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Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to prohibit, for a Time to be limited, the Exportation of Corn, Malt, Meal, Flour, Bread, Biſcuit, and Starch.

WHEREAS the Exportation of Preamble.
any Sort of Corn, Meal, Malt, Flour, Bread, Biſcuit, and Starch, out of the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, may, at this Time, be greatly prejudicial to His Majeſty's Subjects; 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 no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, at any Time or Times before the

No Corn, or other enumerated Commodities, to be exported from *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, before 25 *Dec.* 1757, under the Penalties and Forfeitures here mentioned.

Twenty fifth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, shall, directly or indirectly, export, transport, carry, or convey, or cause or procure to be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed out of or from the said Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland; or load or lay on Board, or cause or procure to be laden or laid on Board in any Ship or other Vessel, or Boat, in order to be exported or carried out of the said Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, any Sort of Corn, Meal, Malt, Flour, Bread, Biscuit, or Starch, under the Penalties and Forfeitures herein after-mentioned; that is to say, That all the said Commodities that shall be so exported, shipped, or laid on Board, or loaded to be exported, shipped, or carried out, contrary to this Act, shall be forfeited; and that every Offender or Offenders therein, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Bushel of Corn, Malt, Meal, or Flour; and Twelve Pence of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every Pound Weight of Bread, Biscuit, or Starch, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity, which shall be so exported, shipped, or put on Board to be exported; and also the Ship, Boat, or Vessel, upon which any of the said Commodities shall be exported, shipped, or laden to be exported; and all her Guns, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, shall be forfeited; and One Moiety of all the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall be to the King's Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them that will sue for the same; and for Offences which shall be committed in that Part of Great Britain called England, such Penalties and Forfeitures shall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or before the Justices of Assize, or at the Great Sessions in Wales, or by Information at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, Riding, Division, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed; and in such Suit, no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed; and for Offences which shall be committed in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, by Action, or summary Bill or Information in the Courts of Sessions or Exchequer in Scotland; and for Offences which shall be committed in Ireland, in His Majesty's Courts of Record in Dublin, or at the General Quarter Sessions of the

One Moiety thereof to go to the King, the other to the Prosecutor.

Method of Recovery thereof if in *England*,

Wales,

Scotland,

or *Ireland*,

Peace for the County, City, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed; and that the Master and Mariners of any such Ship, Boat, or Vessel, wherein any such Offence shall be committed, knowing such Offence, and wittingly and willingly aiding and assisting thereunto, and being thereof duly convicted in any such Courts as aforesaid, shall be imprisoned for the Space of Three Months without Bail or Mainprize. Master and Mariners if convicted, to be committed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, being an Officer or Officers of the Customs, or being lawfully authorized in this Behalf by the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain, or the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, or any Three or more of them, to take or seize all such of the said Commodities, not allowed to be exported by this Act, or by His Majesty's Royal Proclamation, or such Order of Council, in pursuance of this Act, as he or they shall happen to find, know, or discover to be laid on Board any Ship or other Vessel, or Boat, at Sea, or in any Port, or in any navigable River or Water, to the Intent or Purpose to be exported, transported, or conveyed, out of Great Britain or Ireland, contrary to the true Intent of this Act; and also the Ship, Vessel, or Boat, in which the same shall be found; and to bring the said Goods to the King's Warehouse or Warehouses, belonging to the Custom-house, next to the Place where such Seizures shall be made, or to some other safe Place (where there are no such Warehouses) in order to be proceeded against according to Law; and, in case of Recovery, to be divided according to the Directions of this Act. Officers impowered to seize the Vessel, and Commodities; and to lodge the Goods in the King's Warehouses.

Provided always, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend to prohibit the Exportation or carrying out of such, or so much, of the said Commodities, as shall be necessary to be carried in any Ship or Ships, or other Vessel or Vessels, in their respective Voyages, for the Sustenance, Diet, and Support of the Commanders, Masters, Mariners, Passengers, or others, in the same Ships or Vessels only; or for the Victualling or providing any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or other Ships or Vessels in His Majesty's Service; or for His Majesty's Forces, Forts, or Garrisons; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Necessary Provision for Ships on their Voyage; and for the King's Ships, Forces, Forts, or Garrisons are excepted.

The said Commodities may be carried Coastwise, if a Cocquet be granted for the same, and Security given.

