ANNO DECIMO TERTIO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. LXXIII.

An Act to continue and amend an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for opening and eſtabliſhing certain Ports in the Iſlands of* Jamaica *and* Dominica, *for the more free Importation and Exportation of certain Goods and Merchandiſes; for granting certain Duties to defray the Expences of opening, maintaining, ſecuring, and improving, ſuch Ports; for aſcertaining the Duties to be paid upon the Importation of Goods from the ſaid Iſland of* Dominica *into this Kingdom; and for ſecuring the Duties upon Goods imported from the ſaid Iſland into any other* Britiſh *Colony*; and for allowing Timber and Wood to be exported from the ſaid Iſland of *Dominica* into any other of the *Britiſh* Iſlands, Colonies, or Plantations in *America*, for a limited Time.

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Preamble, to Act 6 Geo. III.



WHEREAS an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, (intituled, An Act for opening and eſtabliſhing certain Ports in the Iſlands of *Jamaica* and *Dominica*, for the more free Importation and Exportation of certain Goods and Merchandiſes; for granting certain Duties to defray the Expences of opening, maintaining, ſecuring, and improving, ſuch Ports; for aſcertaining the Duties to be paid upon the Importation of Goods from the ſaid Iſland of *Dominica* into this Kingdom; and for ſecuring the Duties upon Goods imported from the ſaid Iſland into any other *Britiſh* Colony), which was to continue in Force until the Firſt Day of November, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-three, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, hath been found uſeful and beneficial, and would become more ſo if it was continued, altered, and amended; 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 the ſaid Act, and every Thing therein contained, (except ſo much thereof as is by this Act altered and amended), ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby further continued until the Firſt Day of November, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, (except what relates to the ſaid Iſland of Jamaica), which ſhall have Continuance only until the Firſt Day of November, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-four, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

Further continued till *Nov.* 1, 1780.

Except what relates to *Jamaica*, which ſhall continue only till *Nov.* 1, 1774.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of November, in the present Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, any Cocoa and Coffee, either in or out of the Husk, being the Growth and Produce of the said Island of Dominica, may be imported into Great Britain under Certificate, in like Manner, and under such Securities, Regulations, and Restrictions, and subject to such Penalties and Forfeitures, as Sugar and Rum, the Growth and Produce of the said Island, are allowed by the said Act to be imported into Great Britain; and that from and after the said First Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, any Coffee in the Husk, being of the Growth and Produce of any other of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, may be imported into Great Britain in British-built Ships, navigated according to Law, from any of the said Colonies or Plantations.

After *Nov.* 1, 1773, Cocoa and Coffee, of the Produce of *Dominica*, &c. may be imported under such Regulations as Sugar and Rum from said Island.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Deduction or Allowance of One-seventh Part shall be made from and upon every One hundred Pounds Weight of all Coffee in the Husk, of the Growth and Produce of the said Island of Dominica, or of any other British Colony or Plantation in America, which shall be from thence imported into Great Britain; for which Quantity, so deducted as aforesaid, no Custom or Duty of Excise shall be paid by the Importer or or Proprietor thereof.

An Allowance of One-seventh in the 100*lb.* Weight to be made from all Coffee in the Husk imported, Duty-free.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of November, in the present Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, the Duty of One Pound Ten Shillings, payable by the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for and upon every Negroe imported into the said Island of Dominica, and upon every Negroe exported from the said Island of Jamaica, shall cease, determine, and be no longer paid or payable; and that, instead and in lieu of the said Duties, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, unto His Majesty,

Duties payable on the Importation and Exportation of Negroes to and from *Dominica* and *Jamaica*.

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His Heirs and Successors, a Duty of Two Shillings and Sixpence for and upon every Negroe which shall be imported into the said Island of Dominica, or which shall be brought into any Port, Harbour, or River, belonging to the said Island, with an Intent to be landed, sold, or reshipped on Board any other Vessel there, in order to be carried into any other Colony or Place whatsoever; and also a Duty of Two Shillings and Sixpence upon every Negroe which shall be exported from the said Island of Jamaica; which said respective Duties shall be deemed and taken to be Sterling Money of Great Britain, and shall be respectively received, raised, levied, collected, paid, and recovered, and shall be applied and disposed of, in such and the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as the Duties hereby repealed and taken off are by the said recited Act directed to be received, raised, levied, collected, paid, and recovered, applied, and disposed of.

Timber of the Growth of *Dominica* may be exported and imported into *America*, subject to the Penalties in Act 12 *Car.* II.

And whereas there are growing in the said Island of Dominica great Quantities of Timber and Wood fit for building Sugar Mills and other Purposes: And whereas those Articles are frequently purchased by the Inhabitants of the other British Islands, Colonies, and Plantations in America, from Foreigners, at a great Expence; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of November, in the present Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, any Timber or Wood of the Growth or Produce of the said Island of Dominica, may be exported therefrom, and imported into, any other of His Majesty's Islands, Colonies, or Plantations, in America, in any Ship or Vessel, British-built, not having more than one Deck, and navigated according to Law, and landed therein, under such Securities, Regulations, and Restrictions, and subject to the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as are mentioned in an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of King Charles the Second, (intituled, An Act for encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation), until the First Day of November,

ber, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; the said herein first-recited Act, or any other Act, Law, or Usage, to the Contrary notwithstanding. until *Nov.* 1, 1776.

FINIS.