Anno ſecundo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. VI.

An Act for the Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, into this Kingdom from *Ireland*, for a limited Time, for the Supply of His Majeſty's Ships, Tranſport and other Ships and Veſſels, in His Majeſty's immediate Service and Pay.



FOR the more eaſy victualling of His Majeſty's Ships, and Tranſport and other Ships and Veſſels, at this Time; be it enacted; and it is hereby 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 Preamble.

Commiſſioners for victualling the Navy, and Perſons authorized by them, may import Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter from *Ireland*, for the Uſe of the Navy, Tranſport and other Veſſels in His Majeſty's Pay,

the Twenty fourth Day of December, in this preſent Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty one, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners for victualling His Majeſty's Navy, or for any Perſon or Perſons having an Authority under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, to import any Sort of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, into this Kingdom from Ireland, to be applied for the ſole Uſe and Supply of ſuch Seamen, Marines, and other Forces, as ſhall be on Board of His Majeſty's Ships, and Tranſport and other Ships and Veſſels, in His Majeſty's immediate Service and Pay, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, and other Perſons authorized as aforeſaid, acting according to the true Intent and

Duty-free, &c.

Meaning of this Act, ſhall be, and they are hereby, exempted from the Payment of all Subſidies, Cuſtoms, Rates, Duties, or other Impoſitions, and from all Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, and Puniſhments, for or upon account of importing, or bringing, of Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, into this Kingdom from Ireland, for the Uſes aforeſaid; any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding: And the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall take Care that upon

taking Care that the ſame be depoſited in the King's Storehouſes, and applied accordingly;

the Importation of ſuch Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, into this Kingdom from Ireland, the ſame, and every Part thereof, ſhall be depoſited in His Majeſty's Storehouſes at or neareſt the Port where the ſame ſhall be imported, there to be under the Care and Inſpection of the proper Officers having the Care of His Majeſty's Stores for victualling Ships and Veſſels in His Majeſty's Service, and ſhall be applied as is herein before directed; and the ſaid Commiſſioners

and that an Account be kept thereof, and how the ſame is diſpoſed of.

ſhall cauſe an Account to be kept of all ſuch Salted Beef, Pork, and Butter, and how the ſame is diſpoſed of.

Provided nevertheleſs, That if at any Time it ſhall happen that any of the ſaid Proviſions which ſhall be

be imported under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be, by the ſaid Commiſſioners, deemed unſerviceable, then it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three or more of them, to order and direct any Perſon or Perſons they ſhall think proper, to ſell the ſame, for the beſt Price or Prices that can be got; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo authorized to ſell the ſame ſhall, and he and they is and are hereby required to give a Certificate or Certificates in Writing to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof, expreſſing the Nature and Quantity of the Proviſions ſo ſold, the Marks of the Caſks, or other Packages, containing the ſame, and the Time of ſelling thereof; which Certificate or Certificates ſhall indemnify ſuch Purchaſer and Purchaſers from all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Puniſhments, for or upon account of ſuch Salted Beef, Pork, or Butter, ſo purchaſed by them as aforeſaid.

If any of the ſaid Proviſions ſhall be deemed unſerviceable, the Commiſſioners may authorize the ſame to be ſold;

the Seller giving a Certificate to the Purchaſer, of the Nature and Quantity thereof, &c.

which ſhall indemnify the Purchaſer.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants, in any ſuch Action or Suit, ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon; and that the ſame was done in purſuance, and by the Authority, of this Act: And if it ſhall appear to have been ſo done, the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff ſhall be Nonſuited, or diſcontinue his Action, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared; or if Judgement ſhall be given, upon any Verdict or Demurrer, againſt the Plaintiff, the Defendant and Defendants ſhall and may recover Treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Caſes by Law.

Limitation of Actions.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall continue and be in Force from the

This Act to be in Force till 24 *Dec.* 1762.

ſaid Twenty fourth Day of December, in this preſent Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty one, until the Twenty fourth Day of December, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two, and no longer. 2

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