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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to amend and continue, until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, several Laws relating to the Encouragement of the *Greenland* Whale Fisheries, to the allowing Vessels employed in the said Fisheries to complete their full Number of Men at certain Ports. [8th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS the Laws herein-after mentioned have by Experience been found useful and beneficial, and it is expedient that the same should be further continued: 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 an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the further Support and Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on in the* Greenland *Seas and* Davis's Streights, which was to be in force for Five Years from the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six; and also so much of an Act made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for further encouraging and regulating the* Newfoundland, Greenland, *and Southern Whale Fisheries*, as relates to

26 G. 3. c. 41.

and so much of 29 G. 3. c. 53. as relates to the Fisheries in the Green-

land Seas and Davis's Streights, and continued by 32G. 3. c. 22. 42G. 3. c. 22. 44G. 3. c. 23. 46G. 3. c. 29. 48G. 3. c. 20. 50G. 3. c. 11. 55G. 3. c. 39. 1 G. 4. c. 12. further continued till Dec. 31, 1823.

to the Fisheries carried on in the *Greenland* Seas and *Davis's Streights*; which by an Act made in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty were amended and continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and which were by several subsequent Acts further continued; and by Two Acts, passed in the Forty-second and Forty-fourth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, were amended and further continued; and by several Acts of the Forty-sixth, Forty-eighth, Fiftieth, and Fifty-fifth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and by an Act of the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, were further continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, shall be further continued until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

46 G. 3. c. 9. further continued till Dec. 31, 1823.

II. And be it further enacted, That an Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for allowing, until the Signature of Preliminary Articles of Peace, Vessels employed in the* Greenland *Whale Fishery to complete their full Number of Men at certain Ports*, which by an Act made in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, was revived and continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, shall be further continued until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

Commissioners of the Customs may empower the Collector, &c. of the Port where Ships are fitting out for the Fisheries to grant Licences to proceed on their Voyage, on the Visiting Officer reporting that the Regulations have been complied with.

III. And whereas by the Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty it is enacted, that every *British* Ship, before she proceeds in her Voyage to the *Greenland* Seas or *Davis's Streights*, should be visited by the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs belonging to such Port, who should examine into such Ship or Vessel, and take an Account of the Tonnage thereof by Admeasurement, and should certify such his or their Visitation to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs; and if it should appear, by the Certificate of such Officer or Officers, that such Vessel hath on board such a Number of Men, Provisions, Boats, Fishing Lines, and Instruments used in such Fishery as mentioned in the said Act, then and in all such Cases it should be lawful for any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, for the Time being, on receiving such Certificates, to give and grant full Licence and Authority to such Vessel to proceed in the said Voyage: And whereas Inconvenience has been found, particularly in Tide Harbours, from the Delay that must necessarily take place between the Visitation of the Officer on board of the Ship for the Mustering of the Crew, Examination of Provisions, Boats, Fishing Lines, and Instruments used in such Fishery, the Report of such Officer or Officers to the Commissioners of the Customs, and the Return of the Licence from such Commissioners; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for Three or more of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, and they are hereby required, to authorize the Collector or Comptroller, or Chief Officer of the Customs of the Port where any Ship for carrying on the Fishery in the *Greenland* Seas or *Davis's*

Streights is fitting out, to give and grant a full and sufficient Licence for such Ship to proceed on her Voyage as soon as the proper Officer or Officers shall have visited such Ship, and reported to such Collector, Comptroller, or Chief Officer, that the Number of Men, Provisions, Boats, Fishing Lines, and Instruments, and all other Requisites required by the said Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty aforesaid, are on board such Vessel, and have been duly complied with, in such and the like Manner and as effectually as the Commissioners respectively could have done on receiving such Reports; any thing contained in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

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