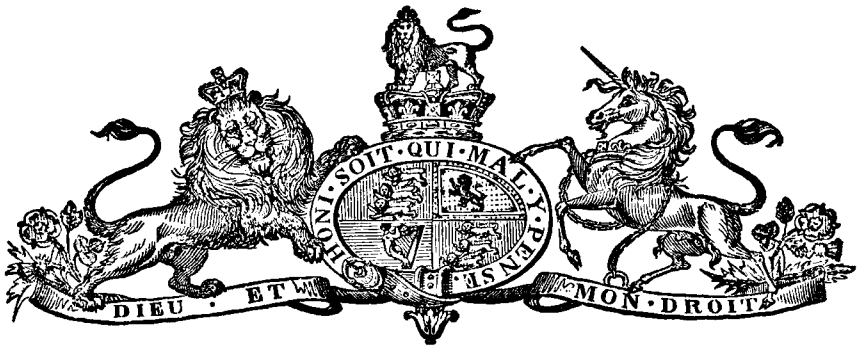



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## CAP. XXIX.

## An Act to amend the Laws in force for the Encouragement of *British* Shipping and Navigation.

[26th *June* 1849.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws now in force for the Encouragement of *British* Shipping and Navigation: Be it enacted by the Queen'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and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty the following Acts and Parts of Acts shall be repealed; (that is to say,) a certain Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of* British *Shipping and Navigation;* and so much of a certain other Act passed in the said Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the registering of* British *Vessels*, as limits the Privileges of Vessels registered at *Malta*, *Gibraltar*, and *Heligoland;* and so much thereof as provides that no Ship or Vessel shall be registered, except such as are wholly of the Build of some Part of the *British* Dominions; and so much as relates to the Disqualification of Ships repaired in a Foreign Country; and so much as

Certain Acts repealed from and after 1st January 1850.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 88.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 89. Sec. 3. Sec. 5. Sec. 7. Sec. 9.

as prevents *British* Ships which have been captured by or sold to Foreigners from becoming entitled to be again registered as *British* in case the same again become the Property of *British* Subjects; and so much of a certain other Act passed in the said Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to regulate the Trade of* British *Possessions abroad*, as provides that no Goods shall be imported into or exported from any of the *British* Possessions in *America* by Sea from or to any Place other than the United Kingdom, or some other of such Possessions, except into or from the several Ports denominated Free Ports; and so much thereof as provides for the Limitation of the Privileges allowed to Foreign Ships by the Law of Navigation in respect of Importations into the *British* Possessions in *Asia*, *Africa*, and *America*; and so much thereof as provides that no Vessel or Boat shall be admitted to be a *British* Vessel or Boat on any of the Inland Waters or Lakes of *America*, except such as shall have been built at some Place within the *British* Dominions, and shall not have been repaired at any Foreign Place to a greater Extent than in the said Act is mentioned; and so much of a certain other Act passed in the said Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the general Regulation of the Customs*, as prohibits the Importation of Train Oil, Blubber, Spermaceti Oil, Head-matter, Skins, Bones, and Fins, the Produce of Fish or Creatures living in the Sea, unless in Vessels which shall have been cleared out regularly with such Oil, Blubber, or other Produce on board from some Foreign Port; and so much thereof as prohibits the Importation of Tea, unless from the *Cape of Good Hope*, or from Places Eastward of the same to the *Straits of Magellan*; and so much of a certain Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Merchant Seamen, and for keeping a Register of Seamen*, as provides that the Master or Owner of every Ship belonging to any Subject of Her Majesty, and of the Burden of Eighty Tons or upwards, (except Pleasure Yachts,) shall have on board at the Time of her proceeding from any Port of the United Kingdom, and at all Times when absent from the United Kingdom, or navigating the Seas, One Apprentice or more in a certain Proportion to the Number of Tons of his Ship's Admeasurement, and that if any such Master or Owner shall neglect to have on board his Ship the Number of Apprentices thereby required, together with their respective registered Indentures, Assignments, and Register Tickets, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds in respect of each Apprentice, Indenture, Assignment, or Register Ticket so wanting or deficient; also an Act passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the Trade to be carried on*

8 & 9 Vict. c. 93. Sec. 2.

