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CAP. XV.

An Act to facilitate the Public Business in certain Cases in the Navy and Victualling Departments.

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WHEREAS by divers Acts certain Powers and Authorities are given to, and certain Duties imposed upon, the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, and the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy: And whereas His Majesty has been pleased to reduce the Numbers of such Commissioners, and it is therefore expedient that Two or more of them should be enabled to exercise and execute the respective Powers, Authorities, and Duties, and to do and perform all Things which by any of the said Acts might or ought to be exercised, executed, performed or done by Three or more of such Commissioners respectively: 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 from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for Two or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, and for Two or more of the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, and for the Care of Sick and Wounded Seamen, and any such Two or more Commissioners respectively are hereby empowered to exercise and execute all Powers, Authorities, and Duties, and to perform and do all Acts, Matters, and Things, appertaining to their respective

Two Commissioners of the Navy, or Two Commissioners for Victualling, the Navy may exercise all the Powers hitherto

exercised by Three of them.

respective Offices, which by any Act or Acts now in force can, may, or ought to be exercised, executed, performed, or done by Three or more of such Commissioners respectively; and all such Acts, Matters, and Things, done, performed, and executed by Two or more of the said Commissioners respectively in their respective Offices, shall be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if done, performed, and executed by Three or more of the said Commissioners respectively: Provided always nevertheless, that in all Cases of Assignments of Quarterly Bills for Officers Pay, Assignments of Tickets of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and Orders for Payment of Allotments of the Wages of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines of His Majesty's Fleet, the Signature of One Commissioner of the Navy only shall be legal and sufficient to all Intents and Purposes, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

In Assignments of Bills for Pay, &c. the Signature of One Commissioner shall be sufficient.

In Contracts, &c. relating to the several Departments of the Naval Service, it shall be sufficient to describe the Commissioners by their respective Titles.

II. And whereas it is expedient to make some Provision for preventing Inconvenience and Delay in the Execution of Contracts, Conveyances, Leases, and other Deeds and Instruments relating to the Public Service in the several Departments of the Naval Service of this Kingdom; be it therefore enacted, That in all Contracts, Conveyances, Leases, and other Deeds and Instruments whatsoever relating to the Public Service, which from and after the passing of this Act shall or may be made or entered into by, to, or with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Two or more of them, the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy for the Time being, or any Two or more of them, or the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy for the Time being, or any Two or more of them, or whereunto they or any Two or more of them shall or may respectively be Parties, it shall be sufficient to call or describe the said several Commissioners by the respective Styles or Titles of "The Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*," "The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy," and "The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy," without naming them or any of them; and that all such Contracts, Conveyances, Leases, and other Deeds and Instruments, wherein the said Commissioners, or any of them, shall be called or described by their respective Styles or Titles as aforesaid, and the Execution thereof respectively by the said respective Commissioners, or any of them, or any Two or more of them respectively, (as the Case may be or require,) shall be as valid and effectual, and shall have the like Force and Operation, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the Commissioners by, to, or with whom the same shall or may be made or entered into, or who shall or may be the Parties thereto, or any Two or more of them respectively, had been particularly named and described therein.

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