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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXIII.

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

[12th *July* 1819.]

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-fifth 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. 55 G.3. c. 45. The following Premiums to be paid. 35 G.3. c. 92.

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 nineteen, and between the First Day of *January* and Thirty-first Day of *December* in each of the Four succeeding Years, and Premium to Eight Ships employed in the Fishery to the Southward of the Equator re-

turning first within the Period herein mentioned, with the greatest Quantity of Oil, &c. 300*l.* each.

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 Tons 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, and returning within the Time herein mentioned with the greatest Quantity of Oil, &c. 400*l.* each.

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. and returning within the Time herein mentioned with the greatest Quantity of Oil, &c. the First Ship 600*l.* the other Nine Ships 500*l.* each.

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 nineteen, 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 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.

Benefits to Ships employed in the Southern Whale Fishery returning to any Port in Ireland.

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-fifth 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*.

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

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.

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