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CAP. CXXIV.

An Act for continuing the Premiums allowed to Ships employed in the Southern Whale Fiſhery.

[30th *June* 1808.]

WHEREAS it is proper to encourage the Fiſhery carried on by His Majeſty's *European* Subjects in the Seas to the Southward of the *Greenland* Seas and *Davis's Streights*, for the Purpoſe of taking Whales and other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, by continuing certain Premiums granted in an Act paſſed in the Thirty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging the Southern Whale 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 ſeveral Premiums herein-after mentioned, ſhall be paid and allowed to Sixteen Ships or Veſſels employed in the ſaid Fiſhery, under the Limitations, Reſtrictions, and Regulations contained in the ſaid Act, and alſo in an Act paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and mentioned in the ſaid Act, and under the Limitations, Reſtrictions, and Regulations, expreſſed in this preſent Act.

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Premiums to be allowed to certain Ships employed in the Fiſhery.

Premiums and Conditions for Eight Ships.

II. And be it further enacted, That for Eight of such Ships or Vessels which shall be so fitted and cleared out between the First Day of *January* and the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and nine, and between the First Day of *January* and the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each of the Two succeeding Years, and shall sail to the Southward of the Equator, and there carry on the Fishery, and shall return before the First Day of *December* in the Year subsequent to that in which they cleared out, to some Port in *Great Britain*, there shall be paid and allowed Three hundred Pounds to each of the Eight such Ships which shall so sail and first arrive within the Times herein-before mentioned, with the greatest Quantity of Oil or Head Matter taken together, being not less in the Whole than Twenty Tons, in each of such Ships or Vessels, and being the Produce of One or more Whale or Whales or other Creatures being in those Seas, taken and killed by the Crews of every such Ship or Vessel respectively.

Premiums and Conditions for Four other Ships.

III. And be it further enacted, That for Four other such Ships or Vessels which shall be so fitted or cleared out, and shall sail within the Time herein-before mentioned, and proceed to the Southward of Thirty-six Degrees of South Latitude, and shall there *bonâ fide* carry on the said Fishery, and shall not return until after the Expiration of Fourteen Calendar Months from the Day on which they cleared out, but before the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the Second Year after their clearing out, to some Port in *Great Britain*, there shall be paid and allowed Four hundred Pounds to each of such Ships or Vessels which shall so sail and arrive within the Time herein-before last mentioned, with the greatest Quantity of Oil and Head Matter taken together, being not less in the Whole than Twenty Tons, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales or other Creatures being in those Seas, and taken and killed by the Crew of such Ship or Vessel.

Premiums and Conditions for Ten other Ships.

IV. And be it further enacted, That for Ten other such Ships or Vessels which shall be so fitted and cleared out between the First Day of *January* and the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and nine, and between the First Day of *January* and the Thirty first Day of *December* in each of the Two succeeding Years, and shall double *Cape Horn*, or pass through the Streights of *Magellan* into the South Seas, and carry on the said Fishery during the Space of Four Months to the Westward of *Cape Horn* in those Seas, or shall double *The Cape of Good Hope*, and carry on the said Fishery during the Space of Four Months to the Eastward of One hundred and five Degrees of East Longitude from *London*, and shall not return to some Port of *Great Britain* till after the Expiration of Sixteen Calendar Months from the Day on which they cleared out, but before the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the Second Year after their clearing out, there shall be paid and allowed Six hundred Pounds to any One of such Ships or Vessels which shall so sail and arrive within the Times herein last-mentioned with the greatest Quantity of Oil and Head Matter taken together, being not less in the Whole than Thirty Tons, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales or other Creatures being in those Seas, and taken and killed by the Crew of such Ship or Vessel in the said Voyage, either Outward or Homeward; and there shall be paid and allowed Five hundred Pounds to each of Nine of such Ships and Vessels last before mentioned, which shall so sail and arrive within the Times herein last before mentioned, with the next greatest Quantity of Oil and Head Matter taken together, being not less in the Whole than

than Thirty Tons, and being the Produce of any Whale or Whales or other Creatures being in thoſe Seas, and taken and killed by the Crew of ſuch Ship or Veſſel in the ſaid Voyage, either Outward or Homeward.

Certain Apprentices protected.

V. And be it further enacted, That any Apprentice belonging to any Ship or Veſſel fitted out on the ſaid Fiſhery, who ſhall not have completed Two Voyages, and whoſe Age ſhall not exceed Twenty-one Years, ſhall not be impreſſed from the ſaid Service; and Special Protections ſhall be iſſued by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty to protect ſuch Apprentices from being impreſſed into His Majeſty's Service.

Benefits extended to ſuch Ships returning to Ports in Ireland.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Ships which ſhall clear out for the Southern Whale Fiſhery, and ſhall return to any Port in *Ireland* with a Cargo of Oil, the Produce of the ſaid Fiſhery, within the Period limited by this Act, ſhall be entitled to all the Benefits and Advantages ariſing from Bounties, Remiſſion of Duties, or otherwiſe, granted by the ſaid recited Acts of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-eighth Years of His preſent Majeſty, in the like Manner and to the ſame Extent as if ſuch Ships had returned to any Port in *Great Britain*.

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