Sec. 4.

Sec. 44.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 86. s. 63.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 112 s. 37.

37 G. 3. c. 117.

*with the* British *Possessions in* India *by the Ships of Nations in Amity with His Majesty;* and so much of a certain Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the several Laws now in force with respect to Trade from and to Places within the Limits of the Charter of the* East India *Company, and to make further Provisions with respect to such Trade, and to amend an Act of the present Session of Parliament for the registering of Vessels, so far as it relates to Vessels registered in* India, as enacts that no *Asiatic* Sailors, Lascars, or Natives of any of the Territories, Countries, Islands, or Places within the Limits of the Charter of the *East India* Company, shall at any Time be deemed or taken to be *British* Seamen within the Intent and Meaning of any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Navigation of *British* Ships by Subjects of Her Majesty; and also the following Acts and Parts of Acts; so much of a certain Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to authorize His Majesty, under certain Circumstances, to regulate the Duties and Drawbacks on Goods imported or exported in Foreign Vessels, and to exempt certain Foreign Vessels from Pilotage,* as relates to the Regulation of Duties and Drawbacks; also an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to indemnify all Persons concerned in advising, issuing, or acting under a certain Order in Council for regulating the Tonnage Duties on certain Foreign Vessels, and to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament for authorizing His Majesty, under certain Circumstances, to regulate the Duties and Drawbacks on Goods imported or exported in any Foreign Vessels;* also so much of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting Duties of Customs,* as empowers Her Majesty in Council in certain Cases to direct that additional Duties shall be levied on Articles the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of Foreign Countries, or upon Goods imported in the Ships of Foreign Countries, or to prohibit the Importation of manufactured Articles the Produce of Foreign Countries; also so much of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for the Importation of Corn,* as enables Her Majesty, under certain Circumstances, to prohibit the Importation of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour from the Dominions of certain Foreign Powers; and the said several Acts and Parts of Acts before mentioned are hereby accordingly repealed, except so far as the said Acts or any of them repeal any former Act or Acts, or any Part of such Act or Acts, and except so far as relates to any Penalty or Forfeiture which shall have been

4 G. 4. c. 80. s. 20.

4 G. 4. c. 77.

5 G. 4. c. 1.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 90. s. 8.

5 & 6 Vict. c. 14. s. 8.

been incurred under the said Act or Acts hereby repealed or any of them, or to any Offence which shall have been committed contrary to such Act or Acts or any of them.

*Coasting Trade.*

Coasting Trade of United Kingdom and Isle of Man.

II. And be it enacted, That no Goods or Passengers shall be carried Coastwise from one Part of the United Kingdom to another, or from the United Kingdom to the *Isle of Man*, or from the *Isle of Man* to the United Kingdom, except in *British* Ships.

Trade with the Channel Islands.

III. And be it enacted, That no Goods or Passengers shall be imported into the United Kingdom from any of the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, or *Sark*, nor shall any Goods or Passengers be exported from the United Kingdom to any of the said Islands, nor shall any Goods or Passengers be carried from any of the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man* to any other of the said Islands, nor from one Part of any of the said Islands to another Part of the same Island, except in *British* Ships.

Coasting Trade of the British Possessions.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Goods or Passengers shall be carried from one Part of any *British* Possession in *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America* to another Part of the same Possession, except in *British* Ships.

Queen in Council may regulate Coasting Trade of Colonies on their Address.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the Legislature or proper legislative Authority of any such *British* Possession shall present an Address to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to authorize or permit the Conveyance of Goods or Passengers from one Part of such Possession to another Part thereof in other than *British* Ships, or if the Legislatures of any Two or more Possessions, which for the Purposes of this Act Her Majesty in Council shall declare to be neighbouring Possessions, shall present Addresses or a joint Address to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to place the Trade between them on the Footing of a Coasting Trade, or of otherwise regulating the same, so far as relates to the Vessels in which it is to be carried on, it shall thereupon be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, so to authorize the Conveyance of such Goods or Passengers, or so to regulate the Trade between such neighbouring Possessions, as the Case may be, in such Terms and under such Conditions, in either Case, as to Her Majesty may seem good.

