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

[2d *May* 1815.]

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 Fifty-first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for continuing the Premiums allowed to Ships employed in the Southern Whale Fishery*; 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 certain 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 the Reign of His present Majesty, and mentioned in the said Act, and under the Limitations, Restrictions, and Regulations expressed in this present Act.

51 G.3.c.34.

The Premiums following to be paid.

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

Premium to Eight Ships employed in the Fishery to the South-

ward of the Equator.

in each of the Four 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 Tuns 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.

Premium to Four Ships ſo employed to the Southward of 36 Degrees of South Latitude.

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.

Premium to Ten Ships ſo employed that ſhall double Cape Horn, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That for Ten other 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 fifteen, and between the Firſt Day of *January* and the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* in each of the Four 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* until 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 Tuns, 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.

Premium to Nine Ships.

V. And

V. 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 Fifty-first Years of the Reign 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 to Ships employed in the Southern Whale Fishery returning to any Port in Ireland.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Boat used as and commonly called *A Whale Boat* belonging to any Ship or Vessel employed in the said Fishery to the *Greenland Seas* or *Davis's Streights*, or in the Fishery carried on in the Seas to the Southward of the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*, shall be liable to Seizure for or on account of her Built, Dimensions, or Construction; provided, on the Return of such Ship or Vessel from the Fisheries at the End of every Season such Boat shall be laid up by the Owner or Owners thereof in such Place or Places as shall be approved of by the Principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs of the Port at which such Ship or Vessel shall arrive, and shall not be employed or made use of in any Way whatever but in the said Fisheries.

Whale Boats not liable to Seizure on account of their Built, &c.

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