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Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to permit the Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, from *Ireland*, for a limited Time.



WHEREAS the permitting the Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, into this Kingdom from Ireland, for a limited Time, may, at this Time, be of great Advantage to both Kingdoms; 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, Preamble.

Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, allowed for 6 Months;

sembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, the Importation of all Sorts of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, into this Kingdom from Ireland, shall be, and is hereby, permitted, allowed, and authorized, for and during the Term of Six Months from thence next ensuing; and that all Persons shall be, and are hereby,

without being subject to any Penalties or Forfeitures,

exempted, freed, and discharged, from the Payment of all Subsidies, Customs, Rates, Duties, or other Impositions, and also from all Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, and Punishments, for or upon account of importing or bringing Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter into this Kingdom from Ireland, during the Term aforesaid, other than such as herein after are mentioned in respect thereof; any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, and to the Intent that the Revenue arising from Salt may not be prejudiced by such Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, from Ireland; be it enacted, That after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, during the Continuance of this Act, there shall be paid to such Officer as the Commissioners for the Duties on Salt for the time being shall appoint, at the Port in England into which any such Salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, shall, in pursuance of this Act, be imported from Ireland, and before any Part thereof shall be delivered out to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall belong or be consigned, the Sum of One Shilling and Three Pence for every Hundred Weight of all such Salted Beef or Pork; and the Sum of Four Pence for every Hundred Weight of all such Salted Butter; and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Quantity than an Hundred Weight of any such Salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, as or for Custom, or for Duty, on or in respect thereof; the Money so arising by the Importation of the said Salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, to be paid into His Majesty's Exchequer

or other Duties, on the Landing thereof, than 1 s. 3 d. per C. Wt. for Beef or Pork,

and 4 d. per C. Wt. for Butter;

the same to be paid into the Exchequer, as Part of the Duties on Salt, laid by the Act of 5 Geo. II.

Exchequer as Part of the Duties on Salt laid on by an Act in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, and continued by several subsequent Acts.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, during the Continuance of this Act, land any such Salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, into this Kingdom from Ireland, before Payment of the Duty or Duties by this Act specified and directed, the same shall be forfeited and lost, and Twenty Shillings per Barrel for every Barrel thereof; and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Quantity, to be recovered of the Importer or Proprietor thereof; and that all such Forfeitures and Penalties shall be distributed in Manner following; that is to say, One Moiety thereof to the King, his Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Person or Persons who shall seize, sue, or inform for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster.

If any shall be landed before Duty paid, the Importer, besides the Forfeiture of the said Commodities, is to forfeit also 20s. *per* Barrel;

One Moiety thereof to the King, the other to the Informer.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That no Bounty shall be allowed or paid for any such Salted Beef or Pork, so imported into this Kingdom from Ireland, and which shall be exported from hence elsewhere.

No Bounty to be allowed on the exporting thereof from hence.

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 Nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if Judgement shall be given, upon

General Issue.

any Verdict or Demurrer, against the Plaintiff, the
Treble Costs. Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

FINIS.
