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An Act to impower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Salt Petre; and to enforce the Law for impowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to impower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition.

WHEREAS by the Act of Tonnage and Poundage made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, Power is expressly reserved to His Majesty to prohibit, at and for such Times as he should see Cause, the transporting of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, into any Parts out of this Kingdom: And whereas Salt Petre is absolutely necessary to the making of Gunpowder, and Preamble.

the publick Safety may require temporary Restraints upon the Exportation thereof, at critical Conjunctures; Therefore to prevent all Doubts, be it hereby declared and 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,

His Majesty impowered by Proclamation, or Order of Council, to prohibit the Exportation of Salt Petre.

That his Majesty may, by Proclamation or Order in Council, when he shall see Cause, and for such Time as shall be therein expressed, prohibit the exporting, or attempting to export, Salt Petre out of this Kingdom, in such Manner and under such Restraints as he shall think fit.

Salt Petre, Gunpowder, Arms, or Ammunition, shipped after such Prohibition,

And it is hereby further enacted, That whatever Quantity or Quantities of Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council to be exported, shall be shipped or laden on Board any Ship or Vessel in any of the Port or Ports of Great Britain, in order for Exportation, contrary to such Proclamation or Order, all such Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, prohibited by Proclamation

to be forfeited, &c.

or Order in Council to be exported, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by Warrant from any Magistrate, or by any Custom-house, Impost, or Excise Officer;

and Owner to pay 100 *l.* for every C. wt. of such Salt Petre and Gunpowder;

and the Owner or Owners of such Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council to be exported, as shall be so shipped for Exportation, shall severally and respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds for every Hundred Weight of Salt Petre and Gunpowder, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity;

100*l.* for every 25 Arms.

and One hundred Pounds for every Five and twenty Arms, and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Number;

and 100 *l.* for every C. C. wt. of other Ammunition;

and One hundred Pounds for every Two hundred Weight of any Species of Ammunition, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity, prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council to be exported, so shipped for Exportation.

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And

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be aiding or assisting in the shipping or lading any Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition for Exportation, during the Time it shall be so prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council, contrary to such Proclamation or Order, every such Person shall forfeit and pay One hundred Pounds, and Treble the Value of such Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council to be exported. and Aiders in shipping thereof, to forfeit 100 l. and Treble Value;

Provided also, and be it hereby further enacted, That if any Master of any Ship or Vessel shall lade or take on Board, or suffer or permit to be laden or taken on Board, any Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition for Exportation, during the Time it shall be so prohibited to be exported as aforesaid, every such Master shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds. and the Master 100 l.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, and every Clause, Matter, and Thing herein contained, shall extend, and be construed to extend, to impower His Majesty to prohibit the shipping of any Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, in order to be carried Coastwise, in like Manner as he is by this Act impowered to prohibit the Exportation of Salt Petre. The same may be prohibited from being carried Coastwise.

And it is hereby further enacted, That the Penalties before in this Act mentioned and provided, shall be divided into Three several Parts, Two Third Parts thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Third Part thereof to such Per- Application of the Penalties.

son or Persons as shall seize or sue for the same, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Exchequer in Great Britain, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

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