

Act, the
Owners and
Masters of
Vessels to
make Oath
for the Per-
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certain Par-
ticulars.

Master or Chief Officer of such Ship or Vessel, shall make Oath before the Persons authorized by the said Act to administer the same, that it is really and truly their firm Purpose and Intention that such Ship shall, as soon as Licence shall be granted, forthwith proceed, manned, furnished, and accoutred in the Manner directed by the said Act, on a Voyage to the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*, or the Seas adjacent, and there, in the then approaching Season, to use the utmost Endeavours of themselves and their Ships Company to take Whales or other Creatures living in the Sea, and on no other Design or View of Profit in such Voyage, save and except any Reward or Rewards offered by any Act of Parliament for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, or encouraging Attempts to find a Northern Passage between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole, and to import the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber thereof into *Great Britain* (naming the Port thereof to which it is their Intention to return) ; and that, on the Return of any such Ship or Vessel to *Great Britain*, the Master and Mate shall make Oath that they did, in pursuance of the Licence granted in pursuance of the said Act (mentioning the Day of their Departure), proceed on a Voyage directly to the Places before mentioned, and have not since been on any other Voyage, or pursued any other Design or View of Profit, save and except any Reward or Rewards offered by any Act of Parliament for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, or encouraging Attempts to find a Northern Passage between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole, and that they did there (mentioning the Time of their Stay in those Seas) use the utmost Endeavours of themselves and their Ships Company to take Whales and other Creatures living in those Seas, and that all the Whale Fins, Oil, and Blubber (if any) imported in such Ship or Vessel, were really and *bonâ fide* caught and taken in the said Seas by the Crew of such Ship or Vessel only, or with the Assistance of the Crew of some other *British*-built Ship or Vessel licensed for that Voyage pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act ; and the taking of the said respective Oaths in the Form prescribed by this Act shall (all the other Requisites of the said Act being duly complied with) be sufficient to authorize the granting of the Licences for the Sailing of such Ships and Vessels, and the Payment of the Bounties granted by the said Act.

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