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WHEREAS by an act of parliament made in 12 Ann. St. 27
C. 15. the twelfth year of the reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, An act for providing a public reward for such person or persons as shall discover the longitude at sea, the commissioners therein named, or any five or more of them, have full power to hear and receive any proposal or proposals that shall be made to them, for discovering the said longitude; and in case the said commissioners, or any five or
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more of them, shall be so far satisfied of the probability of any such discovery as to think proper to make experiment thereof, they shall certify the same under their hands and seals to the commissioners of the navy for the time being, together with the persons names who are authors of such proposals; and upon producing such certificate, the said commissioners are thereby authorized and required to make out a bill or bills for any sum of money, not exceeding two thousand pounds, as the said commissioners for the discovery of the longitude, or any five or more of them, shall think necessary for making the experiments, payable by the treasurer of the navy to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the commissioners for discovery of the longitude, to make those experiments: And for a due and sufficient encouragement to any such person or persons as shall discover a proper method for finding the said longitude, it is thereby further enacted, That the authors or discoverers of any such method shall be intitled to the respective sums therein mentioned, if it determines the said longitude according to the respective degrees of exactness in the said act described; and that a moiety of such reward or sum shall be due and paid, when the said commissioners or the major part of them agree, that such method extends to the security of ships within eighty geographical miles of the shores, which are places of the greatest danger: And whereas it is absolutely necessary for making the discovery useful at sea, and for the security of ships approaching near the shores, that the chief ports and head lands on the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland,

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and the islands and plantations thereto belonging, should be first surveyed, and the longitude and latitude of such places determined more exactly than has hitherto been done: And whereas some doubts have arisen, whether by the words of the said act of parliament, the said sum of two thousand pounds appointed for making such experiments, or any part thereof, can be applied for such survey, or fixing the longitude or latitude of such places; 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 commissioners for discovering the longitude, or any five or more of them, shall have full power to apply such part of the said sum of two thousand pounds mentioned in the said act, as has not already been laid out in experiments, as they shall think necessary for the making such survey, and determining the longitude and latitude of the chief ports and head lands on the coasts of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and the islands and plantations thereto belonging; and that such sum or sums, part of the said two thousand pounds, which the said commissioners, or any five or more of them shall think necessary, shall be paid immediately, by the treasurer of the navy, to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the said commissioners for the discovery of the longitude, to make such survey, and determine such longitude and latitude, out of the money that shall be in the hands

The 2,000*l.* allowed for making experiments, may be employed in making surveys of the ports of *Britain and Ireland*.

hands of such treasurer, unapplied, for the use of the navy.