

Reward of
20,000 l. to
the Owner of
the Vessel
discovering a
North West
Passage.

a perfect Discovery of the said Passage: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 if any Ship or Vessel, Ships or Vessels, belonging to any His Majesty's Subjects, shall find out and sail through any Passage by Sea between Hudson's Bay and the Western and Southern Ocean of America, the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, as aforesaid, so first finding out and sailing through the said Passage, his or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be intitled to receive, and shall receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds.

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for the Discovery;

And, in order to ascertain who are the first Discoverers of the said Passage, and to whom the Reward hereby given does of Right belong; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for the time being, the Lord President of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council for the time being, the Lord Privy Seal for the time being, the Lord Steward of His Majesty's Household for the time being, the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household for the time being, the Lord High Treasurer, or First Commissioner for executing the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer for the time being, the Lord High Admiral, or First Commissioner for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain for the time being, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the time being, the Speaker of the Honourable House of Commons for the time being, the Chancellor and Under Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer for the time being, the First Commissioner for Trade and Plantations for the time being, the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy for the time being, the Admirals of the Red, White, and Blue Squadrons for the time being, he, and they are hereby appointed

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