

X. And it is hereby further enacted, that this Act shall continue in force to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and from thence to the end of the then next session of Parliament.

An act to enforce and render more effectual several acts passed in the twelfth year of the reign of King Charles the second, and other acts made for the increase and encouragement of Shipping and Navigation.

WHERRAS by an act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled, an act for the further increase and encouragement of Shipping and Navigation, it is enacted, that the ships and vessels belonging to his Majesty's subjects, residing in the kingdom of Ireland, being duly qualified and registered according to the laws now in force, shall continue to enjoy all the privileges and advantages to which such ships and vessels were by law intitled before the passing of this act, until the end of four Calendar months from the commencement of the first session of the Parliament of Ireland which shall hereafter sit during the space of four Calendar months, without prorogation or dissolution, and from the end of that time every ship or vessel which shall, by virtue of the authority of any act that may be passed in the said Parliament of Ireland, be qualified and registered in any of the ports of the said kingdom of Ireland, under similar regulations and restrictions to those therein contained, shall continue to enjoy, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, all the privileges and advantages of a British-built ship or a Foreign built ship, owned by his Majesty's subjects, as the case may be, according to the provisions of this act: And whereas by an act of the Parliament of Ireland, passed in this present session of the said Parliament, intituled an act for the further increase and encouragement of Shipping and Navigation, regulations and restrictions for qualifying and registering ships and vessels in the ports of the said kingdom of Ireland are enacted and provided, similar to those contained in the said before-mentioned act of the Parliament of Great-Britain: 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 every ship or vessel which shall be duly registered in any port in the kingdom of Ireland, according to the regulations and restrictions of the before mentioned act, passed in the Parliament of that kingdom, and shall obtain a certificate thereof, shall enjoy to all intents and purposes whatsoever, all the privileges and advantages of a British-built ship, or Foreign-built ship, owned by his Majesty's subjects, as the case may be.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every ship or vessel belonging to his Majesty's subjects residing in the said kingdom of Ireland, being duly qualified and registered according to the laws in force at and immediately before the commencement of the said act, so passed in the Parliament of that kingdom, shall continue in like manner to enjoy all the privileges and advantages of a British-built ship or Foreign-built ship, owned by his Majesty's subjects, as the case may be, during the time or times which are or may be appointed by the Commissioners of his Majesty's revenue in the said kingdom, pursuant to the powers thereby given to the said Commissioners to appoint the times when the registration required by the said act is to be made; but that at the end or expiration of the said time or times, so to be appointed by the said Commissioners, no ship or vessel, belonging to the kingdom of Ireland, which ought to be registered in the ports thereof, shall have or enjoy such privileges or advantages, unless such ship or vessel shall have been registered, and shall have obtained a certificate thereof in pursuance to the before-mentioned act, passed in the said Parliament of Ireland.

III. Provided always, that in case it shall happen that any such ship or vessel, from any unavoidable necessity or reasonable cause, shall not have returned to the port in Ireland to which she belongs, within the time so appointed by the said Commissioners, but shall first touch at some port of Great-Britain, the islands of Guernsey or Jersey, or the

life of Man, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in England, or any four or more of them, and for the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in Scotland, or any three or more of them, for the time being respectively, to permit such ship or vessel, upon proof being made to their satisfaction of such unavoidable necessity or reasonable cause, to enjoy the privileges of a British built ship or vessel for that time only, and to clear out and return to the port in Ireland to which such ship or vessel shall belong, and no other, for the purpose of being there registered.

IV. And whereas by the before mentioned, act, passed in the twenty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign, it is enacted, that no registry of any ship or vessel shall thenceforth be made, until the owner or owners of such ship or vessel shall have taken an oath therein set forth in manner therein directed, containing, among others the words following, "that I the said A. B. (and the said
" other owners, if any, am (or are) truly and
" bona fide a subject (or subjects) of Great Britain; and that I the said A. B. have not (nor
" have any of the other owners, to the best of my
" knowledge or belief) taken an oath of allegiance
" to any foreign state whatever, except under the
" terms of some capitulation, [describing the par-
" ticulars thereof:]" Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any oath which shall have been or may be taken, for the sole purpose of acquiring the rights of a citizen or burgess in any foreign city or town in Europe, to be enjoyed during the time that the person or persons taking such oath shall reside in such city or town, and for a limited time after such residence shall have expired, shall not be deemed an oath of allegiance to a foreign state, within the true intent and meaning of the said act.

V. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in the said last mentioned act contained shall prevent the persons thereby authorized from making registry of ships and vessels, and granting certificates thereof to ships and vessels wholly owned by the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or any other body corporate within this kingdom, all other requisites of the said act being complied with, upon the following oath being taken and subscribed by the secretary of the said united Company or other body corporate, or by any other officer authorized by such company or body corporate, (instead of the oath directed to be taken by the said act) before the person or persons duly authorized to make such registry and grant such certificates respectively, which oath they are hereby respectively empowered to administer:

I, *A. B.* Secretary or Officer of [*name of company or corporation*] do make oath, that the ship or vessel (*name*) of (*port or place*) wherof (*Master's name*) is at present Master, being (*kind of built, tonnage, etcetera, as described in the certificate of the surveying officer*) was (*when and where built, or if prize, capture and condemnation*) and that the same doth wholly and truly belong to (*name of company or corporation*).

