Anno tricesimo primo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for continuing certain Laws therein mentioned relating to *British* Sail Cloth, and to the Duties payable on Foreign Sail Cloth; and to the Allowance upon the Exportation of *British* made Gunpowder; and to the Encouragement of the Trade of the Sugar Colonies in *America;* and to the Landing of Rum or Spirits of the *British* Sugar Plantations, before the Duties of Excise are paid thereon; and for regulating the Payment of the Duties on Foreign Exciseable Liquors; and for the Relief of *Thomas Watson*, with regard

to the Drawback on certain *East India* Callicoes; and for rendering more commodious the new Passage leading from *Charing Cross*.

Preamble.



WHEREAS certain Laws herein after mentioned, are found to be very useful and beneficial to the Publick, and are near expiring, and it is fit they should be continued; 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 an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, An Act for further encouraging and regulating the Manufacture of *British* Sail Cloth; and for the more effectual securing the Duties now payable on Foreign Sail Cloth imported into this Kingdom; which was to continue in Force from the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and thirty six, for the Term of Five Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which by several subsequent Acts made in the Thirteenth and Twenty fourth Years of the Reign of his present Majesty, was further continued until the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Act 9 *Geo.* II. which was continued by several subsequent Acts,

further continued to 29 *Sep.* 1764.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, An Act for granting an Allowance upon the Exportation of *British* made Gunpowder; which was to continue in Force for Five Years, from the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and thirty one, and from thence to the End of the

Act 4 *Geo* II. which was continued by several subsequent Acts,

the then next Session of Parliament; and which by several subsequent Acts made in the Tenth, Sixteenth, and Twenty fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, was further continued until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

further continued to 29 *Sep.* 1764.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the better securing and encouraging the Trade of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in *America*; which was to continue in Force for Five Years, to be computed from the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and thirty three, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which by several subsequent Acts made in the Eleventh, Nineteenth, Twenty sixth, and Twenty ninth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, was further continued until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

Act 6 *Geo.* II. which was continued by several subsequent Acts,

further continued to 29 *Sept.* 1761.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of an Act made in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to impower the Importers or Proprietors of Rum, or Spirits of the *British* Sugar Plantations, to land the same before Payment of the Duties of Excise charged thereon, and to lodge the same in Warehouses at their own Expence; and for the Relief of *Ralph Barrow*, in respect to the Duty on some Rock Salt lost by the Overflowing of the Rivers *Weaver* and *Dame*, as relates to the Landing of Rum, or Spirits of the British Sugar Plantations, before Payment of the Duties of Excise, and to the Lodging of the same in Warehouses at the Expence of the Importers or Proprietors thereof; which was to continue in Force until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which, by an Act made in the Twenty third Year of the Reign of His present

Part of Act 15 & 16 *Geo.* II. relating to the Landing of Rum, *&c.* before Duty paid, which was continued by several subsequent Acts,

Majesty, was further continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby, further continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Further continued to 29 *Sep.* 1764.

And whereas no certain Time is appointed for the Proprietor or Proprietors, Importer or Importers, of all or any Kind of Foreign Liquors liable to the Duties of Excise on the Importation thereof, to make due Entry thereof with the Officer or Collector appointed for the Excise in the Port or Place where the same shall be imported, and to pay the Duties for the same; and several Persons have refused or neglected, for a long Time after the Importation of such Foreign Exciseable Liquors, to make due Entry thereof, and have insisted to keep the same on Board, and even in some Cases, when the Ships have been put into the Docks to be repaired; by which Means the Payment of the Duties due for the same, have been unfairly postponed and kept back, and the Revenue unnecessarily put to a very considerable Expence by keeping Tydesmen on Board; and great Opportunities are also obtained for imbezzling or running on Shore all or Part of the said Foreign or Exciseable Liquors, without Payment of any Duties for the same, notwithstanding the utmost Care and Vigilance of the Officer to prevent the same: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Fifth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, the Proprietor or Proprietors, Importer or Importers, of any Kind of Foreign Liquors, liable to the Duties of Excise, within Thirty Days next after the Master or Purser for that Voyage of the Ship or Vessel wherein the said Foreign Exciseable Liquors, or any of them, shall be imported or brought into the Kingdom of Great Britain, shall have or ought to have made a just and true Entry or Report upon Oath, of the Burthen, Contents, and Loading, of such Ship or Vessel, in pursuance of the Directions of the Statute made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses in His Majesty's Customs; shall make due Entry with the Officer or Collector appointed for the Excise, in the

