

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XV.

An Act to amend an Act made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for the Encouragement of the Fiſheries carried on in the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*, ſo far as relates to the Oaths thereby required to be taken.

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WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the further Support and Encouragement of the Fiſheries carried on in the* Greenland Seas *and* Davis's Streights: And whereas by the ſaid Act certain Oaths are required to be taken by One or more of the Owners, and by the Maſter or Chief Officer of every Ship or Veſſel going to and returning from the ſaid Fiſhery: And whereas the ſaid Oaths may preclude Perſons from applying for and obtaining the Rewards to which they may become entitled in purſuance of any Act of Parliament for diſcovering the Longitude at Sea, and encouraging Attempts to find a Northern Paſſage between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole; 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 ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as relates to the Oaths to be taken by One or more of the Owners, and by the Maſter or Chief Officer of every Ship or Veſſel going to and returning from the ſaid Fiſhery, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed. 26 G. 3. c. 41.

So much of recited Act as relates to the Oaths taken by the Owners and Maſters of Veſſels repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That previouſly to the Licence ſpecified in the ſaid Act being granted, One or more Owner or Owners, and the Maſter

Previouſly to granting Licence under recited

Act, the Owners and Maſters of Veſſels to make Oath for the Performance of certain Particulars.

Maſter or Chief Officer of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall make Oath before the Perſons authorized by the ſaid Act to adminiſter the ſame, that it is really and truly their firm Purpoſe and Intention that ſuch Ship ſhall, as ſoon as Licence ſhall be granted, forthwith proceed, manned, furniſhed, and accoutred in the Manner directed by the ſaid Act, on a Voyage to the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*, or the Seas adjacent, and there, in the then approaching Seaſon, to uſe the utmoſt Endeavours of themſelves and their Ships Company to take Whales or other Creatures living in the Sea, and on no other Deſign or View of Profit in ſuch Voyage, ſave and except any Reward or Rewards offered by any Act of Parliament for more effectually diſcovering the Longitude at Sea, or encouraging Attempts to find a Northern Paſſage between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole, and to import the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber thereof into *Great Britain* (naming the Port thereof to which it is their Intention to return); and that, on the Return of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel to *Great Britain*, the Maſter and Mate ſhall make Oath that they did, in purſuance of the Licence granted in purſuance of the ſaid Act (mentioning the Day of their Departure), proceed on a Voyage directly to the Places before mentioned, and have not ſince been on any other Voyage, or purſued any other Deſign or View of Profit, ſave and except any Reward or Rewards offered by any Act of Parliament for more effectually diſcovering the Longitude at Sea, or encouraging Attempts to find a Northern Paſſage between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole, and that they did there (mentioning the Time of their Stay in thoſe Seas) uſe the utmoſt Endeavours of themſelves and their Ships Company to take Whales and other Creatures living in thoſe Seas, and that all the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber (if any) imported in ſuch Ship or Veſſel, were really and *bonâ fide* caught and taken in the ſaid Seas by the Crew of ſuch Ship or Veſſel only, or with the Aſſiſtance of the Crew of ſome other *Britiſh*-built Ship or Veſſel licenſed for that Voyage purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act; and the taking of the ſaid reſpective Oaths in the Form preſcribed by this Act ſhall (all the other Requiſites of the ſaid Act being duly complied with) be ſufficient to authorize the granting of the Licences for the Sailing of ſuch Ships and Veſſels, and the Payment of the Bounties granted by the ſaid Act.

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