Provided also, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend to prohibit any Person or Persons to ship or put on Board any of the Commodities aforesaid, to be carried Coastwise; that is to say, From any Port, Creek, or Member of the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, to any other Port, Creek, or Member of the same respectively, having such or the like Coast-cocquet or Sufferance for that Purpose, and such or the like sufficient Security, being first given for the Landing and Discharging the same in some other Port, Member, or Creek of the said Kingdoms, and returning a Certificate in Six Months, as is required by Law in Cases where Goods which are liable to pay Duties on Exportation, are carried Coastwise from One Port of Great Britain to another, and not otherwise.

Certificates thereof to be returned within 6 Months.

The said Commodities may be exported to *Gibraltar*, or the *British* Islands or Colonies in *America* for Sustentation of the Inhabitants, the Exporter declaring where the same are designed for, and giving Security.

Provided also, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend to any of the said Commodities which shall be exported, or shipped to be exported, out of or from Great Britain to Ireland, or from Ireland to Great Britain, or from Great Britain or Ireland to Gibraltar, or unto any of His Majesty's Islands or Colonies in America, that have usually been supplied with any of the said Commodities from Great Britain or Ireland, for the Sustentation of the Inhabitants of the said Islands, Colonies, or Dominions, or for the Benefit of the British Fishery in those Parts only; so as the Exporter do, before the shipping or laying on Board the same, declare the Island, Colony, or Dominion, Islands, Colonies, or Dominions, for which the said Commodities are respectively designed, and do become bound with other sufficient Security, in Treble the Value thereof, to the Commissioners or Chief Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs, belonging to the Port or Place where the same shall be shipped or put on Board (who hath or have hereby Power to take such Security in His Majesty's Name, and to His Majesty's Use) that such Commodities shall not be landed or sold in any Parts whatsoever, other than the Kingdoms, Dominions, Islands, or Colonies for which the same shall be so declared; and that a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer of the Customs; or if no such, of the Naval Officer, or some other Principal Officer of the Port where the same shall be landed, shall within the respective

Certificates from the Port or landing to be returned within a limited Time.

spective Times herein after for that Purpose mentioned (the Danger of the Seas excepted) be returned to the Officers who took the said Bonds, that the said Commodities have been landed at the Port or Place for which the same shall be so declared; and for the taking of such Security, and giving such Certificates (which the respective Officers aforesaid are hereby on Demand required to give) no Fee or Reward shall be demanded or received; and if any Officer shall make any false Certificate of any such Commodities being so landed, such Officer shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and lose his Employment, and be incapable of serving his Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, in any Office relating to the Customs; and if any Person shall counterfeit, raze, or falsify any such Certificate, or knowingly publish any such counterfeit, razed, or false Certificate, he shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and such Certificate shall be void and of none Effect; which said Penalties for Offences committed in Great Britain or Ireland, shall be recovered in the same Courts, and in the same Manner, as the other Penalties inflicted by this Act are recoverable; and for Offences committed in the Colonies or Plantations in America, or other the Dominions belonging to the Crown of Great Britain in Europe, shall be recovered in the High Court of Admiralty, or in any other Chief Court of Civil or Criminal Jurisdiction in such respective Colonies, Plantations, or Dominions; and shall be divided into equal Moieties between His Majesty and the Informer; and the said Bond or Bonds, if not prosecuted within Three Years, shall be void.

Officers to take Security, and grant Certificates *gratis*.

Officer granting a false Certificate, to forfeit 200*l.* and be cashiered.

200*l.* Penalty on counterfeiting, *&c.* a Certificate.

Method of Recovery, and Application thereof.

Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prohibit the Exportation of Beans to the British Forts, Castles, and Factories in Africa, or for the Use of the Ships trading upon that Coast, that usually have been supplied with the same from Great Britain or Ireland, so as the like Security be given for the Exporting thereof, as is required by this Act to be given by Persons carrying any of the said Commodities to the British Colonies in America.

Beans may be exported to *Africa*, on giving proper Security.

Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prohibit the United Company of Merchants of England, trading to the East Indies, from exporting any of the said Commodities to any of their Forts, Factories, or Settlements, for the Support of the Persons residing

East India Company may export any of the said Commodities to their Forts and Settlements.

giving proper Security.

residing there, so as the like Security be given for the Exporting thereof, as is required by this Act to be given by Persons carrying any of the said Commodities to the British Colonies in America.

