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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXI.

An Act for the better Accommodation of His Majesty's Packets within the Harbour on the North Side of the Hill of *Howth*, and for the better Regulation of the Shipping therein. [1st *June* 1818.]

WHEREAS the Harbour on the North Side of the Hill of *Howth*, near *Dublin*, has been improved and nearly completed at the Public Expence, chiefly for the Accommodation and safe lying of His Majesty's Packets: And whereas great Inconvenience may arise from the occasional crowded State of the Harbour, and the Want of Regulation in mooring the Vessels therein: 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 and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, from Time to Time to appoint a Person to act as Harbour Master within the said Harbour, and to remove any Harbour Master so appointed, and to appoint another in his Room or Stead, with such Salary or Allowance as to the said Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors shall seem fitting and expedient, to be paid in like Manner as the Salaries of any Officers appointed by the Commissioners for carrying into Execution an Act of the Fiftieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for improving and completing the said Harbour, and rendering it a fit Situation for His Majesty's Packets.

Lord Lieutenant empowered to appoint Harbour Master for Howth Harbour.

50 G. 3. c. 72.

II. And be it further enacted, That every such Harbour Master shall have full Power and Authority to direct the mooring, unmooring, moving, and removing of all Ships or other Vessels coming into, or lying, or being in the said Harbour, or any Part thereof, or any Place being within the

Power of Harbour Master.

Distance of Five hundred Yards of the Entrance or Mouth of the said Harbour, and to appoint and regulate the Time or Times and the Manner of their Entrance into, lying in, or going out of or from such Harbour, save and except in stormy or tempestuous Weather, and to regulate and determine the Position of such Ships and other Vessels; and in case any Owner, Master, or other Person having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or other Vessel, shall refuse or neglect to moor, unmoor, place, move, or remove his Ship or Vessel according to such Direction, immediately when Notice to him or them shall be given, or left with any Person or Persons on board of such Ship or Vessel for that Purpose, every such Owner, Master, or other Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Harbour Master and his Assistants, and he or his Assistants are hereby required, to moor, unmoor, place, move, or remove such Ship and Vessel accordingly; and in case any Master, Commander, Mate, Pilot, or other Person or Persons taking Charge or Command of any Ship or other Vessel, or any other Person or Persons whosoever, shall obstruct or hinder the mooring, unmooring, placing, moving, or removing of any Ship or other Vessel lying or being in the said Harbour, or being within the Distance of Five hundred Yards of the Entrance or Mouth of the said Harbour, then and in every such Case such Person or Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on obstructing Harbour Master.

Commissioners may sell Lands vested in them which shall not be necessary for the Purposes of this Act, with Consent of the Lord Lieutenant.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners appointed for the Execution of the Act of the Fiftieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for improving and completing the said Harbour, with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to sell or demise any Part of any Land or Ground vested in the said Commissioners, and which shall not be required for the Purposes of the said Act, to any Person or Persons willing to purchase the same, or to take the same on Lease, for the Purpose of erecting thereon any House or Houses for the Residence of the said Harbour Master, or of any Officers of Customs or Excise stationed at the said Harbour, or for such other Purpose relative to the said Harbour as such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors shall from Time to Time authorize, direct, or appoint.

Recovery of Penalties.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties to be incurred under this Act shall be recovered in a summary Manner, before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Dublin*, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels; and in case no sufficient Distress can be had, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice of the Peace to commit the Person or Persons so offending to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or until such Fine shall be paid.

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