Anno tricesimo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to amend an Act made in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George, *to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages; and also an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture; and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein; and for limit-*

ing a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by the aforesaid Act, in case of Payment of the Workmens Wages in any other Manner than in Money.

Preamble, reciting Clauses in Act 29 *Geo.* II.

WHEREAS by an Act made and passed in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George*, to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages; and also an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture, and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein; and for limiting a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by the aforesaid Act, in case of the Payment of the Workmens Wages in any other Manner than in Money; it was, amongst other Things, enacted, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, it should be lawful for the Justices of the Peace assembled at any of their General or Quarter Sessions held next after Michaelmas yearly, to make Rates for the Payment of Wages to Weavers, and others employed in the Woollen Manufactures, according to the Number of Yards that the Chains are laid upon the Warping Bars, and not otherwise; which Rates by the said Act were to continue for One Year from the making thereof: And whereas, from the great Variety of the said Manufacture of Broad Cloth, as well in respect to Breadth and Colour, as to the Quantity and Quality of the Material of which the same is composed, it is found impracticable to form any general Rate of Wages that would be just, adequate, and suitable to the several Branches and Circumstances of the said Manufacture: And

And whereas great Mischiefs and Inconveniences have arisen, and may arise, from the Exercise of the aforesaid Power and Authority given by the above recited Act to the Justices of the Peace, to make Rates for the Payment of Wages, as therein mentioned: For Remedy whereof, May it 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 so much of the said recited Act as enacts, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace assembled at any of their General or Quarter Sessions held next after Michaelmas yearly, to make Rates for the Payment of Wages to Weavers, and others employed in the Woollen Manufactures, according to the Number of Yards that the Chains are laid upon the Warping Bars, and not otherwise, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Clause in the recited Act repealed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all or any Contracts or Agreements made, or hereafter to be made and entered into, between any Clothier or Maker of Mixed, Medley, or White Broad Cloth, and the Weaver or Weavers employed by such Maker, in respect to any Wages to be paid to such Weaver or Weavers, shall, from and immediately after the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, be, and are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes; any Rate made or to be made in pursuance of any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Agreements entered into between Clothier and Weaver, to be binding;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Contracts or Agreements shall extend only to the actual Prices or Rates of Workmanship or Wages to be paid, and not to the Payment thereof in any other Manner than in Money, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act of the Twenty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign.

but to extend only to the Wages, which are to be paid in Money.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Clothier or Maker of any Mixed, Medley, or White Broad Cloth, shall refuse or neglect to pay to the Weaver or Weavers employed by him or them his or their Wages or Price agreed on in Money, within Two Days next after the Work shall be performed and

Clothier not paying the same within 2 Days after Delivery of the Work,

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delivered to such Employer, or some Person on his Behalf (the same being demanded of such Employer or Person employed on his Behalf) then and in every such Case, every such Clothier or Person so offending, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; to be recovered in such Manner and Form, and by such Ways and Means, and to be paid, applied, and disposed of, as the several Penalties and Forfeitures incurred and made payable by the said recited Act made in the Twenty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, are thereby directed and appointed to be recovered and applied.

to forfeit 40 s.

FINIS.