

ANNO TRICESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLVI.

An Act for the more speedy and effectual Manning of His Majesty's Navy. [26th *May* 1798.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by several Acts of Parliament, Persons under certain Descriptions are protected from being impressed into His Majesty's Service at Sea: And whereas it is expedient, for the Publick Defence, that such Protections should be suspended for a limited Time; be it therefore 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 so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for the Increase of Seamen, and better Encouragement of Navigation and Security of the Coal Trade*, as grants any Exemption or Protection to any Apprentice or other Person from being impressed, or permitted or suffered to list or enter into His Majesty's Sea Service; and also One Act, passed in the Thirteenth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Increase of Mariners and Seamen to navigate Merchant Ships, or other trading Ships or Vessels*; and also so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better supplying the Cities of* London *and* Westminster *with Fish, and to reduce the present exorbitant Price thereof, and to protect and encourage Fishermen*, as grants any Protection to the Persons therein described, from being impressed into His Majesty's Service at Sea; and also so much of an Act, passed in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better Support and Establishment of the* Greenland *and Whale Fishery*,

So much of 2 *Annæ*, Cap. 6, as grants Protections, *etc.* and

13 *Geo.* II, Cap. 17,

and so much of 2 *Geo.* III, Cap. 15,

11 *Geo.* III, Cap. 38,

and of any other Act, as grants Protections to Persons from being impressed, to be suspended for Five Months, from *May* 24, 1798: But such Suspension, so far as relates to Persons in the Coal Trade, to continue only for One Month.

Fishery, as grants the like Protection to the Persons therein described; and also so much of any other subsequent Act or Acts as grants the like Protection to any Person or Persons therein described, shall be, and the same are hereby declared and enacted to be of no Force and Effect for ~~and~~ during the Space of Five Calendar Months, to be computed from the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight: Provided nevertheless, That the Suspension of the said Acts, so far as they relate to Persons serving on board of Ships and Vessels employed in the Coal Trade, shall not continue longer than One Calendar Month, to be computed from the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* aforesaid.

Persons not to be sued for impressing within the Time specified, contrary to the recited Acts.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be sued or molested for taking and impressing, or causing to be taken and impressed, within the Time aforesaid, any Person or Persons for His Majesty's Service at Sea, contrary to the Provisions of the said Acts, or any of them.

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