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An Act to permit Ships to sail from certain Ports of the Island of *Newfoundland*, and from the Coast of *Labrador*, without Convoy. [10th April 1799.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient, for the Benefit of the Trade of Preamble. the Island of *Newfoundland* and of the Coast of *Labrador*, and the Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on from thence, that Ships and Vessels should, in some Cases, be permitted to sail and depart from the said Island of *Newfoundland* and Coast of *Labrador*, without being under the Protection of Convoy; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Ship or Vessel employed in the *Newfoundland* Fishery, being wholly laden with Fish or other Produce of the said Fishery, or with Articles of the Growth or Produce of the said Island of *Newfoundland* or Coast of *Labrador*, to sail or depart from any Port or Place within the said Island, or on the said Coast, (except as herein-after is provided), without being accompanied with or being under the Protection of Convoy, or without a Licence having been obtained, authorizing such Ship or Vessel so to sail or depart; any Thing in an Act, passed in the last Session of Parlia-

Vessels laden with Produce of the Fishery, or Articles of the Growth or Produce of *Newfoundland* or *Labrador*, may sail without Convoy or Licence :

ment, for the better Protection of the Trade of this Kingdom, and for other Purposes, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vessels not to sail from the Port of *St. John's* without Convoy or Licence, while any Person authorized to grant Licences shall be resident thereat.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to permit or allow any Ship or Vessel to sail or depart from the Port of *Saint John's*, in the said Island of *Newfoundland*, without being under the Protection of Convoy, or without Licence being first obtained for that Purpose, during the Time any Admiral, or other Person duly authorized by the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or by the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, to grant Licences for permitting Ships or Vessels to sail or depart without being under the Protection of Convoy, shall be stationed or resident at the said Port of *Saint John's*.

Policies of Insurance not to be void on Vessels, etc. sailing from *Newfoundland* or *Labrador* without Convoy, nor any Penalty to be incurred.

III. And be it further enacted, That nothing in the before recited Act passed in the last Session of Parliament shall extend, or be construed to extend, to render null or void any Policy of Insurance made or to be made on any Ship or Vessel, or on the Goods or Merchandize laden therein, on account of such Ship or Vessel sailing or departing from the Island of *Newfoundland* or Coast of *Labrador*, without being under the Protection of Convoy, under the Authority of this Act, nor shall any Penalty be incurred by any Master or Comamander of any Ship or Vessel, or by any other Person whatever, on account of any Ship or Vessel sailing or departing, under the Authority of this Act, from the said Island of *Newfoundland* or Coast of *Labrador*, without being accompanied with and under the Protection of Convoy.

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