

ved on Board any of Her Majesties Ships of War, or any Privateer or Merchant, or Trading Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, which at the time of such Service shall belong to any of Her Majesties Subjects of Great Britain for the space of Two Years, shall, to all intents and purposes, be deemed and taken to be a Natural-Born Subject of Her Majesties Kingdom of Great Britain, and have and enjoy all the Privileges, Powers, Rights and Capacities which such Foreign Mariner or Seaman could, should or ought to have had and enjoyed, in case he had been a Natural-Born Subject of Her Majesties, and Actually a Native within the Kingdom of Great Britain.

And for the more expeditious Providing of Ships and Vessels to be Equipped and Used as and for Privateers for the speedy Annoying Her Majesties Enemies, and putting in Execution the Purposes by this Act intended, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful for Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, to Grant to any Person or Persons who shall be actually engaged in any Adventure, in pursuance of this Act, a Licence to buy or procure in any Foreign Parts, any Ship or Ships (first giving Security to Her Majesty, that such Ship and Ships shall be employed in such Adventures) so as the whole Number of Foreign Ships so to be Bought and Licensed, shall not exceed the Number of Twenty; And that such Ships which shall be so Bought by Licence of Her Majesty, as aforesaid (having been Equipped, Set out, and Employed as Privateers, during the continuance of the present War) shall (after the same War ended) be to all intents and purposes deemed and taken as Ships of British Built, and have all the Privileges of Ships Built in any Part of Great Britain, and be capable of being used and employed accordingly; The said Act made in the said Twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for the Encrease and Encouragement of Shipping and Navigation, or any other Statute or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted and Declared, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Her Majesties Subjects of this Kingdom, to Trade into any Part of America, to which they might lawfully have Traded before the making of this Act, and not otherwise.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act shall any ways extend, or be construed to take away or prejudice any of the Estate, Rights or Privileges of or belonging to the Governour and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's-Bay.

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