſhall and may be recovered by the ſame Means and Methods as any Penalties and Forfeitures can or may be recovered by the ſaid Act.

and Maſters of Ships deducting any of the ſaid Forfeiture out of the Seamens Wages,

and not duly paying over the ſame, forfeit Treble the Value to the Uſe of the ſaid Hoſpital.

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FINIS.

Anno Regni GEORGII III.

REGIS

Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,

SECUNDO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Weſtminſter*, the Nineteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1761. in the Firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

And from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to the Third Day of *November* following; being the Firſt Seſſion of the Twelfth Parliament of *Great Britain.*



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