Coasting Trade of India to be regulated by Governor General in Council.

VI. And with regard to the Coasting Trade of *India*, be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor General of *India* in Council to make any Regulations authorizing or permitting the Conveyance of Goods or Passengers from one Part of the Possessions of the *East India* Company to another Part thereof in other than

than *British* Ships, subject to such Restrictions or Regulations as he may think necessary; and such Regulations shall be of equal Force and Effect with any Laws and Regulations which the said Governor General in Council is now or may hereafter be authorized to make, and shall be subject to Disallowance and Repeal in like Manner as any other Laws or Regulations made by the said Governor General in Council under the Laws from Time to Time in force for the Government of the *British* Territories in *India*, and shall be transmitted to *England*, and be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in the same Manner as any other Laws or Regulations which the Governor General in Council is now or may hereafter be empowered to make. *Coasting Trade.*

VII. And be it enacted, That no Ship shall be admitted to be a *British* Ship unless duly registered and navigated as such; and that every *British*-registered Ship (so long as the Registry of such Ship shall be in force, or the Certificate of such Registry retained for the Use of such Ship,) shall be navigated during the whole of every Voyage (whether with a Cargo or in Ballast) in every Part of the World by a Master who is a *British* Subject, and by a Crew whereof Three Fourths at least are *British* Seamen; and if such Ship be employed in a Coasting Voyage from one Part of the United Kingdom to another, or in a Voyage between the United Kingdom and the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, or from one of the said Islands to another of them, or from one Part of either of them to another of the same, or be employed in fishing on the Coasts of the United Kingdom or of any of the said Islands, then the whole of the Crew shall be *British* Seamen: Provided always, that if a due Proportion of *British* Seamen cannot be procured in any Foreign Port, or in any Place within the Limits of the *East India* Company's Charter, for the Navigation of any *British* Ship, or if such Proportion be destroyed during the Voyage by any unavoidable Circumstance, and the Master of such Ship make Proof of the Truth of such Facts to the Satisfaction of the Collector and Controller of the Customs at any *British* Port, or of any Person authorized in any other Part of the World to inquire into the Navigation of such Ship, the same shall be deemed to be duly navigated: Provided also, that every *British* Ship (except such as are required to be wholly navigated by *British* Seamen) which shall be navigated by One *British* Seaman for every Twenty Tons of the Burthen of such Ship shall be deemed to be duly navigated, although the Number of other Seamen shall exceed One Fourth of the whole Crew. *British Ships.* No Ship British unless registered and navigated as such. Proviso.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be deemed to be a *British* Seaman, or to be duly qualified to be Master of a *British* Vessel, What Persons to be British Seamen.

*British Ships.*

Vessel, except Persons of One of the following Classes; (that is to say,) natural-born Subjects of Her Majesty; Persons naturalized by or under any Act of Parliament, or by or under any Act or Ordinance of the Legislature or proper legislative Authority of One of the *British* Possessions, or made Denizens by Letters of Denization; Persons who have become *British* Subjects by virtue of the Conquest or Cession of some newly acquired Country, and who have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, or the Oath of Fidelity required by the Treaty or Capitulation by which such newly acquired Country came into Her Majesty's Possession; *Asiatic* Sailors or Lascars, being Natives of any of the Territories, Countries, Islands, or Places within the Limits of the Charter of the *East India* Company, and under the Government of Her Majesty or of the said Company; and Persons who have served on board any of Her Majesty's Ships of War, in Time of War, for the Space of Three Years.

Proportion of Seamen may be altered by Proclamation.

IX. And be it enacted, That if Her Majesty shall at any Time by Her Royal Proclamation declare that the Proportion of *British* Seamen necessary to the due Navigation of *British* Ships shall be less than the Proportion required by this Act, every *British* Ship navigated with the Proportion of *British* Seamen required by such Proclamation shall be deemed to be duly navigated, so long as such Proclamation shall remain in force.

