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CAP. XX.

An Act for permitting the Importation, from *Ireland*, of Stale and Dirty Butter, not fit for eating, commonly called *Greaſe Butter*.

WHEREAS Stale and Dirty Butter not fit for eating, called Greaſe Butter, is an eſſential Ingredient in the Manufactury of Woollen Cloth, commonly called Broad and Narrow Bays, which is carried on to a great Extent: And whereas from the Scarcity of the ſaid Ingredient, the ſaid Manufactury is, at preſent, greatly diſtreſſed, and is in danger of being reduced, and the Exportation of ſuch Goods greatly leſſened: And whereas the permitting the Importation, from Ireland, of ſuch Greaſe Butter, will be advantageous to the ſaid Manufactury, and of great publick Utility; be it therefore 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, the Importation of Stale and Dirty Butter, not fit to eat, called Greaſe Butter, from Ireland, ſhall be, and is hereby permitted, allowed, and authorized, for and during the Term of Five Years from thence next enſuing, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; and that

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Importation of Greaſe Butter permitted from *Ireland*, Duty free, for the Term of 5 Years,

that all Perſons ſhall be, and are hereby exempted, freed, and diſcharged, from the Payment of all Subſidies, Cuſtoms, Rates, Duties, or other Impoſitions, and alſo from all Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, and Puniſhments, for or upon account of importing or bringing into any Port within the Kingdom of Great Britain, Stale and Dirty Butter not fit for eating, commonly called Greaſe Butter, from Ireland, during the Term aforeſaid; provided ſuch Butter, and the Package and Quantity thereof, ſhall be duly entered at the Cuſtom-houſe at any ſuch Port.

upon duly entering the ſame at the Cuſtom Houſe.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any ſuch Greaſe Butter ſhall be ſtopped or ſeized by any of the Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms at ſuch Port, under Pretence of its being fit to eat, or otherwiſe, as not coming within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Diſtrict, or Diviſion, where the ſame ſhall be ſtopped or ſeized, and ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized and required, within Fourteen Days after Application made to them for that Purpoſe, to hear and determine the Matter in a ſummary Way; and, for that Purpoſe, to inſpect, if they think fit, the Butter in Queſtion; and alſo to call before them, and examine on Oath, any Two reputable Perſons, Dealers in Butter; One whereof ſhall be allowed to be choſen by the Importer or Proprietor, and the other by the Officer or other Perſon ſo ſtopping or ſeizing ſuch Greaſe Butter, and alſo ſuch other Witneſſes as ſhall be deſired by either Party; and the Determination of the ſaid Juſtices therein, ſhall be binding and concluſive to and upon all Parties, wherein no Certiorari ſhall be allowed.

Where any ſhall be ſeized, as not coming within the Meaning of this Act,

2 Juſtices of the Place may hear and determine the Matter in a ſummary Way, by Inſpection, and Examination of Perſons on Oath, in relation thereto.

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, 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 ſo to have been 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 or 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.

General Iſſue.

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