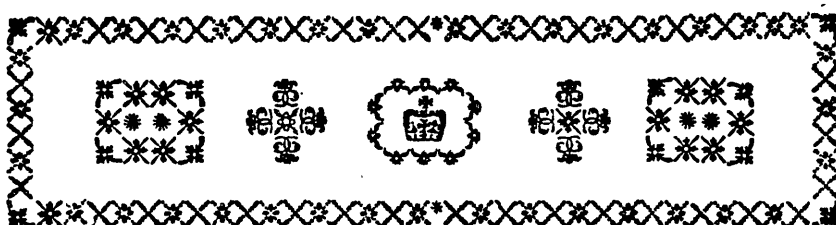


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An Act to continue and amend several Laws relating to the Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on in the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*; and to amend the Laws now in force for the Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on in the Seas to the Southward of the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*.



P R E A M B L E by an Act, passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the further Support and Encouragement of the Fisheries carried on in the *Greenland Seas* and *Davis's Streights*, certain Bounties were given for Five Years, from the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, under various Regulations and Restrictions, to the Owners of every Ship or Vessel which should be employed in the said Fishery: And whereas by an Act, passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty,

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26 Geo. III, Cap. 41, and

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29 Geo. III,
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intituled, An Act for further encouraging and regulating the *Newfoundland, Greenland, and Southern Whale Fisheries*, further Regulations and Restrictions were made with respect to allowing the Bounties to the Owners of Vessels employed in the said Fisheries carried on in the Greenland Seas and Davis's Streights: And whereas the said first recited Act, and so much of the last recited Act as relates to the Fisheries carried on in the Greenland Seas and Davis's Streights, has by an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, been continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Acts should be continued in like Manner for a further Term; 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 the said recited Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and also so much of the said recited Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to the Fisheries carried on in the Greenland Seas and Davis's Streights, shall be, and the same are hereby continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, except so far as the same are expressly varied or altered by this present Act.

and the former Act, and so much of the latter as relates to the Fisheries in the Greenland Seas and Davis's Streights, continued to Dec. 25, 1798, except where altered by the present Act.

Instead of the Bounties granted by the recited Acts, those herein specified to be allowed.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That instead and in lieu of the Bounty granted by the said recited Acts, the following Bounties or Premiums shall be paid and allowed; that is to say, A Bounty or Premium of Twenty-five Shillings per Ton for each and every Ship or Vessel, as shall proceed upon and return from the said Fishery, between the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, having fully complied with all the Requisitions of the before recited Acts, as amended and continued by this Act; and a Bounty or Premium of Twenty Shillings per Ton for each

each and every Ship or Vessel as shall proceed upon and return from the said Fishery, between the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, having fully complied with all the aforesaid Requisitions.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Ship or Vessel, having on Board One Apprentice for every Fifty Tons Burthen, every such Apprentice not exceeding the Age of Twenty Years, nor being under Twelve Years, at the Time he shall be indentured, shall be deemed properly fitted and qualified, with respect to the Number and Age of Apprentices, to proceed on the said Fishery to the Greenland Seas and Davis's Streights, and to be intitled to the respective Bounties granted by this Act.

Every Vessel, having an Apprentice nor exceeding 20 Years of Age, nor under 12, when indentured, for every 50 Tons Burthen, to be intitled to the Bounties.

IV. And whereas Doubts have arisen whether, under the Provisions of the said first recited Act, passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, Whale Fins, Oil or Blubber of Whales, Seal Oil, or Seal Skins, or any other Produce of Seals, or other Fish or Creatures, taken or caught in the said Greenland Seas or Davis's Streights, or in the Seas adjacent, by British Subjects usually residing in Great Britain or Ireland, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, in British Ships or Vessels, owned, registered, and navigated as required by Law, but not fitted out in other Respects under the Regulations required by the said Act to entitle such Ships or Vessels to the Bounty therein given, will have a Right to import the same into this Kingdom, without paying any Custom or other Duty: To obviate which Doubts, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Whale Fins, Oil or Blubber of Whales, Seal Oil, or Seal Skins, or any other Produce of Seals, or other Fish or Creatures taken or caught in any Part of the Ocean by British Subjects, usually residing in Great Britain or Ireland, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, in Ships or Vessels built in either of the said Kingdoms or Islands, owned, registered, and navigated according to Law, shall and may be

Any Produce of Creatures caught in the Ocean by British Subjects, usually residing in Great Britain, &c. may be imported Duty-free, if the Regulations herein prescribed are complied with.

