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CAP. IV.

An Act for enabling His Majeſty to prohibit the Exportation, and permit the Importation, of Corn, and for allowing the Importation of other Articles of Proviſion, for a limited Time, without Payment of Duty. [13th *February* 1795.]

WHEREAS it appears from the general Average Prices of certain Sorts of Corn in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, that His Majeſty is not now authoriſed to prohibit the Exportation of ſuch Sorts of *Britiſh* Corn from *Scotland*, nor to permit the Importation of ſuch Sorts of Foreign Corn into *Scotland*, purſuant to the Powers in Him veſted by Two Acts, One paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of the Bounty on* Britiſh *Corn exported*; the other, paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled,* 'An 'Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of the Bounty on Britiſh 'Corn exported:' And whereas it is expedient, under the preſent Circumſtances, that His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhould be authoriſed, by

Preamble.

31 *Geo.* III, Cap. 30, and

33 *Geo.* III, Cap. 65, recited.

by and with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, for a limited Time, to prohibit generally the Exportation of any Sort of Corn, and of other Articles mentioned in the ſaid Acts, from any Part of this Kingdom, and to permit generally the Importation of the ſame into any Part of this Kingdom, whatever may be the general Average Price of any ſuch Sort of Corn or of Oatmeal and further to permit the ſame to be imported in *Britiſh* Ships, or in Ships belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, and to permit the ſame to be taken out of Warehouſe, without Payment of any Duty whatever: May it therefore 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, and until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and He and They is and are hereby authoriſed, with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, whatever may be the general Average Price of any of the ſaid Sorts of Corn or of Oatmeal in *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, from Time to Time, when and as often as the ſame ſhall be judged expedient, to prohibit generally for a limited Time the Exportation, from *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, of any *Britiſh* or Foreign Wheat, Rye, Barley, Beer, or Bigg, Peaſe, Beans, Oats, or any Meal or Flour, or Bread, Biſcuit, or Malt, made thereof, or any *Indian* Corn or Maize, or Meal or Flour made thereof, and to permit generally the Importation, into *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, of any Foreign Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, in any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel, or in any other Ship or Veſſel belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever; and alſo the taking out of Warehouſe for Home Conſumption, of any ſuch Foreign Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever; and alſo the entering of any ſuch Foreign Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, which ſhall have been imported into this Kingdom on or before the Firſt Day of *December* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, and ſhall remain on Shipboard unentered, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever; and in like Manner to recal ſuch Prohibition or Permiſſion, either in Part or in the Whole, if Circumſtances ſhall appear ſo to require, any Thing in the ſaid before-mentioned Acts, or in any other Act, or Part of any Act, to the contrary notwithſtanding; and if any Perſon ſhall export, or ſhall load or lay on Board any Ship or other Veſſel with Intent to export, or if any Perſon ſhall import, any Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, contrary to ſuch Prohibition or Permiſſion of His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, the Perſon ſo exporting, or loading or laying on Board with Intent to export, or the Perſon ſo importing the ſame, ſhall be liable and ſubject to the like Forfeitures and Penalties, and the ſaid Corn or other Articles, and the Ship or Veſſel in which the ſame ſhall be exported, or loaded or laid on Board, or in which the ſame ſhall be imported, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the like Forfeitures; and in like Manner to be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed, as if the ſaid Corn or other Articles were exported, or loaded or laid on Board, or imported, contrary to the Proviſions of either of the ſaid Two Acts, paſſed in the Thirty-firſt and in the Thirty-third

His Majeſty in Council may prohibit the Exportation from *Great Britain*, of any Wheat, &c. and permit the Importation of any Foreign Corn, &c. Duty-free, as alſo the taking out Foreign Corn from Warehouſes for Home Conſumption, &c.

Penalty for exporting or importing contrary hereto.

third Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign: Provided always, that the Power hereby granted to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, to prohibit the Exportation from this Kingdom, of any Sort of Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, ſhall not extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, that ſhall have been imported and warehouſed, in the Manner and on the Conditions mentioned in the before-mentioned Act of the Thirty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and ſhall not have been taken out of ſuch Warehouſe for Home Conſumption.