*Reciprocity.*

Queen may restrict the Privileges of Foreign Ships in certain Cases;

X. And be it enacted, That in case it shall be made to appear to Her Majesty that *British* Vessels are subject in any Foreign Country to any Prohibitions or Restrictions as to the Voyages in which they may engage, or as to the Articles which they may import into or export from such Country, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty (if She think fit), by Order in Council, to impose such Prohibitions or Restrictions upon the Ships of such Foreign Country, either as to the Voyages in which they may engage, or as to the Articles which they may import into or export from any Part of the United Kingdom or of any *British* Possession in any Part of the World, as Her Majesty may think fit, so as to place the Ships of such Country on as nearly as possible the same Footing in *British* Ports as that on which *British* Ships are placed in the Ports of such Country.

and may impose additional Duties.

XI. And be it enacted, That in case it shall be made to appear to Her Majesty that *British* Ships are either directly or indirectly subject in any Foreign Country to any Duties or Charges of any Sort or Kind whatsoever from which the national Vessels of such Country are exempt, or that any Duties are imposed upon Articles imported or exported in *British* Ships which are not equally imposed upon the like Articles imported or exported in national Vessels, or that any

Preference whatsoever is shown either directly or indirectly to national Vessels over *British* Vessels, or to Articles imported or exported in national Vessels over the like Articles imported or exported in *British* Vessels, or that *British* Trade and Navigation is not placed by such Country upon as advantageous a Footing as the Trade and Navigation of the most favoured Nation, then and in any such Case it shall be lawful for Her Majesty (if She think fit), by Order in Council, to impose such Duty or Duties of Tonnage upon the Ships of such Nation entering into or departing from the Ports of the United Kingdom, or of any *British* Possession in any Part of the World, or such Duty or Duties on all Goods, or on any specified Classes of Goods, imported or exported in the Ships of such Nation, as may appear to Her Majesty justly to countervail the Disadvantages to which *British* Trade or Navigation is so subjected as aforesaid. *Reciprocity.*

XII. And be it enacted, That in every such Order Her Majesty may, if She so think fit, specify what Ships are to be considered as Ships of the Country or Countries to which such Order applies, and all Ships answering the Description contained in such Order shall be considered to be Ships of such Country or Countries for the Purposes of such Order. Order in Council to specify Ships to which it applies.

XIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty from Time to Time to revoke any Order or Orders in Council made under the Authority of this Act. Orders may be revoked.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every such Order in Council as aforesaid shall, within Fourteen Days after the issuing thereof, be Twice published in the *London Gazette*, and that a Copy thereof shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within Six Weeks after the issuing the same, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then within Six Weeks after the Commencement of the then next Session of Parliament. Orders to be published in "Gazette," and to be laid before Parliament.

XV. And be it enacted, That if any Goods be imported, exported, or carried Coastwise contrary to this Act, all such Goods shall be forfeited, and the Master of the Ship in which the same are so imported, exported, or carried Coastwise shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, except where any other Penalty is hereby specially imposed. Penalties.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred under this Act shall be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and disposed of, or shall be mitigated or restored, in like Manner and by the same Authority as any Penalty or Forfeiture can be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and disposed of, or may be mitigated or restored, Penalties, how to be recovered.

restored, under an Act passed in the said Session of Parliament holden in the Eighth and Ninth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Prevention of Smuggling*; and that the Costs of all Proceedings under this Act shall be defrayed out of the Consolidated Duties of Customs.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 87.

*Registry.*

Who may be Owners of British Vessels.

