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An Act for relieving, in certain Cases, Vessels entering or sailing from the Port of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, from the Duties leviable under Two Acts passed in the Forty-sixth and Fifty-fourth Years of His late Majesty's Reign, relating to the Northern Lighthouses. [3d *May* 1830.]

WHEREAS in and by an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on the* Bell *or* Cape Rock, *on the Eastern Coast of* Scotland, *and for enabling the Commissioners of the Treasury to advance a certain Sum of Money out of the Consolidated Fund of* Great Britain *towards that Purpose*, it is enacted, that from and after the said Lighthouse shall be finished and a Light put therein, it should and might be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or for such Person or Persons as they should appoint, to demand, collect, receive, and take from all and every the Masters and Owners of every Ship or decked Vessel the Sums or Duties following; (that is to say,) from every Ship or decked Vessel of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, navigated according to Law, which should sail to or from any Port or Place on the East Coast of *Scotland* between *Peterhead* on the North and *Berwick-upon-Tweed* on the South inclusive, and whether the said Ship or Vessel should be Outward or Homeward bound, or on a Foreign Voyage, or 46G.3.c.132.

sailing Coastwise, as also from all Ships and Vessels, as above described, which shall sail within a Line drawn from *Peterhead* on the North to the said Port of *Berwick* on the South, both inclusive, a Sum of One Penny Halfpenny for every Ton; and for every Foreign Ship or decked Vessel sailing as aforesaid, a Sum not exceeding Three-pence for every Ton thereof: And whereas by another Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* 54G.3.c.136. the Third, intituled *An Act for enabling the Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouses to purchase the Island and Light of* May, *at the Entrance of the* Frith of Forth, *for enabling the Commissioners of the Treasury to advance a certain Sum of Money towards that Purpose, and for amending several Acts in regard to the Northern Lighthouses*, it was enacted, that from and after the passing of this Act the Duties heretofore levied in respect of the Light on the Island of *May* should cease and determine, and in lieu thereof, and to enable the said Commissioners to pay the Price of the said Light and Island of *May*, and to maintain a proper Light there, and also to erect and maintain additional Lighthouses, as before-mentioned, and otherwise to provide for the keeping in repair and maintaining the whole Lighthouses under their Charge, it should and might be lawful to the said Commissioners, or such Person or Persons as they should appoint, from and after the passing of this Act, to demand, collect, receive, and take from all and every the Masters and Owners of every Ship or decked Vessel of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, navigated according to Law, which should sail to or from any Port or Place on the East Coast of *Scotland* between the Castle of *Dunottar* on the North and *Saint Abbe's Head* on the South, both inclusive, whether the said Ship or Vessel should be loaded or in Ballast, or Outward or Homeward bound, or on a Foreign Voyage, or sailing Coastwise, and also for every such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid which should sail within a Line drawn from the Castle of *Dunottar* on the North to *Saint Abbe's Head* on the South, both inclusive, a Sum not exceeding One Penny for every Ton of such Ship or Vessel; and for every Foreign Ship and decked Vessel sailing as aforesaid, a Sum not exceeding Two-pence for every Ton thereof; and for every Ship or decked Vessel of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, navigated according to Law, liable in Payment of Duties to the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, not sailing within the aforesaid Limits, a Sum not exceeding One Halfpenny for every Ton of such Ship or Vessel; and for every Foreign Ship or decked Vessel, liable in Payment of Duties as aforesaid, not sailing within the aforesaid Limits, a Sum not exceeding One Penny for every Ton thereof: And whereas it hath been found by Experience, that Ships and other Vessels entering into and sailing or departing from the Harbour of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, from and to the Southward, do not derive any Advantage from the said herein-before mentioned Lights, or either of them, and it is therefore just and expedient that such Ships and Vessels should be relieved from the Duties imposed by the said Acts; but such Relief cannot be granted without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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 no Master or Owner or Masters or Owners of any Ship or Vessel of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or of any Foreign Ship or Vessel, which shall enter into the said Harbour of *Berwick-upon-Tweed* from any Port or Place situate to the Southward thereof, not having in such Voyage touched at any Port or Place situated to the Northward of the said Harbour, or which shall depart from or be intended to depart from the said Harbour for any Port or Place situate to the Southward thereof, and shall not touch at any Port or Place to the Northward thereof in the Course of the then intended Voyage, shall be liable to any of the Duties or Sums of Money authorized to be levied by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses in virtue of the said recited Acts or either of them, but such Ships or Vessels shall be entirely exempted therefrom; any thing in the said Acts or either of them to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ships sailing Southward of Berwick Harbour relieved from the Duties imposed by the recited Acts.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect, or be deemed or construed to affect, the Masters and Owners of any Ship or decked Vessel which shall enter into or depart from the said Harbour of *Berwick*, other than those entering into or sailing or departing from the same from and to the Southward, as herein-before mentioned; but such Masters and Owners shall continue liable for and be subject to Payment of the said Duties and Sums of Money in all respects as heretofore.

This Act not to affect Ships, &c. sailing Northward of Berwick Harbour.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

Public Act.

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