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CAP. XXXIV.

An Act to repeal the Laws relating to the Contribution out of Merchant Seamen's Wages towards the Support of the Royal Naval Hospital at *Greenwich*, and for supplying other Funds in lieu thereof. [25th *July* 1834.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, for the Increase and Encouragement of Seamen, it was amongst other Things enacted, that every Seaman who should serve His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or any other Person in any of His Majesty's Ships, or in any Ship or Vessel belonging to the Subjects of *England* or any other His Majesty's Dominions, should allow and there should be paid out of the Wages of every such Seaman to grow due Sixpence *per* Month, for the better Support of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, which Allowance and Abatement were by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne* extended to the Wages of every Seaman and other Person employed in any Ship or Vessel belonging to the Subjects of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions thereto belonging; and the said Allowance was, by another Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, further extended to the Wages of Seamen belonging to the Ships and Vessels of the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Man*, and of His Majesty's Colonies in *America*: And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth

Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, for transferring the Management of *Greenwich* Out-Pensions and certain Duties in Matters of Prize to the Treasurer of the Navy, it is enacted, that such Allowance out of the Wages of all Seamen serving His Majesty or employed in any of His Majesty's Ships should cease to be payable: And whereas by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for amending the Laws relating to the Civil Departments of the Navy, it is declared that the said Allowance shall be abated out of the Wages of every Person serving in any Ship or Vessel (not being in Commission and in the Pay of the Royal Navy) which shall belong to or be employed in the Service of His Majesty in the several Departments of the Public Service: And whereas it is expedient that the Allowance or Contribution of Sixpence *per* Month out of the Wages of all Seamen whatever, as well those employed in the Ships or Vessels in the Service of His Majesty as in the Merchant Shipping of the United Kingdom, and of the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereto belonging, should no longer be made towards the Support of the said Hospital, and that in lieu thereof other Funds should be provided for that Purpose: 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 Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four the said recited Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, for the Increase and Encouragement of Seamen; and also so much as remains unrepealed of an Act of the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, made to enforce the said Act for the Increase and Encouragement of Seamen; and also an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for the better collecting and recovering of Duties granted for the Support of the Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*, and for the further Benefit thereof; and also so much of an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the First, for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy, as relates to the Admission of Merchant Seamen into *Greenwich* Hospital; and also an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for the more effectual collecting, in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and other Parts of His Majesty's Dominions, the Duties granted for the Support of the said Royal Hospital; and also so much of an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for the Application of the Rents and Profits of the Estates forfeited by the Attainders of *James* Earl of *Derwentwater* and *Charles Radcliffe*, as relates to the Admission of Merchant Seamen into the said Hospital; and also an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for the more effectually recovering and collecting of the Duties granted towards the Support of *Greenwich* Hospital, and for other Purposes; and also so much of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, for making perpetual an Act for the better Regulation and Government of Seamen in the Merchant Service, and for extending the Provisions thereof to His Majesty's

Repeal of 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 21.

8 & 9 W. 3. c. 23.

10 Anne, c. 17.

8 G. 1. c. 24. s. 5.

2 G. 2. c. 7.

8 G. 2. c. 29. s. 10.

18 G. 2. c. 31.

2 G. 3. c. 31. s. 2.

Colonies in *America*, as relates to the Payment, Recovery, and Application of all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred under an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for the better Regulation and Government of Seamen in the Merchant Service; and also so much of the said Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty as enacts that the said Abatement shall be made out of the Wages of Persons serving in any Ship or Vessel belonging to or employed in the Service of His Majesty in the several Public Departments, shall be and the same are hereby repealed; save and except as to all Matters and Things required to be done, and all Abatements and Payments to be made, for any Period previous to the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, in pursuance of any of the said Acts and Parts of Acts hereby repealed; and also save and except as to all Penalties and Forfeitures already incurred or which shall or may be incurred under any of the Provisions of the said Acts.

2 W. 4. c. 40. s. 28.

except as to Matters required to be done previous to 1st Jan. 1835, and to Penalties incurred.

II. And whereas the Sum available towards the Support of the said Royal Hospital from the Sources provided by the said repealed Acts hath upon an Average amounted annually to the Sum of Twenty-two thousand Pounds or thereabouts: And whereas the Revenues of the said Hospital will by such Repeal be so greatly diminished as to render them wholly inadequate to the Maintenance of its Establishment, and it is highly becoming the Honour and Character of the *British* Nation that those Seamen and Marines who have been or shall hereafter be maimed, wounded, disabled, or worn out in its Service on board any of the Ships of War of His Majesty, or in the Naval Service of the Country, should be supported according to the original Design of the Foundation of the said Hospital, and that they should not be left destitute, and it is consequently necessary that other permanent Funds should be provided for its Maintenance; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four there shall be annually charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, which Sum shall be paid to the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Greenwich* by equal half-yearly Payments on the Fifth Day of *January* and the Fifth Day of *July* in each Year, to be by the said Commissioners applied towards the Maintenance of the said Establishment; the first of which half-yearly Payments shall be made on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

An Annual Sum of 20,000*l.* to be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of the Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby required, by Warrant under their Hands, to direct a Debenture to be made forth and passed by the proper Officers at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, from Time to Time, for paying the said

The Treasury to direct Debentures to be made out for the Payment of the said Sum

said Sum in manner as aforesaid, as the same shall from Time to Time become due and payable, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; which said Warrant, and Debenture to be made forth and passed thereon, respectively, shall be sufficient Authority to the several and respective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, now and for the Time being, for the Payment of such Sum at the respective Days to be appointed for such Payments, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

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