Foreign Liquors liable to the Duties of Excise, are to be entered within 30 Days after the Report is made of the Contents and Loading of the Ship;

pursuant to the Act of 13 & 14 *Car.* II.

the Port or Place where such Foreign Excileable Liquors shall be imported, of all such Foreign Excileable Liquors on Board of such Ship or Vessel belonging to such Proprietor or Proprietors, Importer or Importers; and shall then, or before, satisfy and pay the Duties of Excise due and payable for and in respect of the said Foreign Excileable Liquors, and land the same, on Pain to forfeit for every Neglect or Refusal to make due Entry or Payment, or to land the same, according to the Directions of this Act, all such Foreign Excileable Liquors, with the Casks and Package wherein the same shall be contained on Board such Ship or Vessel belonging to such Proprietor or Proprietors, Importer or Importers, of the same, so neglecting or refusing, which shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Excise.

and the Duties to be paid then, or before, and the Liquors landed,

on Forfeiture of the Liquors, with the Package.

Provided always, and it is hereby declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so long as the said Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of His Majesty's Reign shall be continued and in Force, nothing in the Clause last before mentioned, shall extend, or be construed to extend, in any wise to prevent or hinder the Proprietor or Proprietors, Importer or Importers, of any Rum or Spirits of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture, of the British Sugar Plantations, as shall be imported into the Kingdom of Great Britain directly from the said Sugar Plantations, or any of them (an Entry of such Rum or Spirits being first made within the said Thirty Days, as directed by the said Clause last before mentioned) from forthwith landing such Rum or Spirits, and putting the same into such Warehouse or Warehouses, and from giving such Security for the due Payment of the Duties of Excise, in pursuance of the Directions of the said Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of His Majesty's Reign, if he, she, or they, shall chuse so to do, within the said Term of Thirty Days.

During the Continuance of the recited Act of 15 & 16 *Geo.* II. the last mentioned Clause is not to extend to Rum or Spirits of the *British* Sugar Plantations;

but the same may be landed, and Security given for the Duties as the recited Act directs.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Entries or Reports of any Foreign Liquors, liable to the Duties of Excise, to be made by the Master or Purser of any Ship or Vessel, in pursuance of the said Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King Charles the Second, the Number of Casks or other Package, with the particular Numbers and Marks of each of them, and the particular Kind of Liquors contained in each Cask or other Package, on Board of each respective Ship or Vessel, shall

In Entries of Foreign Liquors, pursuant to Act 13 & 14 *Car.* II.

the Number of Casks, or other Package, with the Numbers and Marks thereon, and the Contents, are to be inserted,

on Forfeiture of the Liquor and Package;

be inserted in such Entries or Reports, on Pain for every Neglect or Refusal thereof, to forfeit such Liquor, with the Cask or other Package wherein the same shall be contained, which shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Excise; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: And that all Seizures to be made in pursuance of any of the Powers given by this Act, shall (all necessary Charges for the Recovery thereof being first deducted) be employed, One Moiety thereof to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Seizer or Prosecutor.

One Moiety to go to the King, the other to the Seizer.

Gauger may take a Sample of the Liquors, in order to ascertain the Proof, paying for the same.

And, in order to enable the Gaugers or Officers of the Excise, the better to ascertain the Proof of all Foreign imported Liquors, liable to the Duties of Excise; it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Gaugers or Officers of the Excise, at any Time or Times, to take a Sample or Samples (not exceeding One Quart in the Whole) out of each of the Casks or other Package, containing such Foreign Spirituous Liquors, paying for such Sample or Samples of Liquors, after the Rate of Sixteen Shillings per Gallon.

