



ANNO DECIMO QUINTO

Georgii III. Regis.

C A P. XXXI.

An Act for the Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on from *Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions in Europe*, and for securing the Return of the Fishermen, Sailors, and others employed in the said Fisheries, to the Ports thereof, at the End of the Fishing Season.



WHEREAS the Fisheries carried on by His Majesty's Subjects of Great Britain and of the British Dominions in Europe have been found to be the best Nurseries for able and experienced Seamen, always ready to man the Royal Navy when Occasions require; and it is therefore of the highest national Importance to give all due Encouragement to the said Fisheries, and to endeavour to secure the annual Return of the Fishermen, Sailors, and others employed therein, to the Ports of Great Britain, and of His Majesty's Dominions before mentioned, at the End of every Fishing Season: Now, in order to promote these great and impor-

Preamble.