XVII. And be it enacted, That all natural-born Subjects of Her Majesty, and all Persons made Denizens by Letters of Denization, and all Persons naturalized by or under any Act of Parliament, or by or under any Act or Ordinance of the Legislature or proper legislative Authority of any of the *British* Possessions in *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, and all Persons authorized by or under any such Act or Ordinance to hold Shares in *British* Shipping, shall, on taking the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, be deemed to be duly qualified to be Owners or Part Owners of *British*-registered Vessels, anything in the said recited Act for the registering of *British* Shipping to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Form of Certificate of Registry.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the following Form of Certificate shall be substituted for the Form of Certificate prescribed by the said Act for the registering of *British* Shipping:

'THIS is to certify, That [*here insert the Names, Occupations, and Residence of the subscribing Owners*], having made and subscribed the Declaration required by Law, and having declared that [he *or* they], together with [*Names, Occupations, and Residence of non-subscribing Owners*], is [*or* are] sole Owner [*or* Owners] in the Proportions specified on the Back hereof of the Ship or Vessel called the [*Ship's Name*] of [*Place to which the Vessel belongs*], which is of the Burthen of [*Number of Tons*], and whereof [*Master's Name*] is Master, and that the said Ship or Vessel was [*when and where built, or condemned as Prize, referring to Builder's Certificate, Judge's Certificate, or Certificate of last Registry, then delivered up to be cancelled, or (if the Vessel was Foreign built, and the Time and Place of building not known,)* was Foreign, and that he *or* they did not know the Time or Place of building], and [*Name and Employment of Surveying Officer*] having certified to us that the said Ship or Vessel has [*Number*] Decks and [*Number*] Masts, that her Length from the inner Part of the main Stem to the fore Part of the Sternpost aloft is [ Feet Tenths], her Breadth in Midships is [ Feet Tenths], her Depth in Hold at Midships is [ Feet Tenths], that she is [*how rigged*] rigged with a [standing *or* running] Bowsprit, is [*Description of Stern*] sterned, [Carvel *or* Clincher] built, has [*whether any or not*]

'Gallery,

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'Gallery, and [*Kind of Head, if any,*] Head, that the Framework and 'planking [*or* plating] is [*state whether of Wood or Iron*] and that 'she is [*state whether a Sailing Vessel or a Steamer, and if a Steamer, 'state whether propelled by Paddle Wheels or Screw Propellers*]; and 'the said subscribing Owners having consented and agreed to the 'above Description, and having caused sufficient Security to be 'given as required by Law, the said Ship or Vessel called the '[*Name*] has been duly registered at the Port of [*Name of Port*]. 'Certified under our Hands at the Custom House in the said Port 'of [*Name of Port*], this [*Date*] Day of [*Name of Month*] in the 'Year [*Words at Length*].

'(Signed) Collector.
'(Signed) Comptroller.'

And on the Back of such Certificate of Registry there shall be an Account of the Parts or Shares held by each of the Owners mentioned and described in such Certificate, in the Form and Manner following:

| Names of the several Owners within mentioned. | Number of Sixty-fourth Shares held by each Owner. |
|---|---|
| [*Name*] - - - - | - - - *Thirty-two.* |
| [*Name*] - - - - | - - - *Sixteen.* |
| [*Name*] - - - - | - - - *Eight.* |
| [*Name*] - - - - | - - - *Eight.* |

(Signed) Comptroller.
(Signed) Collector.

Form of Declaration.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the following Declaration shall be substituted for the Declaration by the said Act directed to be made by the Owner or Owners of any Vessel previous to the Registry thereof:

'I *A.B.* of [*Place of Residence and Occupation*] do truly declare, 'That the Ship or Vessel [*Name*] of [*Port or Place*], whereof '[*Master's Name*] is at present Master, being [*Kind of Build, 'Burthen, et cætera, as described in the Certificate of the Surveying 'Officer*], was [*when and where built, or, if Prize or forfeited, Cap- 'ture, and Condemnation as such, or (if the Vessel be Foreign built, 'and the Owner does not know when and where she was built,*) that 'the said Vessel is Foreign built, and that I do not know the Time 'and Place of her building], and that I the said *A.B.* [*and the 'other Owners Names and Occupations, if any, and where they 'respectively reside,*] am [*or* are] sole Owner [*or* Owners] of the 'said Vessel, and that no other Person or Persons whatever hath or 'have any Right, Title, Interest, Share, or Property therein or 'thereto; and that I the said *A.B.* [and the said other Owners,

