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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. VII.

An Act for allowing the free Importation of Rice into this Kingdom, from any of His Majesty's Colonies in *America*, for a limited Time; and for encouraging the making of Starch from Rice.

WHEREAS the allowing the free Importation of Rice, from any of His Majesty's Colonies in America into Great Britain for a limited Time, is, and will be, of great Advantage, and may be a Means of encouraging the making of Starch from Rice: 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import into Great Britain, from any of His Majesty's Colonies in America, at any Time or

Preamble.

After the passing hereof, Rice may be imported into *Britain* from *America*,

at any Time before *May* 1, 1780, without Payment of Duty.

Times before the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and eighty, any Rice, without the Payment of any Subsidy, Custom, Duty, or Imposition whatsoever; any Thing in any former Act or Acts of Parliament to the Contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

All such Rice being afterwards exported, to pay to His Majesty, &c. a Subsidy of 6 *d.* in the Pound, as by Act 12 *Car.* II.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for and upon all Rice which shall be imported into this Kingdom Duty-free, by virtue of this Act, and which shall be again exported thereout, there shall be paid and answered to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, a Subsidy of Poundage of Sixpence in the Pound, according to the Value or Rate set upon Rice imported, in the Book of Rates referred to by the Act of the Twelfth Year of King Charles the Second; which said Subsidy of Sixpence in the Pound, upon such Rice so exported, shall be raised, levied, collected, and recovered, by such Ways and Means, and under such Rules, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as the Subsidy or Poundage for any Goods or Merchandise exported from Great Britain, may be raised, levied, collected, or recovered, by any Act of Parliament now in force, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the several Clauses, Powers, Directions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, relating thereto, were particularly repeated and again enacted in the Body of this present Act.

The Duties to be paid into the Receipt of Exchequer.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Duties, granted by this Act upon Rice exported, shall (the necessary Charges of Management excepted) be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, and be there reserved for the Disposition of Parliament.

After the passing hereof, all Persons may make Starch of Rice, *William Prince*'s Letters Patent notwithstanding.

And whereas William Prince is intitled, under certain Letters Patent, granted to him some Time in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, to the sole and exclusive Right of making Starch from Rice for the Term of Fourteen Years, commencing from the Date thereof; and the said William Prince hath consented to waive all Benefit, under the said Letters Patent, for the general Advantage of the Starch Manufactory; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to make Starch of Rice, the said Letters Patent, or other Matter or Thing to the Contrary notwithstanding.

FINIS.