Anno tricesimo secundo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to continue, for a limited Time, an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to permit the Importation of salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, from* Ireland, *for a limited Time*, and to amend the said Act.



WHEREAS the permitting the Importation of salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom, hath been found useful and beneficial; and that the Time allowed for that Purpose is near expiring, and it is expedient that the same should be prolonged: May it therefore please your most Excellent 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 Preamble.

the same, that an Act made in the last Session of Par-
Act 31 *Geo.* II. liament, intituled, An Act to permit the Importation of salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, from *Ireland*, for a limited Time, which was to continue in Force for the Term of Six Months, from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, shall
further continued to 24 *Dec.* 1759. be, and the same is hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine; except only with respect to such Parts thereof relating to the Payment of the Duty, and to the recovering of Penalties, as are amended, or otherwise provided for by this Act.

And whereas Doubts have arisen whether all Kinds of salted Pork and Hog Meat may be imported from Ireland, by virtue of the above recited Act; be it therefore declared
All Kinds of salted Pork, and Hog Meat, may be imported. and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Act does and shall extend, and shall be deemed, construed, and taken to extend, to all Kinds of salted Pork and Hog Meat imported, or to be imported, into Great Britain from Ireland, during the Continuance of the said Act.

And whereas the Duty or Imposition of One Shilling and Three Pence charged and directed by the said Act to be laid on every Hundred Weight of salted Beef or Pork so to be imported from Ireland as aforesaid, is not adequate to, but falls short of, the Duty laid upon, and payable for, such Quantity of Salt as is requisite and necessary to be used in curing and salting the same: And whereas the salted Beef and Pork imported into this Kingdom from Ireland, is generally packed up and contained in Casks, with the Pickle or Brine proper for preserving the same; and the opening the said Casks, in order to ascertain the Net Weight of the Beef and Pork liable to the said Duties on Importation, would not only be very expensive to the Revenue, but also a great Detriment and Loss to the said Provisions, and the Owner and Importer of the same; and that it would be more for the Benefit and Advantage of the Revenue, and also of such Owner and Importer, that the Rates and Duties to be paid upon the Importation of such Beef and Pork,

should be ascertained by, and laid upon, every Barrel of the said Commodities so to be imported, according to the Rate and Proportion herein after mentioned; therefore be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, and during the Continuance of this Act, there shall be paid for every Barrel or Cask of salted Beef or Pork so imported as aforesaid, containing Thirty two Gallons, to the proper Officer appointed by the said former Act, the Sum of Three Shillings and Four Pence, as and for Custom or Duty for, on, or in respect thereof; and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Quantity thereof: And for every Hundred Weight of salted Beef, called Dried Beef, or Dried Neats Tongues, or Dried Hog Meat, so imported, the Sum of One Shilling and Three Pence, and so in Proportion for every greater or lesser Quantity thereof, as and for Custom or Duty for, on, or in respect thereof.

Beef or Pork, if in Pickle, to pay 3 *s.* 4 *d. per* Barrel, Duty;

if dried, 1 *s.* 3 *d. per* Hundred Weight;

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall after the said Twenty fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, during the Continuance of this Act, land any such salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, or any salted Beef called Dried Beef, or Dried Neats Tongues, or Dried Hog Meat, imported from Ireland, as aforesaid, before Payment of the Duty laid or directed by this Act, the same, together with the Casks, Vessels, and Package, containing the same, shall be forfeited and lost; and the Importer or Proprietor of the said Commodities shall also forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Barrel of such salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, and for every Hundred Weight of such salted Beef, called Dried Beef, or Dried Neats Tongues, or Dried Hogs Meat, so imported and landed as aforesaid, and so in Proportion for every greater or lesser Quantity thereof; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons (being an Officer of the Customs, or of His Majesty's Duties upon Salt) to take and seize all such Commodities as shall be imported and landed, contrary

if landed without Duty paid, to be forfeited, with the Package; and Importer also to pay 20 *s. per* Barrel, or Hundred Weight.

Officer of Customs, or Salt Duties, may seize the same.

to the true Intent and Meaning of this and the former Act; and that all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted and directed to be levied by this Act, ſhall be diſtributed in manner as by the ſaid former Act, and may be recovered either by the Ways and Means directed and appointed by the ſaid former Act, or may be ſued for, recovered, and mitigated, by any of the Laws of and relating to the Exciſe.

Forfeitures to be diſtributed, and recovered, as by the former Act.

FINIS.