

Anno 2<sup>do</sup> Geo. III. Cap. 18.

*An Act for rendering more effectual an Act made in 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, with regard to the making Experiments of Proposals made for discovering the Longitude.*

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C. 15. in 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 bear 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 more of them, shall be so far satisfied of the probability of any such discovery as to think it 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 the authors of such

such proposals; and upon producing such certificate, the said commissioners are thereby authorized and required to make out a bill or bills for any such sum or sums of money not exceeding two thousand pounds, as the said commissioners for the discovery of the said longitude, or any five or more of them, shall think necessary for making the experiments, payable by the treasurer of the navy; which sum or sums the treasurer of the navy is by the said act required to pay immediately to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the commissioners to make those experiments, out of any money that shall be in his hands unapplied for the use of the navy; and whereas 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 likewise enacted by the said act, That the first author or authors, discoverer or discoverers of any such method, his or their executors administrators or assigns, shall be intitled to and have such reward as in the said act is particularly mentioned: and whereas by another act of parliament made in the fourteenth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the second, intituled An act for surveying the chief ports and head lands on the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and the islands and plantations thereto belonging, in order to the more exact determination of the longitude and latitude thereof, it was enacted, That the said commissioners for discovering the longitude, or any five or more of them, should have full power to apply such part of the said sum of two thousand pounds, mentioned in the said first recited act,

as had not then been laid out in experiments, as they should 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, should think necessary, should be paid immediately by the treasurer of the navy, to such person or persons as should be appointed by the said commissioners to make such survey and determine such longitude and latitude, out of the money that should be in the hands of such treasurer unapplied for the use of the navy: and whereas by an act made in <sup>26 Geo. II.</sup> the twenty sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty <sup>C. 25.</sup> King George the second, intituled, An act to render more effectual an act made in 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, with regard to the making experiments of proposals made for discovering the longitude, and to enlarge the number of commissioners for putting in execution the said act, the further sum of two thousand pounds was directed to be applied in such manner as the commissioners for the discovery of the longitude should think necessary for making further experiments: and whereas the said commissioners have, by virtue of the powers vested in them by the said several acts before mentioned, heard and received several proposals made to them at differ-

*ent times for discovering the said longitude, and have accordingly certified the same from time to time to the commissioners of the navy for the time being, whereupon bills have been made out for several sums of money, amounting in the whole to four thousand pounds; all which respective sums have been paid to several persons by the treasurer of the navy, pursuant to the directions of the said acts of parliament; which the said commissioners for discovering the longitude thought necessary for making the said experiments: and whereas by reason of the several payments made by the treasurer of the navy to the several persons as aforesaid, the said commissioners have, by virtue of the said acts of parliament, expended the whole of the sums thereby granted for the purposes aforesaid: and whereas, from the experiments which have already been made in pursuance of the powers vested in the said commissioners as aforesaid, there is great reason to expect that, by continuing to encourage ingenious persons to invent and make further improvements and experiments in order to discover the said longitude, such discoveries may at length be produced as will effectually answer that end, and thereby contribute very much to the advantage of the trade and honour of this kingdom: therefore, for enabling the said commissioners to cause such further experiments to be made as they shall think proper for the purposes aforesaid, be it 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*  
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of the same, That the said commissioners, constituted by the said several acts of parliament before-mentioned for the discovery of the longitude at sea, and for examining trying and judging of all proposals experiments and improvements relating to the same, or any five or more of them, shall have full power to hear and receive any proposal or proposals that have been, or shall hereafter be, made to them for discovering the said longitude at sea; and in case the said commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall be so far satisfied of the probability of any such proposal or discovery as to think it 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 shall be the authors of such proposals; and, upon producing such certificate, the said commissioners of the navy are hereby authorized and required to make out a bill or bills for any such sum or sums of money, not exceeding two thousand pounds, as the said commissioners for the discovery of the said longitude, or any five or more of them, shall think necessary for making any experiments in pursuance of this act, or any of the said former acts above-mentioned, payable by the treasurer of the navy; which sum or sums the treasurer of the navy for the time being is hereby required to pay immediately to such person or persons as shall be appointed by the commissioners for the discovery of the said longitude to make those experiments, out

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