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An Act to permit Ships to ſail from certain Ports of the Iſland of *Newfoundland*, and from the Coaſt of *Labrador*, without Convoy. [10th *April* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient, for the Benefit of the Trade of the Iſland of *Newfoundland* and of the Coaſt of *Labrador*, and the Encouragement of the Fiſheries carried on from thence, that Ships and Veſſels ſhould, in ſome Caſes, be permitted to ſail and depart from the ſaid Iſland of *Newfoundland* and Coaſt of *Labrador*, without being under the Protection of Convoy; 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Ship or Veſſel employed in the *Newfoundland* Fiſhery, being wholly laden with Fiſh or other Produce of the ſaid Fiſhery, or with Articles of the Growth or Produce of the ſaid Iſland of *Newfoundland* or Coaſt of *Labrador*, to ſail or depart from any Port or Place within the ſaid Iſland, or on the ſaid Coaſt, (except as herein-after is provided), without being accompanied with or being under the Protection of Convoy, or without a Licence having been obtained, authorizing ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſo to ſail or depart; any Thing in an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parlia-

Veſſels laden with Produce of the Fiſhery, or Articles of the Growth or Produce of *Newfoundland* or *Labrador*, may ſail without Convoy or Licence:

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ment, for the better Protection of the Trade of this Kingdom, and for other Purpoſes, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Veſſels not to ſail from the Port of *St. John's* without Convoy or Licence, while any Perſon authorized to grant Licences ſhall be reſident thereat.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to permit or allow any Ship or Veſſel to ſail or depart from the Port of *Saint John's*, in the ſaid Iſland of *Newfoundland*, without being under the Protection of Convoy, or without Licence being firſt obtained for that Purpoſe, during the Time any Admiral, or other Perſon duly authorized by the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or by the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, to grant Licences for permitting Ships or Veſſels to ſail or depart without being under the Protection of Convoy, ſhall be ſtationed or reſident at the ſaid Port of *Saint John's*.

Policies of Inſurance not to be void on Veſſels, *etc.* ſailing from *Newfoundland* or *Labrador* without Convoy, nor any Penalty to be incurred.

III. And be it further enacted, That nothing in the before recited Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to render null or void any Policy of Inſurance made or to be made on any Ship or Veſſel, or on the Goods or Merchandize laden therein, on account of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſailing or departing from the Iſland of *Newfoundland* or Coaſt of *Labrador*, without being under the Protection of Convoy, under the Authority of this Act, nor ſhall any Penalty be incurred by any Maſter or Commander of any Ship or Veſſel, or by any other Perſon whatever, on account of any Ship or Veſſel ſailing or departing, under the Authority of this Act, from the ſaid Iſland of *Newfoundland* or Coaſt of *Labrador*, without being accompanied with and under the Protection of Convoy.

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