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CAP. LXI.

An Act for the better Obſervation of the Lord's Day, by Perſons exerciſing the Trade of Bakers.

[23d *May* 1794.]

WHEREAS many Perſons exerciſing the Trade of Bakers do, under Pretence of being employed in Works of Neceſſity or Charity, carry on their Trade or Calling on the Lord's Day, and are employed therein during a much greater Part thereof than is requiſite for ſuch Purpoſes; 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 no Maſter Baker, Journeyman Baker, or other Perſon, carrying on the Buſineſs of a Baker in the City of *London*, or within Twelve Miles of the ſaid City, ſhall, on any Pretence whatſoever, make, bake, or expoſe to Sale, any Houſhold or other Bread, or Rolls of any Sort or Kind, or bake any Meat, Puddings, Pies, or Tarts, or in any other Manner exerciſe the Trade or Calling of a Baker on the Lord's Day, or any Part thereof, (ſave and except as herein after is mentioned); and every Maſter Baker, Journeyman Baker, or other Perſon, exerciſing the Buſineſs of a Baker, on the Lord's Day, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and being thereof convicted before any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, City,

Preamble.

No Baker in *London*, &c. to work on *Sunday*, except as herein mentioned, on Penalty of 10*s*.

City, or Place, where the Offence shall be committed, either upon his own View, or Confession of the Party, or Proof by One or more Witness or Witnesses, upon Oath, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings; and if any Person so convicted shall neglect or refuse to pay the said Sum of Ten Shillings, such Justice shall and may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, direct the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, and, in Default or Insufficiency of such Distress, commit the Offender to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Fourteen, nor less than Seven Days, unless the Penalty or Forfeiture shall be sooner paid; and the said Penalty or Forfeiture shall, within Seven Days after Payment thereof, be transmitted by such Justice to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish where the Offence shall be committed, to be employed and converted to the Use of the Poor of such Parish.

Penalty may be levied by Distress, *etc.*

Application of Penalty.

Bread may be sold, and Meat, *etc.* baked, on *Sunday* between certain Hours.

II. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prohibit the selling of Bread, or to prohibit or make liable to the Penalties of this Act any Master or Journeyman Baker, or other Person, baking Meat, Puddings, or Pies, only, on the Lord's Day, between the Hours of Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon and One of the Clock in the Afternoon, so as the Person requiring the baking thereof shall carry or send the same to and from the Place where such Meat, Pudding, or Pie, is baked.

Complaints to be made within Six Days.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Complaint against any Master Baker, Journeyman Baker, or other Person, for any Thing by him or them done contrary to the Provisions of this Act, shall be made and prosecuted within Six Days after the Offence committed.

Convictions to be drawn up in the following

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Justice before whom any Person shall be convicted under this Act shall and may cause such Conviction to be drawn up in the Form or to the Effect following:

Form.

To wit. { 'BE it remembered, That on this Day of *A. B.* is convicted before me One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of [*or as the Case may be*], due Proof being made before me, on the Oath of or upon the Confession of, *&c.* [*as the Case may be*] that [*specifying the Offence, the Time when, and the Place where*]; and I do adjudge the said to pay and forfeit for the same the Sum of Ten Shillings. Given under my Hand and Seal this Day of

FINIS.