ANNO UNDECIMO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to explain an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled, *An Act giving further Encouragement for the Importation of Naval Stores, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, so far as relates to the Importation of unmanufactured Wood of the Growth and Product of *America*; and to explain so much of an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for enlarging and regulating the Trade into the* Levant *Seas*, as relates to the Importation of Raw Silk and

Mohair Yarn landed at certain Places therein mentioned.

Preamble. Act 8 *Geo.* I.



WHEREAS by an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act giving further Encouragement for the Importation of Naval Stores, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, various Sorts of Wood and Timber, and of the Goods commonly called Lumber, in the said Act particularly enumerated, being the Growth and Product of His Majesty's British Plantations or Colonies in America, may be imported directly from thence free of all Customs and Impositions whatsoever: And whereas Mahogany, and various Sorts of American Wood, are become very useful and necessary to Cabinet-makers and other Artificers in this Kingdom, and it would tend to the Improvement of the Manufactures thereof, and to the more comfortable Support and Maintenance of great Numbers of His Majesty's British Subjects employed in the making and working of such Goods, and to the Increase of the Exportation thereof into foreign Parts, when so manufactured here, if Liberty was given to import such Goods from all Parts of America Duty-free; 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 from and after the Twenty-ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import into this Kingdom directly, from any Part of America, in British Vessels, navigated according to Law, any Sort of unmanufactured Wood, being the Growth and Product of America (except Masts, Yards, and Bowsprits) without paying any Subsidy, Custom, or other Duty whatsoever for the same, any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

From *Sept.* 29, 1771, unmanufactured Wood may be imported from *America*,

except Masts, &c. without paying Custom or Duty.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a due Entry of such Goods shall be first made in the Custom-house belonging to the Port where the same shall be imported, in the same

Due Entry to be made in the Custom-house at the Port, where imported.

Manner and Form, expreſſing the Quantities and Qualities of the reſpective Goods, as was uſed and practiced before making of this Act, and the ſaid Goods ſhall be landed in the Preſence of the proper Officer appointed for that Purpoſe, otherwiſe ſuch Goods ſhall be liable to the Payment of the ſame Duties as would have been due and payable for the ſame, if this Act had not been made.

Mahogany of the Growth of the Bay of *Honduras*, imported to the Port of *London*, ſince 1770, having paid the Duties;

And whereas ſeveral Parcels of Mahogany of the Growth and Produce of the Bay of Honduras have been imported into the Port of London ſince the firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy, for which the Importers have paid or depoſited the Duties payable thereon with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms; and it is reaſonable that the Importers of ſuch Mahogany ſhould receive the Benefit intended by this Act; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, or any Four of them, to order the ſaid Duties ſo paid or depoſited to be repaid; and ſuch Officers are hereby authoriſed and required to repay the ſame to the Importers of ſuch Mahogany, or to any other Perſon legally authoriſed to receive the ſame.

Commiſſioners to cauſe the ſaid Duties to be repaid.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for enlarging and regulating the Trade into the *Levant* Seas, it is, amongſt other Things, enacted, That no Goods or Merchandiſes liable to retain the Infection of the Plague, and coming from the Levant without a clean Bill of Health, ſhall be landed at any Part of Great Britain or Ireland, or of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, unleſs it ſhall appear to the Satisfaction of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or of His or Their Privy Council, that the ſaid Goods or Merchandiſes have been ſufficiently opened and aired in the Lazarets of Malta, Ancona, Venice, Meſſina, Leghorn, Genoa, and Marſeilles, or one of them: And whereas Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn of the Product and Manufacture of Aſia, are, by the Laws now in Force, prohibited to be imported into this Kingdom from any Port or Place in the Streights or Levant Seas, except ſuch Ports or Places as are within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, and ſome Doubts have ariſen, whether ſuch Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn, though ſhipped and laden in the ſaid Streights and Levant Seas, within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, can be legally imported

Act 26 *Geo.* II.

Goods from the *Levant*, liable to retain Infection of the Plague, without a clean Bill of Lading, ſhall not be landed in *Britain* or *Ireland*.

Silk and Mohair Yarn, of the Product of *Aſia*,

into this Kingdom, after having been landed at Malta, Ancona, Venice, Messina, Leghorn, Genoa, or Marseilles, for the Purpose of being opened and aired as aforesaid; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, any such Raw Silk, or Mohair Yarn as shall be, or have been shipped in any Port or Place in the said Streights or Levant Seas, within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, and which shall be afterwards landed at any or either of the Places herein before particularly mentioned for the Purpose of opening and airing only, and which shall be reshipped on Board the same Ship from which they were so landed, shall, upon Importation into this Kingdom, be deemed and taken to have been imported from the Port or Place, within the Grand Seignior's Dominions, where such Goods were first shipped, and not from the Place where they were landed to be opened and aired; any Thing in any former Act or Acts to the Contrary notwithstanding. 8

shall be deemed to be imported from the Port in the Grand Seignior's Dominions where such Goods were first shipped.

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