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CAP. LXIII.

An Act for allowing the Exercise of an Invention of a new Method of Tanning Hides and Skins.

[23d *May* 1794.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS *Samuel Ashton* of *Sheffield*, in the County of *York*, Painter, having alledged that he had invented a new Method of tanning Hides and Skins, obtained His Majesty's Letters Patent, bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of *January*, in the Thirty-fourth Year of His Reign, containing a Grant to him, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, of the sole Use, Benefit, and Advantage, of such Invention, within the Limits and for the Term usual in the like Cases; and the said *Samuel Ashton* hath, by an Instrument in Writing, under his Hand and Seal, described and ascertained the Nature of his said Invention, and the Materials to be used as Ingredients in preparing the Tan Liquor made use of in his Process of Tanning, and the Degrees and Proportions thereof, and the Manner of using the same, and hath caused such Instrument to be inrolled in the Court of Chancery, agreeable to the Terms and Conditions of the said Letters Patent: But by reason of some Provisions or Restrictions contained in certain Acts of Parliament relating to the Manner of tanning Hides and Skins, and the Materials or Things to be used therein, Doubts have arisen touching the Validity of the said Letters Patent: For obviating such Doubts, and in order to give to the said *Samuel Ashton*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and also the Publick,

the Benefit intended by the ſaid Letters Patent; may it 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 nothing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament heretofore made ſhall be conſtrued to hinder or prevent the ſaid *Samuel Aſhton*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, during the Term of the ſaid Letters Patent, or any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, after the Expiration of the ſaid Term, from tanning of Hides and Skins in the Manner, and according to the Method, and with the Materials or Things mentioned, deſcribed, or aſcertained, in the ſaid Inſtrument ſo inrolled in the Court of Chancery as aforeſaid, or from ſelling any Hides or Skins ſo tanned, or to ſubject the ſaid *Samuel Aſhton*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, during the Term of the ſaid Letters Patent, or any Perſon whomſoever, after the Expiration of the ſaid Term, to any Penalty or Forfeiture, for or on Account of tanning any Hides or Skins in the Manner, or according to the Method, or with the Materials or Things mentioned, deſcribed, or aſcertained, in the ſaid Inſtrument, or for or on Account of the Sale of any Hides or Skins ſo tanned; but that the ſaid Letters Patent ſhall be as good and valid, and of as full Force and Effect, in all Reſpects, and to all Intents and Purpoſes, as the ſame would have been, and the ſaid *Samuel Aſhton*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, during the Term of the ſaid Letters Patent, and all Perſons whomſoever, after the Expiration of the ſaid Term, ſhall and may have and enjoy all the Benefits and Advantages by the ſaid Letters Patent meant and intended to be given, or ariſing or accruing from, or in conſequence of the ſaid Invention, and may uſe and exerciſe the ſaid Invention in like Manner in all Reſpects, and to all Intents and Purpoſes, as he or they could or might have done, in caſe no Act or Acts of Parliament containing any Proviſions or Reſtrictions relating to the Manner of tanning Hides or Skins, or the Materials or Things to be uſed in the tanning of Hides or Skins, or to the Sale of tanned Hides or Skins, had been in Force at the Time of the granting of the ſaid Letters Patent; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding: Provided nevertheleſs, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to give any greater Force or Validity to the ſaid Letters Patent, or the Grant therein mentioned, than the ſame would have had in caſe no ſuch Act or Acts of Parliament as aforeſaid had been in Force at the Time of the granting of the ſaid Letters Patent.

Nothing in any Act to prevent *Samuel Aſhton* from tanning Hides and Skins in the Manner mentioned in his Letters Patent, &c.

Publick Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

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