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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXIV.

An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to ſerve in His Majeſty's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships and other trading Ships and Veſſels, during the preſent Hoſtilities.

[24th *June* 1803.]

FOR the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to ſerve in His Majeſty's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships and other trading Ships and Veſſels, during the preſent Hoſtilities, 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, and during the Continuance of the preſent Hoſtilities, and no longer, except in reſpect to ſuch Merchant Ships and other trading Ships or Veſſels which ſhall be on their Voyage before the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, who ſhall be and are hereby allowed the Liberty and Benefit of returning Home navigated in the Manner as herein-after is provided, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Merchant Ship, or other trading Ship or Veſſel, to be navigated by Foreign Seamen or Mariners, not being Natives of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or of any of the Colonies or Plantations thereto belonging, or His Majeſty's natural or naturalized Subjects, ſo as the Number of ſuch Foreign Seamen do not exceed Three Fourths of the Mariners at any One Time employed to navigate ſuch Merchant Ship, or other trading Ship or Veſſel, and that One Fourth at leaſt of the Mariners or Seamen ſo employed

During the preſent Hoſtilities, Merchant Ships may be navigated by Crews whereof Three Fourths are Foreign Seamen and One Fourth *Britiſh* Subjects, &c.

ployed be at all Times Natives, or His Majeſty's naturalized Subjects of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* (ſudden Death and Hazard and Caſualty of War and the Seas ſaved and excepted), One Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and increaſing of Shipping and Navigation*, or any other Statute or Law, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Act not to reſtrain the Effect of any Proclamation iſſued purſuant to 13 Geo 2. c. 3.

II. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to take away or reſtrain the Effect of any ſuch Royal Proclamation as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, are empowered to make by virtue of an Act paſſed in the Thirteenth Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to ſerve in His Majeſty's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships and other trading Ships and Privateers.*

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