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

[25th *May* 1811.]

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.

38 G. 3. c. 57.

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

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 twelve, and between the First Day of *January* and the Thirty-first Day of

Premiums and Conditions for Eight Ships.

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 twelve, 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 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.

V. And whereas it is expedient to encourage the ſaid Fiſheries by extending the Limits preſcribed for the ſame in an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Premiums allowed to Ships employed in and for enlarging the Limits of the Southern Whale Fiſhery:* be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Ship or Veſſel fitting and clearing out, and licenſed conformably to the ſaid Act paſſed in the Thirty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and ſailing to the Eaſtward of *The Cape of Good Hope* for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, and having paſſed beyond One hundred and Fifteen Degrees of Eaſt Longitude from *London*, to ſail or paſs to the Northward as far as Ten Degrees of Northern Latitude, but no further to the Northward until ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall have ſailed or paſſed to the Eaſtward of One hundred and eighty Degrees of Eaſt Longitude from *London*; any Thing in the ſaid Act paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign to the contrary notwithſtanding. Limits of Fiſheries preſcribed by 42 G. 3. c. 18. further extended.

VI. 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. Certain Apprentices protected.

VII. 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*. Benefits extended to ſuch Ships returning to Ports in Ireland.

VIII. And whereas it may have happened that in ſome Inſtances the Proviſions in an Act of the Thirty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging and regulating the Southern Whale Fiſheries*, requiring that ſuch of the Foreigners as have formed or may form a Part of the Crews of Ships employed in the Southern Whale Fiſhery may not have taken the Oath of Allegiance, and made the Declaration thereby required; be it therefore enacted, That no Ship or Veſſel that has already ſailed on the ſaid Fiſhery, the Maſter of which has taken the Oath or made the Declaration required by the ſaid Act, ſhall loſe the Benefit of ſuch Voyage by reaſon that all or any of the other Perſons employed in navigating the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall not have taken the ſaid Oath or made the ſaid Declaration. Veſſels, the Maſters of which ſhall have taken the Oath, &c. required by 35 G. 3. c. 92. ſhall not loſe the Benefit of their Voyage, although the Perſons on board have not taken the Oath.

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