

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO QUARTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXXIV.

An Act to continue, until the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and to amend several Acts for allowing Importations from and Exportations to the Places within the Limits of the Charter of the *East India* Company, in Ships not of *British* Built; and for the better Maintenance and Care of *Lascars* and other *Asiatic* Seamen arriving in this Kingdom. [25th *July* 1814.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for continuing in the* East India *Company for a further Time the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with certain exclusive Privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; and for regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the said Company's Charter:* And whereas the Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for allowing the Importation of Goods from Places within the Limits of the Charter of the said Company in Ships not of *British* Built, nor registered as such, and of another Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, in relation to such Ships, were continued by the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament, until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, unless any Provision was made relating thereto in the present Session of Parliament; and His 53 G. 3. c. 155.

Majeſty was by the ſaid recited Act authorized, by any Order or Orders in Council, to authorize any of His Subjects to import from the *Eaſt Indies*, and other Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, into the United Kingdom, and to export from the United Kingdom into the *Eaſt Indies*, or Places within ſuch Limits, in ſuch Ships, under ſuch Regulations as His Majeſty ſhould think fit: And whereas another Act was made in this Seſſion of Parliament, intituled *An Act to extend the Period for allowing Importations from and Exportations to the Places within the Limits of the Charter of the* Eaſt India *Company in Ships not of* Britiſh *Built, until the Firſt Day of* January *One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen:* And whereas it is expedient that ſuch Proviſions ſhould be further continued, and the ſaid Acts amended: 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 all Proviſions, Regulations, Conditions, and Reſtrictions contained in the ſaid Acts, or in any Order or Orders of Council now in force, or which may be iſſued by His Majeſty under the ſaid recited Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, in relation to the allowing of the Importation into the United Kingdom from the *Eaſt Indies*, and other Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, or the Exportation from the United Kingdom to the *Eaſt Indies*, or any Ports or Places within ſuch Limits, of any Goods, Wares, and Merchandize by the ſaid Company, or by any of His Majeſty's Subjects in any ſuch Ships or Veſſels as are in the ſaid Acts or Orders in Council deſcribed, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby continued in full Force and Effect until the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, and ſhall extend and be applied to all ſuch Ships and Veſſels which ſhall ſail from any Port or Place within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company before the ſaid Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen.

54 G. 3. c. 35.

Regulations contained in the recited Acts or in any Order of Council in relation to the allowing of Importation or Exportation to or from the Eaſt Indies in ſuch Veſſels as are therein deſcribed, ſhall be continued till Jan. 1, 1816.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Ship or Veſſel having on board any *Aſiatic* Sailors, Laſcars, or Natives of any Territories, Countries, Iſlands, or Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, ſhall, from and after the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, be allowed to clear out from any Port or Place in any Territory, Country, or Iſland under the Government of the *Eaſt India* Company, or belonging to His Majeſty within the Limits aforeſaid, upon any Voyage to the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or to any Port or Place beyond the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, or ſhall, from and after the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, be admitted to Entry in any Port or Place within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, unleſs and until the Owner, or Captain or Maſter of ſuch Ship ſhall have firſt given Security by Bond to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and in ſuch Sum and Form as ſhall be ſpecified in any Regulations made in that Behalf by the Directors of the *Eaſt India* Company, with the Approbation of the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of *India*, that all ſuch *Aſiatic* Sailors, Laſcars, or Natives aforeſaid ſhall be duly ſupplied with Proviſions and Clothing, and other neceſſary Accommodation, while employed and while abſent from the Countries or Places to which they reſpectively belong, and until they ſhall be carried back to *India*, or any other Country or Place from whence they were reſpectively brought, and for the Conveyance back of ſuch *Aſiatic* Sailors,

No Veſſel having on board Aſiatic Sailors, &c. ſhall be permitted to clear until Bond be given for the Support of ſuch Perſons.

Laſcars, and Natives aforeſaid, within a reaſonable Time to be ſpecified in ſuch Bond, or aſcertained by ſuch Rules and Regulations; and every ſuch Bond, executed by the Maſter or Captain of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or by any one of the Owners thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken to be the joint and ſeveral Bond of all and each of the Owners of the Ships for which ſuch Bond ſhall be given, and may be ſtated in pleading as ſuch, and ſhall bind all and each of ſuch Owners jointly and ſeverally as if the ſame had been duly executed by all and each of the Owners of the Ship or Veſſel.

Aſiatic Sailors, &c. found in Diſtreſs, to be taken Care of by the Eaſt India Company, at the Expence of the Owner of the Ship which brought them.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any *Aſiatic* Sailors, Laſcars, or Natives of any Territories, Countries, Iſlands, or Places within the Limits of the Charter of the *Eaſt India* Company, having been brought to the United Kingdom on board any Ship or Veſſel not being a Ship of War in the Service of His Majeſty, ſhall from and after the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen be found within the United Kingdom in Diſtreſs, for want of Food, Clothing, or other Neceſſaries, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid United Company to ſupply neceſſary and reaſonable Relief to ſuch Perſons, and to maintain them until they ſhall be ſent on board ſome Ship bound for ſome Place within the Limits aforeſaid; and all ſuch Sums as the ſaid Company ſhall pay for or on account of ſuch Relief or Maintenance, ſhall conſtitute and become a Debt due to the ſaid Company from the Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship on board whereof ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall have been brought into the ſaid United Kingdom, and ſhall be recoverable as ſo much Money paid to and for the Uſe of ſuch Owner or Owners, in any of the Courts of the ſaid United Kingdom, or in the *Eaſt Indies*, if the Owners ſhall reſide there, in which Actions or Suits for the Recovery of Debts may be ſued or proſecuted; and in all ſuch Actions and Suits where the ſaid Company ſhall recover, they ſhall be entitled to receive full Coſts of Suit.

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