ANNO DECIMO TERTIO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XIII.

An Act to enable certain Perſons therein named to continue to work a Peſtle Mill, heretofore employed and uſed in making Battle Gunpowder, at *Old Forge Farm*, in the Pariſh of *Tonbridge*, in the County of *Kent*.

WHEREAS by an Act, paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, (intituled, An Act to regulate the Making, Keeping, and Carriage, of Gunpowder, within *Great Britain*; and to repeal the Laws heretofore made for any of thoſe Purpoſes,) it was enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhould, for the making of Gunpowder, employ, work, or uſe, any Mill or Engine, worked with a Peſtle or Peſtles, and commonly called a Peſtle Mill; with an Exception, that nothing in that Act ſhould extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to the Powder Mills at that Time erected in the Pariſhes of Battle, Crowhurſt, Seddleſcomb, and Brede, in the County of Suſſex, ſo far as the ſame related to the making ſuch fine Fowling Gunpowder only as is known and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of Battle Powder: And whereas Thomas Hooker, of Tonbridge, in the County of Kent, Eſquire,

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Esquire, Thomas Swayne, of the same Place, Gentleman, and William Moon, of Tonbridge Wells, in the said County, Carpenter, were, before the passing of the said Act, possessed of a certain Gunpowder Mill, situate at Old Forge Farm, in the Parish of Tonbridge aforesaid, which was then and always had been worked with Pestles, and used and employed in making such fine Fowling Gunpowder, and no other: 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 nothing in the said Act contained, so far as the same relates to the Use of Pestles, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the said Mill so situate at Old Forge Farm as aforesaid; but that they the said Thomas Hooker, Thomas Swayne, and William Moon, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may continue to work such Mill with Pestles, so long only as the said Mill shall be used and employed for the sole Purpose of making such fine Fowling Gunpowder only, as is known and distinguished by the Name of Battle Gunpowder.

Mill at *Old Forge Farm*, in the Parish of *Tonbridge*, to be continued working.

Act not to extend to any other Mill.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any other Gunpowder Mill that may or shall have been erected or built since the passing of the said Act, or that shall or may hereafter be erected or built, but to such Mill only so built and used at Old Forge Farm aforesaid, before the passing of the said Act.

FINIS.