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GEORGI II. REGIS.

Cap. 58.

An Act to enable the Corporation of *The London Assurance*, to assure Vessels, Barges, Keels, Boats, and other Craft employed in Inland Navigation, and the Goods, Merchandizes, and Effects laden therein. [20th June 1801.]

WHEREAS by virtue of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled, *An Act for better securing certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by His Majesty, by Two Charters for Assurance of Ships and Merchandizes at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry, and for restraining several extravagant and unreasonable Practices therein named*, His said Majesty did, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Twenty-second Day of June One thousand seven hundred and twenty, incorporate divers Persons therein named, to be a Corporation in Deed and in Name, and to have a perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, by the Name of *The London Assurance for insuring Ships and Goods at Sea, or going to Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry*: And whereas, since the granting the said Charter, a very considerable and beneficial Trade has been entered into and carried on in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, by Means of Canals, in which are employed Vessels, Barges, Keels, Boats, and

Recital of 6 Geo. I. and the Charter dated June 22, 1720, granted to *The London Assurance* for insuring Ships and Goods at Sea, or going to Sea, and for lending Money on Bottomry.

Inland Navigation since the Charter.

[Loc. & Per.]

and

Doubts have arisen whether the Corporation can insure Losses on Inland Navigation.

Corporation empowered to insure Vessels and all other Craft concerned in Inland Navigation, and their Cargoes.

General Issue to be pleaded.

Publick Act.

and other Craft; and it would be a great Benefit to the Publick if the said Corporation were enabled to assure the same, and the Goods, Merchandizes, and Effects laden therein; but Doubts have arisen whether the said Corporation have Power so to do; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; ~~and 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 of the same, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, called *The London Assurance*, and their Successors, from and after the passing of this Act, and for ever thereafter, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to assure Vessels, Barges, Keels, Boats, and all other Craft employed in any Inland Navigation in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and the Goods, Merchandizes, and Effects laden therein, from all and every Risk which may arise from and during the said Navigation.~~

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced, brought, or prosecuted against the said Corporation of *The London Assurance for insuring Ships at Sea, or going to Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomry*, by any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, for or concerning any Assurance or Assurances hereby authorized to be made, or relating to the Powers hereby granted, the said Corporation and their Successors may, in such Action or Suit, plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act, and all Judges, Justices, and other Persons, are hereby required to take Notice of this Act as such, without specially pleading the same.

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