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CAP. CXXIX.

An Act to enable Her Majesty to accept the Services of Officers of the Merchant Service as Officers of Reserve to the Royal Navy.

[6th *August* 1861.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable Her Majesty to avail Herself of the Services of certain Officers of the Merchant Service of the United Kingdom, and of the Colonies and Dependencies of *Great Britain*, as Officers of Reserve to the Royal Navy: 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, as follows:

Power to Her Majesty to accept the Services of Masters, &c., of the Merchant Service.

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to accept the Offers of any Persons who have been, are, or shall be Masters or Mates in the Merchant Service aforesaid to serve as Officers of Reserve to the Royal Navy, upon such Terms and Conditions as to Her Majesty may from Time to Time seem fit and proper.

Power to Admiralty to enrol Officers of

2. It shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to enrol as Officers

Reserve to the Royal Navy.

Officers of Reserve to the Royal Navy so many of such Persons as aforesaid as the said Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners may deem expedient, under and subject to such Rules, Orders, and Regulations as the said Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners may, with the Consent of Her Majesty in Council, from Time to Time establish; and such Persons so enrolled shall bear such Rank in respect to the Officers of the Royal Navy as the said Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners shall at any Time or Times direct, and shall, when called out for Training or Exercise, or on actual Service, be subject to all the Laws, Regulations, and Customs for the Time being in force for the Government and Discipline of the Royal Navy.

Officers of Reserve or their Widows entitled to the same Pay and Pensions as Officers and the Widows of Officers of the Royal Navy.

3. Such Persons so enrolled as Officers of Reserve shall be entitled to receive such Pay and Allowances as the said Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners, with the Consent of Her Majesty in Council, may from Time to Time appoint, and if such Persons shall be disabled, or shall receive Hurts or Wounds in actual Service, they shall be entitled to the same Allowances or Pensions for the same, and the Widows of such of them as may be killed in Action, or die from Wounds or Accidents resulting from the Performance of their Duty, shall receive the same Pensions as the Widows of Officers of the Royal Navy of corresponding Rank would be entitled to receive under similar Circumstances.

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