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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act for allowing Vessels employed in the *Greenland* Whale Fishery, to complete their full Number of Men at certain Ports for the present Season.

[7th *April* 1803.]

WHEREAS it may be difficult, in the present Circumstances, for the Masters or Owners of Ships employed in the Fishery carried on in the *Greenland* Seas and *Davis's Streights*, by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *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*, and of the Acts in the said Act mentioned, to be provided with their full Complement of Men at the Ports from which such Ships are fitted and cleared out for the said Fishery; for Remedy thereof, 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, for the present Season, it shall and may be lawful for any Ship or Vessel which is not provided with the full Complement of Men pursuant to the Directions of the said Acts, at the Port from which such Ship or Vessel shall be fitted and cleared out, to proceed from thence to any of the Ports in the *Forth of Clyde*, or in *Lough Ryan*, or to *Lerwick* in the *Isle of Shetland*, or *Kirkwall* in the *Orkneys*, and complete

42 Geo. 3. c. 22.

For the present Season, Vessels not provided with the full Complement of Men at the Port of Clearance, may proceed to

certain Ports and complete them, if not beyond a certain Proportion, who may be landed there on their Return.

Master or Owner of such Vessel producing Certificates of the Men taken on board and landed, and the Master and Mate making Oath at the Port of Arrival that the Men proceeded on the Fishery, shall entitle the Vessel to Bounty, provided the other Regulations have been complied with.

complete the Number of Men there, provided the Number wanted doth not exceed Three Common Men for every Fifty Tons Burthen of such Ship or Vessel, but not otherwise; and upon the Return of such Ship or Vessel from the said Fishery, such Men may be landed and set on Shore at any of the Ports in the *Forth of Clyde*, or in *Lough Ryan*, or at *Lerwick*, or *Kirkwall* aforesaid; and upon the Master or Owners 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 any of the Ports aforesaid, as the Case may be, (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 so taken on board such Ship or Vessel at any of the said Ports, and the Number and Names of the Men that were landed and set on Shore there respectively, upon the Return of such Ship or Vessel from the Fishery; and, upon 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, 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 Owners of such Ship or Vessel shall be entitled to the Bounty granted by the said Acts, 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 the other Regulations and Restrictions required and directed by the said Acts have been duly complied with and performed; any Thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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