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CAP. C.

An Act for permitting the Importation of Organzined Thrown Silk, Flax, and Flax Seed, into this Kingdom, in Ships or Veſſels belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, for a limited Time. [22d *June* 1795.]

Preamble. 2 *Gul. & Mar.* Cap. 9.

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Second Year of the Reign of Their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, (intituled, *An Act for the diſcouraging the Importation of Thrown Silk*), amongſt other Things in the ſaid Act contained, the bringing in of Thrown Silk, of the Growth or Production of *Italy*, is prohibited unleſs imported in ſuch Ships or Veſſels, and navigated in ſuch Manner, as in and by an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, (intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and increaſing of Shipping and Navigation*), is directed and allowed, and brought from ſome of the Ports of thoſe Countries or Places whereof the ſame is the Growth or Production, and which ſhall come directly by Sea, and not otherwiſe: And whereas there is at preſent very great and immediate Want of Organzined Thrown Silk from *Italy*, for the Uſe and Purpoſe of Warp in the Silk Manufacture, without which the Manufacture cannot be carried on, and many Thouſands of Manufacturers muſt be unemployed: 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons to import or bring into this Kingdom, from any Port or Place in Amity with His Majeſty, in any Ship or Veſſel whatſoever, until the Expiration of Twenty Days after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, Organzined Thrown Silk of the Growth or Production of *Italy*; any Thing contained in the ſaid recited Acts, or any other Act, to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Organzined Thrown Silk of *Italy* may be imported from any Place in Amity with His Majeſty in any Veſſels, for a certain Time.

II. Provided always, That this Act, nor any Thing herein contained, ſhall extend to give Liberty to import any *Italian* Thrown Silk, that ſhall be coarſer than a Sort thereof known and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *Third Bolonia*; nor any Sorts of Silks commonly called *Tram*, of the Growth of *Italy*; nor any other Thrown Silk of the Growth or Production of *Turkey*, *Perſia*, *Eaſt India*, or *China*, under the Penalty of forfeiting all ſuch Thrown Silks as ſhall be brought over and imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning, of this Act; One Moiety whereof to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other

Act not to extend to Silk coarſer than *Third Bolonia*, nor *Tram*, nor Thrown Silk of *Turkey*, &c. which ſhall be forfeited.

other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue, for the same, to be recovered in such Manner and Form as Goods forfeited may be recovered by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Customs.

All such Silk to be brought to the Custom House at *London*, on Penalty of Forfeiture.

III. And for the better and more effectual Execution of this Act, and to prevent the Importation of any Sort of Thrown Silk, not Organzined, be it further enacted and declared, That all such Organzined Thrown Silk as is allowed to be imported by this Act, wheresoever landed, shall be brought to His Majesty's Custom House at *London*, to the Intent that no other Sort of Thrown Silk may be imported than that allowed by this Act, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silk as shall be imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning, of this Act; One Moiety whereof shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same, to be recovered in such Manner and Form as Goods forfeited may be recovered by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Customs; any Thing herein contained to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

12 *Car.* II. Cap. 16.

IV. And whereas, by an Act of Parliament, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation*, it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That no Sort of Flax shall be imported into *England*, *Ireland*, *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, in any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels whatsoever, but such as do truly and without Fraud belong to the People thereof, or some of them, as the true Owners or Proprietors thereof, and whereof the Master and Three Fourths of the Mariners at least are *English*, except only such Foreign Ships or Vessels as are of the Built of that Country or Place of which the said Goods are the Growth, Production, or Manufacture respectively, or of such Port where the said Goods can only be, or most usually are, first shipped for Transportation, and whereof the Master and Three Fourths of the Mariners at least are of the said Country or Place, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of the Ship and Goods: And whereas it is expedient to permit, for a limited Time, the Importation of Flax and Flax Seed into this Kingdom in Foreign Neutral Ships and Vessels, although such Ships or Vessels are not of the Built of the Country or Place of which Flax or Flax Seed is the Growth, Production, or Manufacture, or of the Port where such Flax or Flax Seed can only be, or most usually hath been, first shipped for Transportation: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, and until Twenty Days after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import into this Kingdom of *Great Britain*, any Sort of Flax or Flax Seed, in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, navigated by Foreign Seamen, from any Port or Place whatsoever, upon the same Terms and Conditions, and subject to the same Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, in any Respects, as such Flax and Flax Seed would, by any Law in force, have been subject and liable to if the same had been imported in Foreign Ships or Vessels of the Built of the Country or Place of which such Flax or Flax Seed was the Growth, Production, or Manufacture; any Thing in the before-recited Act, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Flax or Flax Seed may be imported in any Vessel belonging to States in Amity with His Majesty, for a certain Time.

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