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CAP. XXXIV.

An Act to permit the Regiſtry at *Malta* of Ships taken as Prize. [28th *April* 1809.]

WHEREAS it is expedient, during ſuch Time as the Iſland of *Malta* ſhall remain under the *Britiſh* Government, to permit the Regiſtry in the ſaid Iſland of Ships and Veſſels which are condemned there as lawful Prize, and to extend to Ships and Veſſels ſo regiſtered the ſame Privileges and Advantages as are granted to Prize Ships and Veſſels regiſtered in *Great Britain*; 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 be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, or the Commiſſioners exerciſing the Civil Power in the ſaid Iſland, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, on Application being made to them or either of them for that Purpoſe, to make Regiſtry of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and to grant a Certificate of ſuch Regiſtry, in the ſame Manner and under the ſame Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, reſiding in any Colony, Plantation, Iſland, or Territory, belonging to His Majeſty, in *Aſia*, *Africa*, or *America*, are by an Act of the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the further Increaſe of Shipping and Navigation*, authorized to make Regiſtry of the Ships and Veſſels therein mentioned, and to grant Certificate of ſuch Regiſtry.

Governor of Malta, &c. to make Regiſtry of Veſſels condemned there as prize, and grant Certificates of ſuch Regiſtry under the ſame Regulations as the Governors reſiding in any Colony, &c. are by 26G. 3. c. 60. authorized to make Regiſtry of Ships.

Powers of such Governors to extend to the Governor of Malta, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities in relation to any Acts, Matters, or Things that may be done by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, in any such Colony, Plantation, Island, or Territory, under and in pursuance of the said recited Act, shall and may be done and put in Execution, and shall extend to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, and the Commissioner exercising the Civil Power in the said Island of *Malta*, and all and every Pain, Penalty, Fine, or Forfeiture, for any Offence whatever committed against or in breach of the said recited Acts, and every other Clause, Matter, and Thing, therein contained, as to the Registry of Ships and Vessels, shall, so far as the same are applicable, extend and be deemed, construed, and taken to extend to Ships and Vessels registered under and in pursuance of this Act, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Powers and Authorities, Pains, Penalties, Fines, Forfeitures, Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and were made Part thereof.

Such Registry to have the same Effect as if the Prize Ships had been registered in Great Britain.

III. And be it further enacted, That any such Ship or Vessel so condemned as lawful Prize, and registered as aforesaid, being owned and navigated according to Law, shall be entitled to the Privileges and Advantages of a Prize Ship or Vessel in like Manner, as if condemned and registered in *Great Britain*, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Conditions under which Vessels condemned as Prize owned by Persons not British-born Subjects, shall be entitled to the Privileges of Prize Ships, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That any such Ship or Vessel so condemned as lawful Prize and registered as aforesaid, being owned wholly or in Part by any Person or Persons not being *British*-born Subjects, but being Natives of and Residents in the said Island, and being navigated by a Master and Three-fourths of the Mariners either *British* Subjects or Natives of the said Island, shall, during the Time that the said Island shall remain under the *British* Government, and for the Space of Twelve Calendar Months after and no longer, be entitled to the Privileges and Advantages of a Prize Ship or Vessel, in like Manner as if condemned and registered in *Great Britain*, so far as respects the direct Trade between the said Islands of *Great Britain* and to and from the said Island and any Place within the Streights, and in no other Trade whatsoever, any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that in every Certificate of Registry which shall be granted by virtue of this Act, an Insertion shall be made in the Front thereof, stating whether the Ship or Vessel so registered is owned wholly or in Part by Persons who are Natives of and resident in the said Island of *Malta*, or otherwise.

Copies of the Certificates of Registry to be transmitted to the Customs in London.

V. And be it further enacted, That the proper Officer or Officers by whom Certificates of Registry shall have been granted by virtue of and in pursuance of this Act, shall forthwith, or within one Month at the furthest, transmit to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *London*, a true and exact Copy of every Certificate of Registry, with the Number thereof, which shall have been so granted,

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