

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or to His Majesty, shall first find out and sail through any Passage by Sea, between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, in any Direction or Parallel of the Northern Hemisphere, the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, if belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or the Commander or Commanders, Officers, Seamen, and Marines of such Ships or Vessels, if belonging to His Majesty, so first finding out and sailing through such Passage shall receive a Reward for such Discovery, of the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds.

Persons first finding and sailing through any Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, shall receive a Reward of 20,000 l.

XI. And whereas Ships employed both in the *Spitzbergen* Seas and in *Davis's* Straights may have Opportunities of approaching the *North Pole*: And whereas Approaches towards the *Northern Pole* may tend greatly to the Discovery of a Communication between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, as well as may be attended with many Advantages to Commerce and Science; be it therefore enacted, That if any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, shall approach within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*, the Owner of such Ship or Vessel, Ships or Vessels, if belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or the Commander or Commanders, Officers, Seamen, and Marines of any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, if belonging to His Majesty, so first approaching within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*, shall be entitled to receive a Reward of Five thousand Pounds.

Persons first approaching within One Degree of the Northern Pole entitled to a Reward of 5,000 l.

XII. And for the Encouragement of Persons who may attempt the said Passage, or approach to the *Northern Pole*, but not wholly accomplish the same; be it enacted, That the said Commissioners for discovering the Longitude at Sea may, by their Memorial, propose to His Majesty in Council to direct and establish proportionate Rewards to be paid to such Person as aforesaid who shall first have accomplished certain Proportions of the said Passage or Approach; and if His Majesty in Council shall be pleased to sanction and approve the said Proposal, then that the same shall be published in the *London Gazette*; and any Person or Persons accomplishing such Passages, or the specified Proportions of them, shall be entitled, on the Award of the said Commissioners, to receive such total or proportionate Sums as may have been offered for the Object which he or they may have then accomplished.

Commissioners may reward Attempts to approach the same.

XIII. And in order to ascertain who are the first Discoverers of the said *Northern Passage* into the *Pacific* Ocean, and who are the first Approachers to within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*; and to whom either the whole Rewards or the proportionate Rewards by this Act respectively given do belong; be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Discovery of the Longitude by Sea be authorized and empowered to call for the respective Journal or Journals, Book or Books, and Papers, kept on board the respective Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, of the Claimant or Claimants respectively; and also to examine upon Oath all such Persons as they the said Commissioners shall think proper, with regard to any Claim or Claims, as well any Person or Persons produced by the respective Claimant or Claimants, or any other Person or Persons who may seem capable of giving any Information; which Oath the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and required to administer; and the said Commissioners being fully satisfied, upon such Examination and Proof, that such *Northern Passage* is effectually discovered and sailed through, or that such Approach within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*, or any specified Proportion

Proceedings in ascertaining the Discoverers of such Northern Passage, &c.