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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. LXV.

An Act for explaining Two Acts, made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, and the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, in relation to the Stamp-duties upon News-papers.

Preamble.

Act 11 *Geo.* I. and Act 30 *Geo.* II. recited.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the First, after reciting, amongst other Things, that the Authors or Printers of several Journals, Mercuries, and other News-papers, did, with an Intent to defeat the Payments of the Duties therein mentioned, and in Defraud of the Crown, so contrive as to print their said Journals and News-papers on One Sheet and a Half Sheet of Paper each, and by that Means they did neither pay the Duties of One Penny for each Sheet, nor a Halfpenny for the Half Sheet, as by Law they ought to have done, but entered them as Pamphlets, and paid only Three Shillings for each Impression thereof, whereby His Majesty had been much injured in His Revenue, and the Printers of other News-papers, who did regularly pay the said Duties, were great Sufferers; it was enacted and declared, That such Journals, Mercuries, and News-papers, so printed on One Sheet and Half Sheet of Paper, should not, for the future, be deemed or taken as Pamphlets to be entered, and to pay only Three Shillings for each Impression thereof: And it was also further enacted, That, from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, the following Duties should be paid to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, upon every Journal, Mercury, or other publick News-papers, which should be printed and published in Great Britain;

tain; that is to say, For every Sheet of Paper on which any Journal, Mercury, or other News-papers whatsoever, should be printed, a Duty of One Penny Sterling; and for every Half Sheet thereof the Sum of One Halfpenny Sterling; as by the said recited Act, relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear: And whereas by another Act of Parliament, made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, an additional Duty of One Halfpenny was imposed upon every News-paper, or Paper containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, printed in Great Britain, to be dispersed and made publick, whether the same be contained in Half a Sheet, or any less Piece of Paper, or in any Paper larger than Half a Sheet, and not exceeding One whole Sheet, over and above all other Rates and Duties: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether Journals, Mercuries, Chronicles, or other News-papers, printed on more than on One Sheet and a Half of Paper, might not be entered as Pamphlets, and pay only Three Shillings for each Impression thereof, instead of the Duty chargeable on every Sheet of each Copy thereof; and certain Printers and Publishers of Journals, Mercuries, Chronicles, and other News-papers, have increased the Number of Sheets on which the same have been printed, with an Intent to evade the Payment of the said Duties, and in fraud of his Majesty's Revenue: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted and declared 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 the said herein-before recited Acts of Parliament, and the Duties thereby granted on Journals, Mercuries, and other publick News-papers, were meant and intended, and do accordingly extend to, and charge with, the said Duties respectively, every Sheet, and every Half Sheet of Paper, on which any Journal, Mercury, Chronicle, or other publick News-paper, or Paper containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, were or shall be printed, whether such Journals, Mercuries, Chronicles, or other publick News-papers, or Papers containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, were or shall be contained in a greater or less Number of Sheets or Half Sheets of Paper; any Thing in the said recited Acts, or any other Act of Parliament, to the Contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

Duties of the before-recited Acts continued by this Act.

FINIS.

A TABLE

Of the ASSIZE and PRICE of STANDARD WHEATEN BREAD,

IN TWO PARTS.

Note, That this Table is framed for Bread to be made of the Whole Produce of the Wheat, except the Bran or Hull thereof only; the ſaid Produce to weigh Three-fourths of the Wheat whereof it is made.

PART THE FIRST, or the ASSIZE TABLE,

Contains in Column N° I. the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat, *Wincheſter* Meaſure, from 2*s*. 9*d*. to 14*s*. 6*d*. the Buſhel, the Allowance of the Magiſtrates to the Baker for Baking included: And in Column N° II. are the Weights of the ſeveral Loaves. So that at whatever Price of the Buſhel of Wheat with the Allowance, the Magiſtrates ſhall ſet the Aſſize, the ſame Price of Wheat is to be found in Column N° I. and even therewith in Column N° II. will be found the Weights of the ſeveral Loaves.

Note, That the ſame Weight of Standard Wheaten aſſized Bread as coſts Seven-pence, of Wheaten aſſized Bread will coſt Eight-pence, and of Houſehold aſſized Bread Sixpence: Or, Seven Standard aſſized Loaves will weigh Eight Wheaten aſſized Loaves, or Six Houſehold aſſized Loaves of the ſame Price; as near as may be.

PART THE SECOND, or the PRICE TABLE,

Contains in Column N° II. the Price of the Buſhel of Wheat, *Wincheſter* Meaſure, from 2*s*. 9*d*. to 14*s*. 6*d*. the Buſhel, the Allowance of the Magiſtrates to the Baker for Baking included: And in Column N° I. are the Prices of the Peck, Half Peck, and Quartern Loaves. So that at whatever Price of the Buſhel of Wheat, with the Allowance, the Magiſtrates ſhall fix the Price of Bread, the ſame Price of Wheat is to be found in Column N° II. and even therewith, under N° I. will be found the Prices of the ſeveral Loaves.

Note, That the Standard Wheaten Peck Loaf is always to weigh 17*lb*. 6*oz*. Avoirdupois, and the Half Peck and Quartern Loaves in Proportion; and when the ſaid Peck Loaf is ſold for Fourteen-pence, the Wheaten Peck Loaf is to be ſold for Sixteen-pence; and the Houſehold Peck Loaf is to be ſold for Twelve-pence, and always as near as may be in the ſame Proportion. No Half Quartern Loaves are to be made.