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An Act to permit *Britiſh*-built Ships to carry on the Fiſheries in the *Pacific Ocean*, without Licence from the *Eaſt India* Company, or the *South Sea* Company.

[22d *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS it may tend to increaſe the Navigation and Fiſheries of His Majeſty's Subjects if the Reſtrictions now ſubſiſting with regard to Ships and Veſſels navigating in the *Pacific Ocean*, between *Cape Horn* and One hundred and eighty Degrees of Weſt Longitude from *London*, ſhould be removed; 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 *Britiſh*-built Ship or Veſſel, owned and navigated according to Law, to paſs through the Streights of *Magellan* or round *Cape Horn*, and to carry on the Fiſheries in the *Pacific Ocean*, from *Cape Horn* to One hundred and eighty Degrees of Weſt Longitude from *London*, and to trade within the ſaid

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said Limits, without having obtained any previous Licence, Permission, or Authority for that Purpose, from the Court of Directors of the *East India* Company, or from the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South Seas*; any Thing in any Law, Charter, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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