VI. And whereas by the said act, passed in the twenty-sixth year of his present Majesty's reign it is enacted, that, at the time of obtaining the certificate of registry therein directed, sufficient security by bond shall be given to his Majesty his heirs and successors, by the Master, and such of the owners as shall personally attend, as is hereinafter required, such security to be approved of and taken by the person or persons therein authorized to make such registry and to grant a certificate thereof at the port or place in which such certificate shall be granted, in the penalties, and on the conditions, among others in the said act mentioned that such certificate shall not be sold, lent, or otherwise disposed off: And whereas doubts have arisen, whether such bond can be legally executed by the master of the vessel at any other port or place than that at which the vessel is, by the said act required to be registered; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that, from and after the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, the commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in England, for the time being, or any four or more of them, or the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in Scotland for the time being, or any three or more of them, or the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of the islands of Guernsey or Jersey, or the Isle of Man, or any of the colonies, plantations, islands, or territories, which now belong, or may hereafter belong or be in the possession of his Majesty, his heirs and successors, in Asia, Africa, or America, shall, and they are hereby authorized to permit, in any case where it shall appear to them to be expedient, such bond to be taken before any person or persons whatever, and in such manner, and at such port or place, as they shall respectively judge

fitting and necessary; and every such person or persons shall and are hereby authorized to take such bond, and such bond when so taken shall be valid and of the like force and effect, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been taken by the person or persons authorized by the said act to make registry and grant a certificate thereof.

VII. And whereas no provision is made in the said act, passed in the said twenty-sixth year of the present Majesty's reign, requiring fresh security by bond to be given whenever the master of a ship or vessel, registered in pursuance thereof, shall be changed; be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when and so often as the master, or other person having or taking the charge or command of any ship or vessel, registered in manner therein directed shall be changed, the person who shall become master or take the charge or command of such ship or vessel shall give security by bond, to be taken in the manner and under the penalties and conditions required by the said act, and this present act; and upon such fresh security being from time to time given, and the same being made to appear by indorsement, on the original bond by the officers in whose custody it shall be, such original bond, so far as it relates to the former master, shall from thenceforth be null and void, (except with respect to any breach or breaches of the conditions of such bond which may have been committed before such indorsement.)

VIII. And whereas, for want of a sufficient number of proper officers in the island of Newfoundland, and its dependencies, and in some parts of the provinces of Quebec, Nova-Scotia, and New-Brunswick, difficulties may occur in carrying into provisions of the before-mentioned act, passed in the twenty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign, this execution, so far as may relate to small vessels concerned in carrying on the fishery thereof, and trading coastwise: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no vessel whatever, not exceeding the burthen of thirty tons, and not having a whole or fixed deck, and being employed solely in the fishery on the banks or shores of Newfoundland, and of the parts adjacent, or on the banks or shores of the provinces of Quebec, Nova-Scotia, or New-Brunswick, adjacent to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and to the north of Cape Carlo, or of the islands within the same, or in trading coastwise, within the said limits, shall be subject or liable to be registered by virtue or in pursuance of the said act, passed in the said twenty-sixth year of his present Majesty's reign, or shall be liable in any hindrance, molestation, obstruction, or detention whatever, for or on account of not being so registered; any thing in the said act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

IX. And whereas many ships or vessels have been, and may hereafter be built in the said island of New-foundland, and in those parts of the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New-Brunswick, adjacent to the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, and to the North of Cape Gaspe, or the same within the said limits, on account of ownership in his Majesty's European Dominions, such ships or vessels, by reason of the absence of all the owners, cannot be registered in those places, as is provided in the said twenty-first year of his present Majesty's Reign; be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that such ships or vessels shall and may be registered in the said island of New-foundland and its Dependencies, or in the parts of the said Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, or New-Brunswick, adjacent to the Gulf

of Saint Lawrence, and to the North Cape of Newfoundland, or to the North of Cape Canso, or in the islands within the said limits (before the persons authorized respectively at those places to make Registry, and to grant Certificates thereof, in pursuance of the said act), upon the husbands or principal agents of the said ships or vessels taking the oath required by the said act, instead of the same being taken by the owners thereof; and the certificates so granted shall be of the like force and effect, to all intents and purposes whatever, as if they had been granted upon the oath of the owners respectively, until such time as such ships or vessels respectively shall arrive at some port in his Majesty's European Dominions, where they may be respectively registered upon the oath of the respective owner or owners thereof, but no longer, any thing in the said act contained to the contrary notwithstanding: and whenever such ships or vessels shall first arrive in any such port in his Majesty's European Dominions, the certificate of registry, granted in pursuance of this act, shall be utterly null and void, and shall be delivered up to be cancelled; and such ships or vessels shall and are hereby required to be respectively registered de novo, upon the oath of the respective owners being taken, and the other requisitions of the said act being complied with.