imported into Great Britain without paying any Custom or other Duty for the same, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; provided that Proof be made, that the said Articles were actually caught and taken by the Crew of the Vessel in which they are imported, by Oath of the Master of such Vessel, that the same were bona fide so caught and taken; and provided also, that a Log Book shall be constantly kept on Board such Ship or Vessel, in which Log Book the various Situations and Occurrences respecting such Ship or Vessel, during the whole Course of the Voyage, shall be inserted every Day, and particularly the Times when such Ship or Vessel shall have been in Sight of Land, distinguishing what Land, and the Bearings thereof, and the supposed Distances therefrom, and the Soundings, and also the Time when, and the Latitude in which, any Whale, or other Creature living in the Sea, shall have been killed, taken, or caught by the Crew of such Ship or Vessel; which Log Book, so to be kept as aforesaid, shall be delivered by the Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, at the Time of his making a Report of such Ship or Vessel, to the Collector of the Customs at the Port in Great Britain where such Ship or Vessel shall arrive, for his Inspection and Examination; and the said Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, together with the Mate thereof, shall, jointly and severally, verify on Oath the Contents of such Log Book before such Collector, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same.

No Harpooners, &c. belonging to Ships in the Greenland Fishery, though not fitted out so as to entitle them to Bounties under the recited Acts, shall be impressed, and may, when not employed in the Fishery, sail in the Colliery Trade, &c.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Harpooner, Line Manager, or Boat Steerer, who shall be in, or belong to, any Ship or Vessel in the Greenland Fishery Trade, although such Ship or Vessel be not fitted out under the Regulations of the said recited Acts to entitle such Ship or Vessel to the Bounty therein given, and whose Name (distinguishing the Capacity in which the Person so named is to act) shall be inserted in a List, which is hereby required to be delibered on Oath by the Owner of such Ship or Vessel

to the Collector of the Customs at the Port from which such Ship or Vessel is intended to proceed upon the said Fishery (which hath such Collector is hereby impowered and required to administer), shall be impressed from the said Service; and that any such Harpooner, Line Manager, or Boat Steerer may, during the Time of the Year that he or they are not employed in the said Fishery, sail in the Colliery or Coasting Trade, upon giving Security, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs, that he or they will proceed in the said Ship or Vessel to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Straights, on the Whale Fishery the next Season; and that every Seaman or common Mariner who, during the Continuance of this Act, shall be entered to serve on Board any such Ship or Vessel which shall be so intended to proceed on the said Fishery, whose Name shall be inserted in a List to be delivered as aforesaid, and who shall have given Security, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs, to proceed, and shall proceed accordingly, shall be privileged and exempt from being impressed from or out of the said Service from the first Day of February in each Year, until the Voyage home from thence shall be fully complete and ended, and no longer; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to protect from being impressed any greater Number of Harpooners, Line Managers, and Boat Steerers, than Six Harpooners, Six Line Managers, and Six Boat Steerers, and Eighteen Seamen or common Mariners belonging to each such Ship or Vessel of the Burthen of four hundred Tons, and so in Proportion for any less Tonnage.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Boat used as and commonly called A Whale Boat, belonging to any Ship or Vessel employed in the said Fishery to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Straights, or in the Fishery carried on in the Seas to the Southward of the Greenland Seas and Davis's Straights, shall be liable to Seizure for or on Account of her Build, Dimensions, or Construction; provided, on the Return of

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Seamen entered for such Ships, exempted from being impressed from Feb. 1 yearly to the End of the Voyage.

Protection from being impressed, to extend only to the Numbers herein specified.

No Whale Boat belonging to Ships in the Greenland Fishery, &c. liable to Seizure, on Account of her Construction, if employed in the Fishery only.

such Ship or Vessel from the Fisheries at the End of every Season, such Boat shall be laid up by the Owner or Owners thereof, in such Place or Places as shall be approved of by the principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs of the Port at which such Ship or Vessel shall arrive, and shall not be employed or made use of in any Way whatever but in the said Fisheries.

Apprentices whole Times may expire during a Voyage, to be considered as such till the End of the Voyage.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Time for which any Apprentice shall have been indentured to serve on Board any Ship or Vessel employed in the last-mentioned Fisheries, or either of them, shall expire during the Voyage of such Ship or Vessel, such Apprentice shall be accounted and considered, to all Intents and Purposes, as an Apprentice for the whole Voyage, and shall, on the Ship's or Vessel's Return from the said Fisheries, or either of them, be mustered accordingly.

No Person to be deemed a legal Apprentice, if bound posterior to the passing of this Act, unless a Subject of His Majesty.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be deemed a legal Apprentice, within the Intent and Meaning of this present Act, or of the said recited Acts, or either of them, except such Apprentices who have become such previous to the passing of this Act, unless he shall be a Subject of His Majesty.