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# GEORGII IV. REGIS.

## CAP. IX.

**An Act for granting the Privileges of *British* Ships to Vessels built at *Malta*, *Gibraltar*, and *Heligoland*, and certain of those Privileges to Vessels built in the *British* Settlements at *Honduras*.**

[22d *June* 1820.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that all the Privileges of *British* Ships should be granted to Vessels built at *Malta*, *Gibraltar*, and *Heligoland*, and that certain of those Privileges should be granted to Vessels built in the *British* Settlements at *Honduras*: 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief at *Malta*, *Gibraltar*, and *Heligoland* respectively, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, on Application being made to them or either of them for that Purpose, to make Registry of any Ship or Vessel built in those Places respectively, and to grant a Certificate of such Registry, in the same Manner, and under the same Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, residing in any Colony, Plantation, Island, or Territory belonging to His Majesty in *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, are by

Vessels built at Malta, Gibraltar, and Heligoland to be registered, and Certificate obtained, according to the Regulations of 26 G. 3. c. 60.

by an Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the further Increase of Shipping and Navigation*, authorized to make Registry of the Ships and Vessels therein mentioned, and to grant Certificates of such Registry, although there may not be any principal Officer or Officers of the Customs residing in *Malta*, *Gibraltar*, and *Heligoland* respectively.

Certain Powers of recited Act to extend to Governor, &c. of Malta, Gibraltar, and Heligoland.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities in relation to any Acts, Matters, or Things, that may be done by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief in any such Colony, Plantation, Island, or Territory under and in pursuance of the said recited Act, shall and may be done and put in Execution, and shall extend to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief at *Malta*, *Gibraltar*, and *Heligoland* respectively; and all and every Pain, Penalty, Fine, or Forfeiture for any Offence whatever committed against or in breach of the said recited Act, and every other Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, as to the Registry of Ships and Vessels, shall, so far as the same are applicable, extend, and be deemed, construed, and taken to extend, to Ships and Vessels registered under and in pursuance of this Act, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Powers and Authorities, Pains, Penalties, Fines, Forfeitures, Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and were made Part thereof.

Ships so registered entitled to Privileges of British Ships.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Ship or Vessel so registered as aforesaid, being owned and navigated according to Law, shall be entitled to all the Privileges and Advantages of a Ship or Vessel in like Manner as if registered in *Great Britain*, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Certificates of Registry to be transmitted to the Commissioners of Customs.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the proper Officer or Officers, by whom Certificates of Registry shall have been granted by virtue of and in pursuance of this Act, shall forthwith, or within One Month at the farthest, transmit to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *London*, a true and exact Copy of every Certificate of Registry, with the Number thereof which shall have been so granted.

Vessels built at Honduras entitled to Privileges of British Vessels, so far as regards direct Trade between those Settlements and the United Kingdom.

V. And whereas it is expedient to admit Vessels built in the *British* Settlements at *Honduras*, in the Province of *Yucatan*, to the Privileges of *British* Vessels, so far as regards the direct Trade between those Settlements and the United Kingdom; be it therefore further enacted, That all Ships or Vessels built in the said Settlements, and wholly owned by *British* Subjects, shall be entitled to the Privileges and Advantages of *British* Ships as far as respects the direct Trade between *Great Britain* and the said Settlements: Provided always, that no such Ship or Vessel shall be entitled to the said Privileges and Advantages unless the same shall be navigated according to Law, and the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel shall, at the Time of his Arrival and reporting of his Ship or Vessel at any Port in *Great Britain*

*Britain* from the said Settlements, produce and deliver to the Collector, or other proper Officer of the Customs at such Port, a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Superintendent of the said Settlements, certifying that satisfactory Proof has been made before him that such Ship or Vessel was actually built in the said Settlements, and wholly owned by *British* Subjects. Certificate to be produced,

VI. And be it further enacted, That every such Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall make Oath that the same is the identical Ship or Vessel for which such Certificate has been given and produced. on Oath.

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