ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

****

C A P. XXII.

An Act for continuing, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and four, the Bounties granted for the Encouragement of the *Greenland* Whale Fisheries; and for continuing and amending the Regulations respecting the same.

[19th *March* 1802.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to continue, for a limited Time, the Bounties and other Encouragements to the Fisheries carried on by His Majesty's Subjects in the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*; and also to continue and amend the Regulations and Conditions now in force in Regard to the said Fisheries: 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 the Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the further Support and Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on in the* Greenland Seas *and* Davis's Streights; 26 Geo. 3. c. 41. and also so much of the Act made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging and regulating the* Newfoundland, Greenland, *and Southern Whale Fisheries*, 29 Geo. 3. c. 53. and as relates to the said Fisheries; and also the Act made in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend several Laws relating to the Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on in the* Greenland Seas *and* Davis's Streights; *and to* 32 Geo. 3. c. 22. further continued till *Dec.* 25, 1804.

amend the Laws now in force for the Encouragement of the Fiſheries carried on in the Seas to the Southward of the Greenland Seas *and* Davis's Streights; which Acts were, by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and two, ſhall be further continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and four.

A certain Number of Harpooners, &c. in Proportion to the Burthen of the Veſſel, ſhall be protected from being impreſſed, &c.

II. Provided nevertheleſs, and it is hereby further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this preſent Act, and during the Continuance thereof, in every Ship of the Burthen of Three hundred Tons Six Harpooners, Six Line Managers, and Six Steerſmen, and ſo in Proportion in every Ship or Veſſel of ſmaller Burthen, One Harpooner, One Line Manager, and One Steerſman for every Fifty Tons Burthen, ſhall be protected from being impreſſed, and ſhall have and enjoy the Privilege of ſailing in the Colliery and Coaſting Trade, under the Conditions and in the Manner granted and directed in the ſaid Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign; any Thing in the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, or in any other Act, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Veſſels clearing out for the preſent Seaſon not provided with the full Complement of Men, may proceed and complete the Number at *Lerwick*, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Ship or Veſſel fitting or clearing out for the preſent Seaſon, which is not provided with the full Complement of Men, purſuant to the Directions of any Act or Acts now in force, at the Port from whence ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be fitted and cleared out, to proceed from thence to *Lerwick* in the Iſle of *Shetland*, and complete the Number of Men there, provided the Number wanted doth not exceed Two common Men for every Fifty Tons Burthen of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, but not otherwiſe; and upon Return of ſuch Ship or Veſſel from the ſaid Fiſhery, ſuch Men may be landed and ſet on Shore at *Lerwick* aforeſaid; and upon the Maſter or Owner of ſuch Ship or Veſſel producing, to the proper Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port of his Arrival in *Great Britain*, a Certificate under the Hand of the Collector and Comptroller of the Cuſtoms at *Lerwick* aforeſaid, (which Certificate they are hereby enjoined and required to give to the Maſter of ſuch Ship or Veſſel), certifying the Number and the Names of the Men that were on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel at the Time of her Arrival at *Lerwick*, together with the Number and Names of the Men ſo taken on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel at *Lerwick*, and the Number and Names of the Men that were landed and ſet on Shore there upon the Return of ſuch Ship or Veſſel from the Fiſhery, and the Maſter and Mate of ſuch Ship or Veſſel making Oath before the Collector and Comptroller at the Port of their Arrival in *Great Britain*, that the Men ſo taken on board as aforeſaid at *Lerwick* proceeded from thence on the ſaid Fiſhery, and continued on board during the Time ſuch Ship or Veſſel was employed in that Buſineſs, the Maſter or Owner of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be entitled to the Bounty granted by this Act, in the ſame Manner as they would have been entitled thereto in caſe the full Complement of Men had been taken on board at the Port from whence ſuch Ship or Veſſel was fitted and cleared out, and had returned on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel to ſuch Port in *Great Britain*; provided all other the Regulations and Reſtrictions required and directed by any Act or Acts now in force have been duly complied with and performed; any Thing in any Act or Acts, Law or Laws now in force to the contrary notwithſtanding.

IV. And

IV. And whereas by the ſaid Act made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty it is, among other Things, enacted, That before any Ship or Veſſel ſhall proceed on the Whale Fiſhery, Oath ſhall be made by One or more Owner or Owners, and the Maſter or Chief Officer of ſuch Ship or Veſſel before the principal Officers of the Cuſtoms of the Port from which ſuch Ship or Veſſel intends to proceed, that it is really and truly their firm Purpoſe and determined Reſolution that ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall, as ſoon as Licence ſhall be granted, forthwith proceed on a Voyage to the *Greenland Seas* or *Davis's Streights*, or the Seas adjacent, and there, in the then approaching Seaſon, to uſe the utmoſt Endeavours of themſelves and Ship's Company to take Whales or other Creatures living in the Sea, and on no other Deſign or View of Profit in ſuch Voyage, and to import the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber thereof into *Great Britain*: And whereas it may ſometimes happen that the Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship or Veſſel may, from Illneſs or other unavoidable Circumſtance, be unable to appear before the principal Officers of the Cuſtoms to make Oath in Manner required by the ſaid recited Act; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch principal Officers to accept and take an Affidavit of ſuch Illneſs or unavoidable Abſence, ſworn by ſuch Owner or Owners, before any One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace; and in which Affidavit the ſaid Owner or Owners ſhall declare all and every the Matters and Things, which by the ſaid recited Act he is directed and required to declare, on Oath, before the ſaid principal Officers; and ſuch Affidavit ſhall be as effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Owner or Owners had conformed to the Directions of the ſaid Act in Manner herein-before mentioned; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act, or any other Act, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding,

Principal Officers of the Cuſtoms may take the Affidavit of Owners of Veſſels, ſworn before a Juſtice, in caſe of Illneſs, *etc.* declaring the Particulars required by 26 Geo. 3. c. 41.

LONDON: Printed by GEORGE EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN, Printers to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1802.