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CAP. LVII.

An Act for the further encouraging the Southern Whale Fiſheries. [21ſt *June* 1798.]

WHEREAS it is proper to encourage the Fiſhery carried on by His Majeſty's *European* Subjects in the Seas to the Southward of the *Greenland* Seas and *Davis's Streights*, for the Purpoſe of taking Whales, and other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, by continuing certain Premiums granted by an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging and regulating the Southern Whale Fiſheries*, and beſtowing them in a different Manner: 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 ſeveral Premiums hereafter mentioned ſhall be paid and allowed to Twenty-ſix Ships or Veſſels employed in the ſaid Fiſhery, under the Limitations, Reſtrictions, and Regulations, expreſſed in the ſaid Act, and in this Act.

Preamble.

35 *Geo.* III, Cap. 92, recited;

and Premiums granted to 26 Ships.

II. And be it further enacted, That for Twelve of ſuch Ships or Veſſels which ſhall be ſo fitted and cleared out between the Firſt Day of *January* and the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand ſeven hundred

Premiums and Conditions for 12 Ships.

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dred and ninety-nine, and between the Firſt Day of *January* and the Thirty firſt Day of *December*, in each of the Two ſucceeding Years, and ſhall ſail to the Southward of the Equator and there carry on the Fiſhery, and ſhall return before the Firſt Day of *December* in the Year ſubſequent to that in which they cleared out, to ſome Port in *Great Britain*, there ſhall be paid and allowed Three hundred Pounds to each of the Four ſuch Ships which ſhall ſo ſail and firſt arrive, within the Times herein-before mentioned, with the greateſt Quantity of Oil or Head Matter taken together, being not leſs in the Whole than Twenty Tons in each of ſuch Ships or Veſſels, and being the Produce of One or more Whale or Whales, or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, taken and killed by the Crews of every ſuch Ship or Veſſel reſpectively; and there ſhall be paid and allowed Two hundred Pounds to each of the Four ſuch Ships or Veſſels which ſhall, in like Manner, ſail and firſt arrive with the next greateſt Quantity of ſuch Oil or Head Matter taken together, being not leſs in the Whole than Twenty Tons in every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales, or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, ſo taken as aforeſaid; and there ſhall be paid and allowed One hundred Pounds to each of the Four ſuch Ships or Veſſels, and which ſhall, in like Manner, ſail and firſt arrive with the next greateſt Quantity of ſuch Oil or Head Matter taken together, being not leſs in the Whole than Twenty Tons in every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales, or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, ſo taken as aforeſaid.

Premiums and Conditions for Four other Ships.

III. And be it further enacted, That for Four other of ſuch Ships or Veſſels which ſhall be ſo fitted or cleared out, and ſhall ſail within the Times herein-before mentioned, and proceed to the Southward of the Thirty-ſixth Degree of South Latitude, and ſhall there *bona fide* carry on the ſaid Fiſhery, and ſhall not return till after the Expiration of Fourteen Calendar Months from the Day on which they cleared out, but before the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* in the Second Year after their clearing out, to ſome Port in *Great Britain*, there ſhall be paid and allowed Four hundred Pounds to each of ſuch Ships or Veſſels which ſhall ſo ſail and arrive within the Times herein-before laſt mentioned, with the greateſt Quantity of Oil and Head Matter taken together, being not leſs in the Whole than Twenty Tons, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales, or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, and taken and killed by the Crew of ſuch Ship or Veſſel.

Premiums and Conditions for 10 other Ships.