Wheat, Malt, or Barley, may be exported from *Southampton* to *Jersey* and *Guernsey*, for the Use of the Inhabitants; the Exporter giving Security.

Provided also, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend to any Wheat, Malt, or Barley to be transported out of or from the Port of Southampton only, unto the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, or either of them, for the only Use of the Inhabitants of those Islands, so as the Exporter before the lading of such Wheat, Malt, or Barley, or laying the same on Board, do become bound with other sufficient Security (which the Customer or Comptroller of the same Port hath hereby Power to take, in His Majesty's Name, and to His Majesty's Use; and for which Security no Fee or Reward shall be given or taken) that

Certificate of the landing to be returned within a limited Time,

such Wheat, Malt, or Barley shall be landed in the said Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, or One of them, (the Danger of the Seas only excepted) for the Use of the Inhabitants there, and shall not be landed or sold in any other Parts whatsoever, and to return the like Certificates of the Landing the same there, as are herein before required on the Exportation of the said Commodities to the British Colonies in America, and within the Time for that Purpose herein after mentioned; and so as the Quantity of Wheat, Malt, and Barley, which, at any Time or Times after the passing of

Quantity to be exported not to exceed 5000 Quarters.

this Act, and before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, shall be shipped at the said Port for Jersey and Guernsey, or either of them as aforesaid, doth not exceed in the whole Five thousand Quarters; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners of the Customs to lay before both Houses of Parliament an Account of the Quantities of Corn, &c. exported.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Customs for the time being shall, and they are hereby required to give a full and true Account in Writing to both Houses of Parliament, at the Beginning of the next Session thereof, of all Corn, Meal, Malt, Flour, Bread, Biscuit, and Starch, that shall before that Time be exported to any Place whatsoever, by virtue, or in pursuance, of any of the Liberties or Powers hereby given or granted for that Purpose.

Malt made for Exportation before 4 *Dec.* 1756, may be exported,

Provided, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to any Malt declared, or made, for Exportation on or before the Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, which shall

be exported; provided the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof shall produce to the Collector or Chief Officer of the Port where such Malt shall be exported, a Certificate or Certificates from the Officer or Officers with whom the Entry of the Corn intended to be made into such Malt for Exportation shall have been made, that the said Malt was actually declared or made for Exportation on or before the said Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six; not to any other of the Commodities aforesaid which shall be cleared out of any Custom-house within Great Britain, before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six; or out of any Custom-house in Ireland before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, but that such Ships and Vessels shall be permitted to proceed on their Voyages; any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

the Proprietor producing a Certificate hereof from the proper Officer.

Vessels cleared out before *Dec.* 1756, permitted to proceed on their Voyages.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case His Majesty at any Time or Times before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, shall (in His Royal Discretion) judge it to be most for the Benefit and Advantage of this Kingdom, to permit the Exportation of Corn and other the Commodities aforesaid, or any of them, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, by His Royal Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majesty's Order in Council, to be published in the London Gazette, from time to time to permit and suffer all and every Person and Persons, Natives and Foreigners (but not any particular Person or Persons) at any Time or Times before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, to export or carry out of the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or out of both or either of them, all or any of the Commodities aforesaid, to all or any other Place or Places, and upon or without giving Security for the Landing thereof in such Place or Places, and returning Certificates of such Landing as to His Majesty shall seem meet, and as in such Proclamation or Proclamations, or such Orders of Council, to be published in the London Gazette, shall be expressed and declared; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

His Majesty by Proclamation, or Order in Council, may at any Time before 25 *Dec.* 1757, permit the Exportation of Corn, &c.

Times limited for returning the Certificates from the respective Ports where the Corn, &c. has been landed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Certificates of the landing and discharging of the said Commodities to be exported, other than Coastwise, shall be returned within the respective Times following; that is to say, Where the Bonds are taken in respect of any of the said Commodities to be exported from Great Britain or Ireland, to any of the said Colonies or Plantations in America, within Eighteen Calendar Months after the Date of the said Bonds; and where to Gibraltar, within Twelve Calendar Months after the Date of such Bonds; and where to the Islands of Guernsey or Jersey, within Six Calendar Months after the Date of such Bonds; and where from Great Britain to Ireland, or from Ireland to Great Britain, within Six Calendar Months after the Date of such Bonds respectively.

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