And whereas by a sudden Fire which broke out in the Work-shop of Thomas Watson of Morris's Causeway in the Parish of Lambeth in the County of Surry, Callicoe Printer, on the Eighth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty five, Two thousand two hundred and one Pieces of printed East India Callicoes, of the Value of Two thousand two hundred and forty nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, and Eleven Pence, were burnt and destroyed: And whereas sundry Duties were paid at the Custom-house, London, upon the Importation of the said Callicoes, and the same were intended to have been exported to Foreign Parts, being by Law prohibited to be worn in these Kingdoms, and upon the Exportation thereof, a Drawback to the Amount of Seven hundred and thirty six Pounds and Four Shillings, would have become payable to the Exporter thereof: For the Relief therefore of the said Thomas Watson; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collector or other proper Officer or Officers of the Customs, at the Port of London, shall, and he and they are hereby impowered and required, to make out and grant a proper Debenture or Debentures, for the said Two thousand two hundred and one Pieces of Callicoes, whereby

Debenture to be made out to *Thomas Watson*, for 2201 Pieces of Callicoes burnt, to intitle him to a Drawback of the Duties paid on the Importation.

whereby the said Thomas Watson may be intitled to draw back such Part of the Duties paid on the Importation of the said Callicoes, as would have been drawn back upon the Exportation thereof, in the same Manner as if the said Callicoes had been exported to Parts beyond the Seas.

And whereas the Passage called The New Passage leading from Charing Cross into Saint James's Park, is very narrow, inconvenient, and dangerous, and it would be of Publick Convenience to widen and render the same commodious; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Passage shall from henceforth be deemed and taken to be One of the Ways, Streets, Avenues, or Passages, within the Description of an Act passed in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to enable the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River of *Thames*, from the City of *Westminster* to the opposite Shore in the County of *Surry*, to purchase Houses and Grounds, and to widen the Ways, and to make more safe and commodious the Streets, Avenues, and Passages, leading from *Charing Cross*, to the Two Houses of Parliament, *Westminster Hall*, and the Courts of Justice there, and *Westminster Bridge*; and to enable a less Number of Commissioners to execute the several Acts relating to the said Bridge, than at present are required by Law; and for Relief of *George* and *James King*, with regard to a Lease taken by their late Father from the said Commissioners, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act; and all and every the Powers and Authorities, Clauses, Rules, Forms, Directions, Matters, and Things, prescribed, mentioned, expressed, and contained in the said Act, shall extend, and be deemed and construed to extend, to impower the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to widen and render safe and commodious for Carriages and Passengers on Foot, the said new Passage, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and in such Manner, and by such Ways and Means, as they the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, are authorized and impowered to open and widen any Ways, Streets, Avenues, or Passages, leading from Charing Cross, to the Two Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall, and the Courts of Justice there, and Westminster Bridge, by virtue of the said recited Act, or by any of the Powers or Authorities thereby to them given.

The New Passage from *Charing Cross* into S. *James's Park*, is to be deemed One of the Ways intended to be widened, pursuant to the Act of 29 *Geo.* II.

and the Commissioners are impowered to widen the same accordingly;

and to apply such of the Surplus Monies remaining in their Hands after opening, &c. of the other Ways and Streets,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the said Commissioners shall have caused to be opened and widened all such Ways, Streets, Avenues, and Passages, from Charing Cross aforesaid, to the Two Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall, and the Courts of Justice there, and Westminster Bridge, according to the Directions of the said recited Act, if any Monies granted by Parliament, for the Purposes of the said Act, and the incidental Expences thereof, shall then remain in their Hands, they the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed, and required, to apply all such Monies, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient for that Purpose, in opening, widening, and rendering safe and commodious for Carriages and Passengers on Foot, the said Passage now called The New Passage, leading from Charing Cross aforesaid, into Saint James's Park, and in defraying the incidental Expences thereof, in such Manner as they, or any Five or more of them, shall order, direct, and appoint, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

as shall be sufficient to render the said *New Passage* safe and commodious.

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