IV. And be it further enacted, That for Ten other of ſuch Ships or Veſſels which ſhall be ſo fitted and cleared out between the Firſt Day of *January* and the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, and between the Firſt Day of *January* and the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* in each of the Six ſucceeding Years, and ſhall double *Cape Horn*, or paſs through the Streights of *Magellan* into the *South Seas*, and carry on the ſaid Fiſhery during the Space of Four Months to the Weſtward of *Cape Horn* in thoſe Seas, or ſhall double the *Cape of Good Hope*, and carry on the ſaid Fiſhery during the Space of Four Months to the Eaſtward of One hundred and five Degrees of Eaſt Longitude from *London*, and ſhall not return to ſome Port of *Great Britain* till after the Expiration of Sixteen Calendar Months from the Day

Day on which they cleared out, but before the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* in the Second Year after their clearing out, there ſhall be paid and allowed Six hundred Pounds to any One of ſuch Ships or Veſſels which ſhall ſo ſail and arrive within the Times herein laſt mentioned, with the greateſt Quantity of Oil and Head Matter taken together, being not leſs in the Whole than Thirty Tons, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales, or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, and taken and killed by the Crew of ſuch Ship or Veſſel in the ſaid Voyage, either Outward or Homeward; and there ſhall be paid and allowed Five hundred Pounds to each of Nine of ſuch Ships and Veſſels laſt before-mentioned, which ſhall ſo ſail and arrive within the Times herein laſt-before mentioned, with the next greateſt Quantity of Oil and Head Matter taken together, being not leſs in the Whole than Thirty Tons, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales, or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, and taken and killed by the Crew of ſuch Ship or Veſſel in the ſaid Voyage, either Outward or Homeward.

Ships licenſed conformably to the recited Act, may paſs beyond 51 Degrees of East Longitude from *London*;

V. And, for extending the Limits preſcribed in the ſaid Act for the ſaid Southern Whale Fiſheries, be it enacted, That any Ship or Veſſel fitting and clearing out, and licenſed conformably to the ſaid Act, and ſailing to the Eaſtward of the *Cape of Good Hope* for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, may paſs beyond Fifty-one Degrees of Eaſt Longitude from *London*, provided that ſuch Ship or Veſſel, after paſſing Fifty-one Degrees of Eaſt Longitude from *London*, ſhall not ſail or paſs to the Northward of Fifteen Degrees Southern Latitude, until ſhe ſhall have ſailed or paſſed to the Eaſtward of One hundred and eighty Degrees of Eaſt Longitude; any Thing in the ſaid Act, or any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

and beyond 180 Degrees of Weſt Longitude from *London*, under certain Reſtrictions.

VI. And be it further enacted, That any Ship or Veſſel fitting or clearing out, and licenſed conformably to the ſaid Act, and ſailing or paſſing to the Weſtward of *Cape Horn*, or through the Streights of *Magellan*, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, may ſail or paſs beyond One hundred and eighty Degrees of Weſt Longitude from *London*; provided ſuch Ships and Veſſels, when they have paſſed beyond One hundred and eighty Degrees of Weſt Longitude from *London*, do not paſs to the Northward of Fifteen Degrees South Latitude, until they come within Fifty-one Degrees of Eaſt Longitude from *London*; any Thing in the ſaid Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Perſons deſcribed in the recited Act, not exceeding 40 Families, who ſhall come to the Port of *Milford*, by *Dec.* 31, 1805, and bring not more than 20 Veſſels built before *Jan.* 1, 1798, to be entitled to the ſame Privileges as if they had come by *Dec.* 31, 1798.

VII. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon or Perſons, as deſcribed in the ſaid Act not exceeding Forty Families, who ſhall, on or before the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and five, come to the Port of *Milford* in the County of *Pembroke*, with his or their Family or Families, and ſhall bring any Ship or Veſſel, or any Number of Ships and Veſſels not exceeding Twenty in the Whole, to the ſaid Port of *Milford*, built before the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, and manned as directed in the ſaid Act, ſhall, upon complying with all the Rules, Regulations, and Conditions contained in the ſaid Act reſpecting ſuch Perſon or Perſons, be entitled to all the Benefits, Privileges, and Advantages thereby granted to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, in as full and ample Manner as if ſuch Perſon or

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Perſons had come to the ſaid Port on or before the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, in any Ship or Veſſel built before the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five.

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