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VII. And whereas it is expedient that the said Commissioners should be enabled to cause to be ascertained, as accurately as may be, the Latitude and Longitude of Places whereof the exact Situation hath not been already sufficiently ascertained; be it enacted; That they may expend or cause to be expended any Sum not exceeding in the whole One thousand Pounds in any one Year for such Purpose.

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VIII. And whereas it may happen that Proposals, Inventions, and Tables, or Corrections and Amendments of former Proposals, Inventions, or Tables, ingenious in themselves and useful to Science, and which may deserve Encouragement, though they do not come within the Limits and Conditions specified for the before-mentioned Rewards, may be made to the said Commissioners; and it is expedient that they should be enabled to bestow such moderate Rewards upon the Person or Persons who may have made such Proposal, Invention, or Correction; be it therefore enacted, That the said Commissioners may pay or cause to be paid such Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds to any one Person for any one Proposal or Invention, or Two thousand Pounds in one Year, as they may consider the said Proposals, Inventions, Tables, or Corrections to deserve.

18 G. 2. c. 17.

IX. And whereas by an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for giving a public Reward to such Person or Persons, being His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, as shall discover a North-west Passage through Hudson's Streights to the Western and Southern Oceans of America*, a Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds was provided for the Owner or Owners of any Ship or Vessel which should first find out and sail through such Passage; and the Persons holding certain Offices therein named, for the Time being, were appointed Commissioners for the said Discovery: And whereas by an Act passed in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for giving a public Reward to such Person or Persons, being His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, as shall discover a Northern Passage for Vessels by Sea between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and also unto such as shall first approach by Sea within One Degree of the Northern Pole*; the Reward in the last-recited Act was extended to the Commander or Commanders, Officers and Seamen, of any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, and to the Owner or Owners of any private Ship or Vessel which should find out and sail through any Passage by Sea between the *Atlantic and Pacific* Oceans, in any Direction or Parallel of the *Northern Hemisphere* to the North of the Fifty-second Degree of North Latitude; and further assigning a Reward of Five thousand Pounds to the Commander or Commanders, Officers and Seamen, of any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or the Owner or Owners of any private Ship or Vessel which should first approach within One Degree of the *Northern Pole*; and appointing the Commissioners of the Longitude to be Commissioners for executing this last-recited Act: And whereas many Advantages, both to Commerce and Science, may be expected from granting such proportionate Rewards as well to such Person or Persons as may accomplish the Objects of the said Two last-mentioned Acts, as to such other Person or Persons as may approach thereto within certain Limits or Conditions: And whereas it is expedient that the Regulation of such Limits and Conditions, and the Decision, whether and how far such Object may have been accomplished, should be confided to the Commissioners for the Discovery of the Longitude at Sea appointed by this Act; be it therefore enacted, That the said Two last-recited Acts shall be and they are hereby repealed.

Recited Acts
repealed.

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