Anno tricesimo tertio

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for rendering the Exportation of Culm from the Harbour of *Milford* in the County of *Pembroke*, and the Limits thereof, to the neighbouring Counties, more easy to the Proprietors and Purchasers of the same; and for better securing the Duties payable thereon.

WHEREAS the carrying of Culm in small Vessels from the Port of Milford in the County of Pembroke, and the Limits thereof, to the neighbouring Places and Counties, is at present very expensive, and attended with many Inconveniencies: For Remedy whereof, may it 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 June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty, Preamble.

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Sufferances may be granted, upon Application, for exporting Culm in small Vessels, from the Port of *Milford* to the neighbouring Counties.

If any Person shall have Occasion to carry any Culm to be used for the burning of Lime, in any Ships, Vessels, or Boats, not exceeding Thirty Tons Burthen, from any Place within the said Port of Milford, or the Limits thereof, to any other Place within the Counties of Pembroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, or Merioneth, or any of them, the Master of such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, on Board whereof such Culm is to be loaded, may apply to the Collector of the said Port, or to his Deputy, for a Sufferance to ship or put such Culm on Board such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, and the said Collector, or his Deputy, are hereby required to grant every such Master a Sufferance accordingly, in which shall be

Officer to attend the shipping thereof.

inserted the Quantity of Culm so to be shipped; and the Officer to whom the Sufferance shall be directed is hereby required to attend the shipping or putting on Board such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, all the Culm which shall be expressed in the Sufferance, and likewise to certify on the Back of the Sufferance the true Quantity of Culm so shipped or put on Board such Ship, Vessel,

Duty of 1 *s.* *per* Chaldron to be paid for the same,

or Boat; and the Master or Owner thereof shall forthwith pay to the Collector of the Port or Place where such Culm shall be shipped or put on Board, as aforesaid, or to his Deputy, the Sum of One Shilling for every Chaldron of such Culm, being the Duty payable for the same; and the Collector, or his Deputy, shall,

for which a Certificate is to be given;

upon Receipt of such Duty, forthwith grant a Certificate under the Seal of his Office, to every such Master, setting forth the true Quantity of Culm shipped or put on Board such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, and that His Majesty's Duties have been duly paid for the same;

the same deemed a sufficient Clearance.

and every such Certificate shall be a sufficient Let-pass or Clearance for every such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, on Board whereof such Culm shall be shipped or put, to any Place within the Counties aforesaid; for which Certificate it shall be lawful for such Collector, or his Deputy, to receive the Sum of One Shilling, and no more:

Fee of 1 *s.* and no more, to be paid for the Certificate.

And it shall not be lawful for the said Collector, or his Deputy, or any other Officer, to demand, receive, or take, any other Fee, Gratuity, or Reward whatsoever, either upon account of granting the said Sufferance, or the Certificate on the Back of the same, or on any other Account or Pretence whatsoever relating to the loading or sailing of any such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, loaded with Culm as aforesaid; any Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And,

And, to prevent Frauds in the shipping or loading of Culm within the Limits aforesaid, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master of every such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, on Board whereof any Culm shall have been shipped or put, within the Limits aforesaid, shall, upon his Return to the said Port of Milford from the Place where he unloaded such Culm, make Oath before the Collector of the said Port, or his Deputy (which Oath such Collector, or his Deputy, are hereby impowered to administer) of the Place where, and Time when, he landed his former Cargo of Culm; and such Master shall not be permitted to ship or put on Board his said Ship, Vessel, or Boat, any other Cargo or Quantity of Culm, until he shall have made Oath, as aforesaid: And in case such Master shall fraudulently change or alter either his own Name, or the Name of the Ship, Vessel, or Boat, of which he has the Conduct, in order to prevent a Discovery being made of the Place to which he carried his former Cargo of Culm, and shall be convicted thereof, either upon his own Confession, or upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County where the Offence shall be committed (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered to administer) every such Master so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; and it shall and may be be lawful for the said Collector, or his Deputy, or any other Person or Persons as he or they shall appoint, to seize such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, and to detain the same until the said Sum of Five Pounds shall be paid, and also the reasonable Costs and Charges of seizing and detaining such Ship, Vessel, or Boat; which said Penalty of Five Pounds shall be applied in the same Manner as other Penalties or Forfeitures are, by the Laws now in being relating to the Duties of Customs, directed to be applied.

Master of the Vessel, upon his Return to the Port of *Milford*, to make Oath of the Place, and Time, of landing his former Cargo, before he ships another Loading.

Penalty of fraudulently changing his own or the Ship's Name, &c. 5*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever any Culm which shall have been shipped or put on Board any such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, at any Port or Place within the Limits aforesaid, for which the Duty hath been duly paid, shall be actually lost, Proof thereof being made upon Oath before the Collector of such Port, or his Deputy (which Oath such Collector, or his Deputy, are hereby impowered to administer) it shall be lawful for such Collector, or his

Where any Culm shall be lost, for which Duty has been paid, the like Quantity to be shipped Duty-free.

Deputy, and he and they are hereby impowered and required to permit the Owner of such Culm, which hath been so lost, to ship the like Quantity of Culm so lost Duty-free, and without any Charge whatsoever, other than the Fee of One Shilling as aforesaid; any Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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