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'*if any*,] am [*or* are] truly and bonâ fide a Subject [*or* Subjects] 'of Great Britain, and that I the said *A.B.* have not [nor have 'any of the other Owners, to the best of my Knowledge and 'Belief,] taken the Oath of Allegiance to any Foreign State what-'ever [*except under the Terms of some Capitulation, describing 'the Particulars thereof*], or that since my taking [*or* his *or* their 'taking] the Oath of Allegiance to [*naming the Foreign States 'respectively to which he or any of the said Owners shall have taken 'the same*] I have [*or* he *or* they hath *or* have] become a Denizen '[*or* Denizens, *or* naturalized Subject *or* Subjects, *as the Case may 'be*,] of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by Her 'Majesty's Letters Patent [*or* by an Act of Parliament, *or* by or under 'or by virtue of an Act or Ordinance of the Legislature of '*or* have been authorized by an Act or Ordinance of the 'Legislature of to hold Shares in British Shipping 'within the said Colony, and since the passing of such Act or Ordi-'nance I have [*or* he *or* they hath *or* have] taken the Oath of Allegi-'ance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria] [*naming the Times when such 'Letters of Denization have been granted respectively, or the Year or 'Years in which such Act or Acts of Naturalization, or such Colonial 'Acts or Ordinances, have passed respectively*], and that no Foreigner, 'directly or indirectly, hath any Share or Part Interest in the said 'Ship or Vessel:'

Provided always, that if it shall become necessary to register any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Corporate Body in the United Kingdom, the following Declaration, in lieu of the Declaration hereinbefore directed, shall be made and subscribed by the Secretary or other proper Officer of such Corporate Body; (that is to say,)

'I *A.B.*, Secretary *or* Officer of [*Name of Company or Corpo-'ration*], do truly declare, That the Ship or Vessel [*Name*] 'of [*Port*] whereof [*Master's Name*] is at present Master, being '[*Kind of Build, Burthen, &c., as described in the Certificate of 'the Surveying Officer*], was [*when and where built, or, if Prize or 'forfeited, Capture and Condemnation as such*], or [*if the Vessel 'be Foreign built, and that such Secretary or Officer does not know 'when and where built,*] that the said Vessel is Foreign built, and 'that I do not know the Time and Place of the building, and that 'the same doth wholly and truly belong to [*name the Company or 'Corporation.*]'

*Proviso for Vessels under Fifteen Tons Burthen in Inland Navigation, and for Ves-*

XX. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding that by the said recited Act for the registering of *British* Vessels it is enacted, that in case any Ship, not being duly registered, shall exercise any of the Privileges of a *British* Vessel, the same shall be forfeited, nevertheless all Boats or Vessels under Fifteen Tons Burthen, wholly owned and



navigated

navigated by *British* Subjects, although not registered as *British* Ships, shall be admitted to be *British* Vessels in all Navigation in the Rivers and upon the Coasts of the United Kingdom or of the *British* Possessions abroad, and not proceeding over Sea, except within the Limits of the respective Colonial Governments within which the managing Owners of such Vessels respectively reside; and that all Boats or Vessels wholly owned and navigated by *British* Subjects, not exceeding the Burthen of Thirty Tons, and not having a whole or fixed Deck, and being employed solely in fishing on the Banks and Shores of *Newfoundland* and of the Parts adjacent, or on the Banks and Shores of the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, or *New Brunswick* adjacent to the *Gulf of Saint Lawrence*, or on the North of *Cape Canso*, or of the Islands within the same, or in trading Coastwise within the said Limits, shall be admitted to be *British* Boats or Vessels, although not registered, so long as such Boats or Vessels shall be solely so employed.

Vessels under Thirty Tons Burthen for the Newfoundland Fishery.

XXI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall come into operation on the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Act to take effect on 1st Jan. 1850.

XXII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended, &c.

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