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Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for the Encouragement of the Exportation of Culm to *Lisbon*, in the Kingdom of *Portugal*.



WHereas since the late dreadful Earthquake at Lisbon, a considerable Demand hath arisen for Culm to be there used, in the burning or calcining of Lime, for the Purpose of rebuilding of the said City, and the Exportation of Culm to Lisbon, under a small Duty, will greatly contribute to the more speedy and effectual rebuilding of the said City, as well as to the Encouragement of the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom; 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 from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons, for and during the Term of Fifteen Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, to export any Quantity or Quantities of Culm to the City of Lisbon, in the Kingdom of Portugal, upon Payment of a Duty of One Shilling for every Chalder (Newcastle-measure) of Culm so exported, and no more, and after that Rate for any greater or lesser Quantity; so as the Exporter shall, before the lading of such Culm, or laying the same on Board, become bound with other sufficient Security in Treble the Value thereof, to the Commissioners or Chief

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Culm may be exported for 15 Years,

upon Payment of 1 *s. per* Chalder Duty;

and the Exporter giving Security thereof,

Officer or Officers of his Majesty's Customs, belonging to the Port or Place where such Culm 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, and for which Security no Fee or Reward shall be given or taken) that such Culm shall be landed at Lisbon, in the Kingdom of Portugal, and not elsewhere; and that a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the British Consul General, or Deputy Consul residing at Lisbon, shall, within Twelve Calendar Months from the Date of the said Bonds (the Danger of the Seas and Enemies excepted) be returned to the Officers who took the said Bonds, that such Culm hath been landed at Lisbon; and in case the Ship or Vessel on which any Culm shall be put on Board, for which such Security ought to be given, shall depart or go out of Port before such Security is given, in every such Case the Ship or Vessel, and the Culm therein, or the Value thereof, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be recovered, to wit, One Moiety thereof to the Use of the King, and the other Moiety thereof to the Person or Persons who will seize, inform, or sue for the same.

of landing the same at *Lisbon* only,

and returning a Certificate thereof within 12 Months.

Ship and Culm otherwise to be forfeited.

Duty to be levied, &c. as the Duty upon Coals.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Duty on Culm exported to Lisbon shall be raised, collected, levied, recovered, and paid, in the same Manner, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures, and by such Rules, Ways, and Methods, as the Duties payable to his Majesty upon the Exportation of Coals are, by virtue of any Law or Statute now in Force, to be raised, collected, levied, or recovered.

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon; and that the same was done in pursuance, and by the Authority, of this Act: And if it shall appear so to have been done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuit, or discontinue his Action, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if Judgement shall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant and Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as the Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

Treble Costs.

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