

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCVIII.

An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the Fifty-first Year of His Majesty's Reign, for rendering more effectual an Act made in the Forty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, for the Abolition of the Slave Trade. [10th *June* 1818.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Fifty-first Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for rendering more effectual an Act made in the Forty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade,'* it is amongst other things enacted and declared, that all Offences therein-before declared to be Felonies or Misdemeanors which shall be committed in *Africa*, or in any Country, Territory, or Place other than this United Kingdom, or on the High Seas, or in any Port, Sea, Creek, or Place where the Admiral has Jurisdiction, shall and may be inquired of either according to the ordinary Course of Law and the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act for Pirates;* or according to the Provisions of an Act, passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act to proceed by Commission of Oyer and Terminer against such Persons as shall confess Treason and Felony, without remanding the same to be tried in the Shire where the Offence was committed*, as far as the same Act is now unrepealed; or according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act passed for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy:* And whereas by an Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the more speedy Trial of Offences committed in distant Parts upon the Seas*, it is enacted, that all Treasons, Piracies, Felonies, Robberies, Murders, Conspiracies, and other Offences, of what Nature or Kind soever, committed upon the Sea, or in any Haven, River,

51 G. 3. c. 23.

33 H. 8. c. 23.

11 & 12 W. 3. c. 7.

46 G. 3. c. 54.

River, Creek, or Place where the Admiral or Admirals have Power, Authority, or Juriſdiction, may be inquired of, tried, heard, determined, and adjudged according to the common Courſe of the Laws of this Realm uſed for Offences committed upon the Land within this Realm, and not otherwiſe, in any of His Majeſty's Iſlands, Plantations, Colonies, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, under and by virtue of the King's Commiſſion or Commiſſions under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to be directed to any ſuch Four or more diſcreet Perſons as the Lord Chancellor of *Great Britain*, Lord Keeper, or Commiſſioners for the Cuſtody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being ſhall from Time to Time think fit to appoint; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed, or any Three of them, ſhall have ſuch and the like Powers and Authorities for the Trial of all ſuch Murders, Treaſons, Piracies, Felonies, Conſpiracies, and other Offences, within any ſuch Iſland, Plantations, Colony, Dominions, Forts, or Factories, as any Commiſſioners appointed or to be appointed according to the Directions of the Statute of the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, by any Law or Laws now in force have or would have for the Trial of the ſaid Offences within this Realm: And whereas Doubts have ariſen whether Offences declared by the ſaid Act of the Fifty-firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign to be Felonies or Miſdemeanors committed on the High Seas, or in any Port, Sea, Creek, or Place where the Admiral has Juriſdiction, may be inquired of, heard, and determined under or by virtue of any Commiſſion iſſued or to be iſſued under the Directions of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign: 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 Offences declared by the ſaid Act of the Fifty-firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign to be Felonies or Miſdemeanors, committed or which ſhall be committed on the High Seas, or in any Port, Sea, Creek, or Place where the Admiral has Juriſdiction, may be inquired of, tried, and determined under and by virtue of any Commiſſion already iſſued or hereafter to be iſſued according to the Directions of the above recited Acts of the Forty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign; and that all Perſons convicted of any of the ſaid Offences ſo inquired of, tried, and determined, or to be inquired of, tried, and determined under and by virtue of any ſuch Commiſſion made or iſſued or to be made or iſſued according to the Directions of the ſaid Act of the Forty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, ſhall be ſubject and liable to and ſhall ſuffer all ſuch and the ſame Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as by any Law or Laws now in force Perſons convicted of the ſame reſpectively would be ſubject and liable to, in caſe the ſame were reſpectively inquired of, tried, and determined and adjudged within this Realm by virtue of any Commiſſion made according to the Directions of the Statute of the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Offences declared by 51G.3.c.23. to be Felonies or Miſdemeanors committed on the Seas, &c. may be tried under any Commiſſion iſſued according to the Directions of 46G.3.c.54.

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