

Sums of Money for various Purposes, and under different Conditions, were from Time to Time granted and provided to be employed and expended towards the Discovery of the Longitude at Sea, and for divers Purposes in such Acts mentioned, and for Rewards to such Persons as should ascertain the Longitude within certain Limits and Conditions therein specified; and for enabling the said Commissioners to cause a Survey to be made of the Shores of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and ascertaining the Latitude and Longitude of the Capes, Promontories, and Headlands thereof: And whereas some of the Provisions of the said Acts have been repealed, and others thereof have expired; and it is expedient wholly to repeal the same, for the Purpose of re-enacting and conferring upon the new Commissioners such of the Powers, Authorities, and Duties at present vested in the old Commissioners, as are fit to be continued in force: Be it therefore enacted, That all and every Act, conferring any Duty, Authority, or Power on the Commissioners constituted by the said first-recited Acts, shall be and are hereby repealed.

V. And whereas the Longitude hath been ascertained within certain of the Limits and Conditions specified in the said Acts: And whereas certain other of the Limits and Conditions still subsisting are considered as impracticable, and have never been tried: And whereas it may conduce to the Advancement of Science, and to the Honour and Interests of this Country, that fit and proportionate Rewards should be provided for Persons who shall ascertain the Longitude within certain new Limits and Conditions: And whereas it is expedient that such Limits and Conditions should not be immutably fixed by Act of Parliament, but should be regulated on scientific Principles by the said Commissioners for the Discovery of the Longitude, and should be varied from Time to Time according to the Progress of Discoveries and the Advancement of Science: Be it enacted, That the said last-mentioned Commissioners shall from Time to Time, as they may see proper, propose, by their Memorial to His Majesty in Council, to direct and establish Three Scales of proportionate Rewards to be paid to any Person or Persons who shall, by any Principle not already made public, ascertain the Longitude within Three corresponding Scales of Limit and Condition, such Rewards not exceeding the respective Sums of Five thousand Pounds, Seven thousand five hundred Pounds, and Ten thousand Pounds; and if His Majesty in Council shall be pleased to sanction and approve such Proposal, then that the same shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and that the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority to inquire into and examine all Proposals which may be made for finding the Longitude; and if on reasonable Experiment, to be judged of and certified by the said Commissioners, it shall be found that the Longitude hath been ascertained within any of the said Three Scales of Limit and Condition, agreeably to the said Order in Council, it shall be lawful to them to pay or cause to be paid the proportionate Reward assigned to the Scale within which such Discovery or Experiment shall have ascertained the Longitude.

Commissioners may propose Three Scales of Reward to Persons making Discoveries regarding the Longitude.

If Proposal be approved by His Majesty in Council, Commissioners may pay the proportionate Reward.

VI. And whereas it is expedient that the said Commissioners should be enabled to expend certain Sums towards making Experiments of Instruments, Modes, or Proposals, and for making and publishing Observations, Calculations, and Tables for ascertaining the Longitude, or towards improving or correcting such as may have been already made, or for other Purposes useful to Navigation; be it enacted, That they may pay or expend any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding One thousand Pounds in any one Year, towards the making, correcting, or publishing any such Experiments, Modes, Observations, Calculations, or Tables.

Commissioners may expend 1000l. a year in making Experiments, &c.

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