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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. lxvii.

An Act for enabling the Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses to erect Lighthouses on the Isles of *Man*, and *Calf of Man*. [7th *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for erecting certain Lighthouses in the Northern Parts of* Great Britain, Commissioners were named for putting the said Act into Execution, and for erecting Four Lighthouses in the Northern Parts of *Great Britain;* and certain Duties were thereby granted for answering the Expences of making and maintaining the Works by the said Act authorized to be made; and the Commissioners were empowered to borrow Money on the Credit of the Duties; and if any Surplus should remain, after the necessary Expenditure to be incurred in carrying the said Act into Execution, the same was directed once in every Year, to be vested in some one or other of the Public Funds, until the yearly Interest of the same should amount to a Sum equal to the whole Expence attending the said Lighthouses, when such Duties were *ipso facto* to cease, determine, and be no longer payable: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for erecting certain Lighthouses in the Northern Parts of* Great Britain," the said Commissioners were authorized to levy certain

26 G. 3. c. 101.

28 G. 3. c. 25.

certain additional Duties, to borrow a further Sum of Money, and to commence levying the Duties as soon as Two of the said Lighthouses should be lighted: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Twenty-ninth Year
29 G. 3. c. 52. of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to give further Powers to the Commissioners for erecting certain Lighthouses in the Northern Parts of* Great Britain, the said Commissioners were authorized to erect Two additional Lighthouses, and were likewise empowered to cause such other Lighthouses to be erected, as they should deem necessary, whenever the Produce of the Duties should enable them so to do: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His pre-
38 G. 3. c. 57. sent Majesty, intituled *An Act for incorporating the Commissioners appointed for erecting certain Lighthouses in the Northern Parts of* Great Britain, the said Commissioners were incorporated for the better carrying the said several Acts into Execution, and made One Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of "The Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses:" And whereas by another Act, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the
46 G. 3. c. 132. Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on* The Bell *or* Cape Rock *on the Eastern Coast of* Scotland, *and for enabling the Commissioners of the Treasury to advance a certain Sum of Money out of the Consolidated Fund of* Great Britain *towards that Purpose*, Authority was given to the said Commissioners to erect the said Lighthouse, and to levy certain additional Rates and Duties for the Support of the
54 G. 3. c. 136. same: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, Power was given to the said Commissioners to purchase the Island and Light of *May* in the *Frith of Forth*, and instead of a Coal Light, to exhibit and maintain on the said Island an Oil Light or other improved Light; and also to erect and maintain such additional Lighthouses upon such other Parts of the Coasts and Islands of *Scotland* as they should deem necessary: And whereas it would tend greatly to the Security of Navigation, and be of great Benefit to the Public, if Powers were given to the said Commissioners to erect and maintain certain Lighthouses upon the Isles of *Man* and *Calf of Man*; but as these Purposes cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament, May it therefore please Your 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract and agree with the Owners and other Persons interested, and to purchase and hold to them and their Successors and Assigns, the Lands and Hereditaments necessary for erecting the Lighthouses and other Buildings and Conveniences hereinafter mentioned, in such Situations as they shall deem most expedient, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Penalties or Disabilities; and thereupon to erect and maintain One Lighthouse on the Isle of *Calf of Man*, and another Lighthouse on the Isle of *Man*, with such other Buildings and Conveniences at each of such Lighthouses as to them shall appear necessary; and in such Lighthouses to maintain and exhibit such Lights distinguishable from the other Lights on the adjacent Coasts, as shall from Time to Time to the said Commissioners appear to be proper and necessary.

Commissioners to treat for Ground, &c. and erect Lighthouses.

Rates and Duties to be collected.

II. And to enable the ſaid Commiſſioners to defray the Expence of making the ſaid Purchaſes, of erecting the ſaid Lighthouſes and other Buildings, and maintaining proper Lights in the ſaid Lighthouſes; be it enacted, That ſo ſoon as the ſaid Lighthouſes ſhall be erected, and Lights ſhall be exhibited therein, it ſhall and may be lawful to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, to demand, collect, receive, and take from all and every the Maſters and Owners of every Ship or decked Veſſel of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, navigated according to Law, which ſhall ſail to or from any Port or Place in *Saint George's Channel* between the Head Lands of *Holyhead* and *Howthhead* both incluſive on the South, and *Port Patrick* and *Donaghadee* both incluſive on the North, or which ſhall ſail to or from any Port or Place in the *Frith of Solway*, whether the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall be loaded or in ballaſt, or outward or homeward bound, or on a Foreign Voyage, or ſailing Coaſtwiſe, and from the Maſter or Owner of every Ship or decked Veſſel, ſailing within the aforeſaid Limits, (excepting as hereinafter excepted,) a Sum not exceeding One Farthing for every Ton of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and for every Foreign Ship or decked Veſſel ſailing as aforeſaid, (excepting as hereinafter excepted,) a Sum not exceeding One Halfpenny for every Ton of ſuch Ship or Veſſel.

Exemption from Rates.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend to charge with the Duties hereby granted, any Ship or Veſſel liable to the Duties granted for the Support of the Lighthouſes under the Charge of the Commiſſioners of the Northern Lighthouſes, by any of the Acts hereinbefore recited, or any Ship or Veſſel belonging to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or employed in the Service of His Majeſty's Revenue, or of His Majeſty's Poſtmaſters General in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or any Ship or Veſſel by any of the before recited Acts exempted from the Duties thereby granted.

Power to borrow Money

IV. And be it enacted, That in addition to and over and above the Sums of Money which the ſaid Commiſſioners are by the ſaid recited Acts authorized to borrow on the Credit of the Rates and Duties thereby granted, it ſhall and may be lawful to and in the Power of the ſaid Commiſſioners to borrow and take up at Intereſt, on the Credit of the Rates and Duties by the ſaid recited Acts and by this Act granted, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds for the Purpoſe of erecting the foreſaid Two Lighthouſes, and for defraying the Expences of this Act.

Application of Money.

V. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall apply the Produce of the Rates and Duties by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act granted, in making the Purchaſes aforeſaid, in erecting and maintaining the ſaid Lighthouſes and other Buildings, exhibiting proper Lights therein, in paying the Expences of preparing and paſſing this Act, and in repaying the Money to be borrowed, and Intereſt thereof; and the Surplus or Reſidue of the Rates and Duties by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act granted, which ſhall remain after anſwering the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, ſhall once in every Year be veſted in ſome one or other of the Public Funds; and the ſame, together with the Intereſt thereof, ſhall be allowed to accumulate until the Yearly Intereſt ſhall amount

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to a Sum equal to the whole Expence attending the Lighthouſes under their Charge, when the whole Rates and Duties by the ſaid recited Acts and by this Act granted, ſhall ceaſe and determine.

Powers of former Acts extended to this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall have and enjoy all the Powers and Authorities conferred upon them in virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, for collecting and enforcing Payment of the Duties granted by this Act, and of compounding for the ſame, for maintaining and ſupporting the Lighthouſes by this Act authorized to be erected, and maintaining the Lights therein, and for the Appointment and Removal of Collectors, Keepers, and other Officers, as are contained in the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them.

Public Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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