Anno triceſimo ſecundo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to continue ſo much of an Act made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, as relates to the further Puniſhment of Perſons going armed or diſguiſed, in Defiance of the Laws of Cuſtoms or Exciſe; and to the Relief of the Officers of the Cuſtoms in Informations upon Seizures; and to appropriate certain Penalties mentioned in an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for the due Making of Bread; and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof; and to puniſh Perſons who ſhall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread.

WHEREAS the Law hereafter mentioned, hath, by Experience, been found uſeful, and beneficial, and is near expiring: 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 ſo much of an Act made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the further Puniſhment of Perſons going armed or diſguiſed, in Defiance of the Laws of Cuſtoms or Exciſe; and for indemnifying Offenders againſt thoſe Laws, upon the Terms therein mentioned; and for Relief of Officers of the Cuſtoms in Informations upon Seizures; which Act was to continue in Force for the Space of Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; as relates to the further Puniſhment of Perſons Preamble. Act 19 Geo. II.

Persons going armed or disguised, in Defiance of the Laws of Customs or Excise, and to the Relief of Officers of the Customs in Informations upon Seizures; which, by an Act made in the Twenty sixth Year of the Reign of his said Majesty, was further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, shall be 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 *Sept.* 1764.

And whereas several of the Penalties or Forfeitures made payable by an Act passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the due Making of Bread; and to regulate the Price and Assize thereof; and to punish Persons who shall adulterate Meal, Flour or Bread; were not by such said last-mentioned Act appropriated how or to whom the same should, when paid or recovered, go or be distributed; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such of the Penalties or Forfeitures which, from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, shall incur or become payable by or under the said last-mentioned Act, or by reason of any thing therein contained (as by the said Act are not particularly disposed of, or appropriated, how or to whom the same should go or be applied) shall, when the same shall be recovered or paid, go, and be distributed, in Manner following; that is to say, One Moiety thereof, where any Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, either by his, her, or their own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall go and be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform against, and prosecute to Conviction, any such Offender or Offenders; and the other Moiety thereof, and also all Penalties and Forfeitures, which, from the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, shall incur, be due, or payable, under the said last-mentioned Act, on the Weighing, Trying, or Seizure of any Bread, by any Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, shall go and be applied for the better carrying into Execution the Purposes of the said last-mentioned Act, as any such Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices, within his or their respective Jurisdiction, shall, from time to time, think fit, and order.

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viz. One Moiety to the Prosecutor, where the Offender shall be convicted by Oath, or Self-confession;

and the other Moiety, with the Penalties on Weighing, Trying, or Seizure of Bread, by a Magistrate, to such Purposes as the Magistrate shall think fit.

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