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### CHAP. 23.

An Act to provide for prohibiting the Catching of Seals at certain periods in Behring's Sea and other parts of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Behring's Sea.

[29th June, 1893.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the Seal Fishery 54-55 Vict. c. 19.  
(Behring's Sea) Act, 1891, to other waters of the North Pacific Ocean adjacent to Behring's Sea, and for that purpose to repeal and re-enact that Act:

Be it therefore 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:

1.—(1.) Her Majesty the Queen may, by Order in Council, prohibit during the period specified by the Order, the catching of seals by British ships in such parts of the seas to which this Act applies as are specified by the Order. Power to prohibit by Order in Council the hunting of seals in Behring's Sea and adjacent parts of the Pacific Ocean.

(2.) While an Order in Council under this Act is in force—

(a.) a person belonging to a British ship shall not kill, take, or hunt, or attempt to kill or take, any seal during the period and within the seas specified by the Order; and

(b.) a British ship shall not, nor shall any of the equipment or crew thereof, be used or employed in such killing, taking, hunting, or attempt.

(3.) If there is any contravention of this Act, any person committing, procuring, aiding, or abetting such contravention shall be guilty of a misdemeanour within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the ship and her equipment, and everything on board thereof, shall be liable to be forfeited to Her Majesty as if an offence had been committed under section one hundred and three of the said Act, and the provisions of sections one hundred and three and one hundred and four and Part Ten of the said Act, and of section thirty-four of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1876 (which are set out in the schedule to this Act) shall apply as if they were herein re-enacted, and in terms made applicable to an offence and forfeiture under 17-18 Vict. c. 104. 39-40 Vict. c. 80.