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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, and encouraging Attempts to find a *Northern* Passage between the *Atlantic* and *Pacific* Oceans, and to approach the *Northern* Pole.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for providing a Public Reward for such Person or Persons as shall discover the Longitude at Sea*, it was enacted, that Persons holding certain Public Offices therein stated, for the time being, and certain other Persons therein mentioned by Name, should be Commissioners for the Discovery of the Longitude at Sea, and for examining, trying, and judging of all Proposals, Experiments, and Improvements relating to the same: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, for rendering more effectual the last-recited Act: And whereas by another Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for continuing the Encouragement and Reward of Persons making certain Discoveries for finding the Longitude at Sea, or making other useful Discoveries and Improvements in Navigation, and for making Experiments relating thereto, and for adding a Commissioner to execute the several Acts for the Discovery of the Longitude at Sea*, Persons holding certain other Offices, therein enumerated, for the time being, were added to and joined with the Commissioners appointed by the said first-mentioned Act: And whereas all the Persons mentioned by Name in the said first-recited Act are long since deceased: And whereas by reason of the Residence at the Universities of certain Professors who are constituted Members of the Board of Commissioners aforesaid, and by there not being a Power of electing into the said Board any Persons but the said Official Commissioners and the said Professors, it often happens that there are no Persons, particularly versed in the Sciences of the Mathematics and Astronomy, resident in *London*, and belonging to the said Board; and that divers Persons of great Skill and Ability, whose Services would be most beneficial

12 Anne. c. 15.

26 G. 2. c. 25.

30 G. 3. c. 14.