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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. II.

An Act to amend an Act, of the Fifty-eighth Year of His late Majesty, for more effectually 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*. [23d *February* 1821.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for more effectually 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, it was enacted, that if any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or to His Majesty, shall first find out and sail through any Passage by Sea between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, in any Direction or Parallel of the Northern Hemisphere, the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, if belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or the Commander or Commanders, Officers, Seamen, and Marines of such Ships or Vessels, if belonging to His Majesty, so first finding out and sailing through such Passage, shall receive a Reward for such Discovery of Twenty thousand Pounds: And whereas it was further enacted, that if any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, 58 G.3. c.20.

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Vessels, should approach within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*, the Owner of such Ship or Vessel, Ships or Vessels, if belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or the Commander or Commanders, Officers, Seamen, and Marines of any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, if belonging to His Majesty, so first approaching within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*, should be entitled to receive a Reward of Five thousand Pounds: And whereas it was further enacted, for the Encouragement of Persons who may attempt the said Passage, or approach to the *Northern Pole*, but not wholly accomplish the same, that the Commissioners for discovering the Longitude at Sea, might by their Memorial propose to His Majesty in Council to direct and establish proportionate Rewards to be paid to such Person as aforesaid, who shall first have accomplished certain Proportions of the said Passage or Approach; and if His Majesty in Council should be pleased to sanction and approve the said Proposal, then that the same should be published in the *London Gazette*, and any Person or Persons accomplishing such Passages, or the specified Proportions of them, should be entitled on the Award of the said Commissioners to receive such total or proportionate Sums as may have been offered for the Object which he or they may have then accomplished: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether such proportionate Rewards be over and above the said Sums of Twenty thousand and Five thousand Pounds respectively, or only Parts and Proportions of the said Sums: For the Removal of all such Doubts, be it 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, such proportionate Rewards shall be held and taken to be Proportions and Parts only of the said Sums of Twenty thousand and Five thousand Pounds respectively, and that such proportionate Rewards as His Majesty may be pleased hereafter to direct and establish by His Order in Council under the said Act, shall be Parts and Proportions only of the said Sums, so that no more than the said respective Sums of Twenty thousand and Five thousand Pounds shall be paid or payable under such Order in Council, for the Accomplishment of the Whole of the said Passage or Approach respectively, whether the same shall be attempted or accomplished by Proportions or Parts, or by One Voyage only.

The proportionate Rewards directed to be allowed by recited Act, pursuant to any Order in Council, shall be held to be Parts only of the several Sums of £20,000 and £5,000.

II. And be it further enacted and declared, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty in Council to revoke, annul, alter, or amend, as from Time to Time may seem necessary and proper, any Order or Orders in Council already made, or hereafter to be made, under the Authority of the said recited Act or of this Act.

Orders in Council under this or recited Act may be revoked.

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