

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Greenland Seas, and Davis's Streights, and Seas adjacent, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be deemed and taken to extend to the Latitude of Fifty-nine Degrees Thirty Minutes North; and no farther.

Extent of the Fishery.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for England and Scotland respectively shall, at the Beginning of every Session of Parliament, lay before both Houses of Parliament an Account in Writing under their Hands, of what Number of Ships or Vessels have been employed in the Whale Fishery to Davis's Streights, and the Greenland Seas, with their respective Names and Burthens, from whence they were fitted out, and at what Port in Great Britain they were discharged; and also what Quantity of Oil or Blubber, or Whale Fins, each Ship or Vessel shall have imported.

Commissioners of the Customs to lay before Parliament, annually, the Amount of the Number of Ships, &c. employed.

XX. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That One Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Officer or Officers of the Customs as shall sue or prosecute for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, respectively, where the Offence shall be committed.

How Penalties are to be appropriated.

XXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter, in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance of, and by Authority of this Act: And if it shall appear so to have been done, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if

General Issue.