Power to prohibit Exportation not to extend to Foreign Corn, &c. imported and warehouſed agreeable to firſt recited Act, not taken out for Home Conſumption.

II. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, to permit the carrying Coaſtwiſe, or carrying out, or the Exportation, of the ſeveral Sorts of Corn, or other Articles as aforeſaid, for all or any of the Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Two Acts paſſed in the Thirty-firſt and Thirty-third Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or either of them, in like Manner, and in the ſame Proportions and Quantities, and from and to the ſame Ports and Places as is allowed by the ſaid Two Acts, or either of them, at ſuch Times as any of the ſeveral Sorts of Corn, or other Articles as aforeſaid, are prohibited to be exported, ſubject to the like Securities, Conditions, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, Forfeitures and Penalties, as are by the ſaid Two Acts, or by either of them, in any ſuch Caſe required and impoſed.

His Majeſty in Council may permit the carrying Coaſtwiſe, &c. Corn, &c. for the Purpoſes mentioned in the recited Acts, &c.

III. And whereas it is likewiſe expedient, under the preſent Circumſtances, to permit, for a limited Time, the Importation of certain other Proviſions into *Great Britain*, in *Britiſh* Ships, or in Ships belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty and navigated in any Manner whatever, without Payment of any Duty whatever; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, and until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons whatever to import into *Great Britain*, from any Port or Place whatever, in any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel, or in any other Ship or Veſſel belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, any Beans called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivancies, and all other Sorts of Pulſe; and alſo Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, and Swine; Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, and Lamb, whether ſalted or otherwiſe; Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheeſe, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago-powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour-crout, without the Payment of any Duty whatever, at all Times before the ſaid Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the ſaid next Seſſion of Parliament; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Certain Articles may be imported into *Great Britain* from any Place, in *Britiſh* Veſſels, or Veſſels belonging to Places in Amity with His Majeſty, Duty free.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That a due Entry ſhall be made of all ſuch Beans called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivancies, and all other Sorts of Pulſe; and of ſuch Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, and Swine; Beef and Pork, Veal, Mutton, and Lamb; Bacon, Hams,

Entry of ſuch Articles to be made with the Officer of the Cuſtoms, on Penalty of Forfeiture.

Tongues, Butter, Cheeſe, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago-powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour-crout, that ſhall be imported by virtue of this Act, or any Order in Council made under the Authority thereof, with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms at the Port into which the ſame ſhall be imported; and in Default thereof, the ſame ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

How Penalties may be ſued for and diſpoſed of.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Penalties and Forfeitures created and incurred by this Act, (and not herein otherwiſe ſpecially directed to be proſecuted and recovered), ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of, in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalties incurred by any Goods, Ships, or Veſſels, forfeited for any Offence againſt the Laws of Cuſtoms, may now be legally ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of; and the Officer or Officers concerned in Seizures or Proſecutions under this Act ſhall be entitled to, and receive ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from the Seizures as they are now by Law entitled to upon Proſecutions of Seizures for unlawful Importation, and to ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from any pecuniary Fine or Penalty, or Compoſition paid for any Offence againſt this Act, as they are now by any Law or Regulation entitled to upon Proſecutions for pecuniary Penalties.

If any ſuch Articles have been imported by *Dec.* 1, 1794, and remain on Board unentered, or ſecured in Warehouſes, they may be delivered for Home Conſumption, Duty-free.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any ſuch Beans called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivancies, or other Sorts of Pulſe; or Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, Swine, Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheeſe, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago-powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, or Sour-crout, herein-before permitted to be imported without Payment of Duty, ſhall have been imported into this Kingdom on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of *December* laſt, and ſhall remain on Shipboard unentered, or ſhall be lodged and ſecured in any Warehouſe or Warehouſes in this Kingdom under His Majeſty's Locks, the Duties due by Law not having been paid on ſuch Goods, it ſhall and may be lawful for the proper Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, during the Continuance of this Act, to deliver any ſuch Goods to the Importers or Proprietors thereof for Home Conſumption, without Payment of any Duty whatever, on a regular Entry being firſt made for the ſame, with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

His Majeſty in Council may prohibit or permit the Importation of ſuch Articles, as may be thought expedient.

VII. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That notwithſtanding any Thing contained in this, or in any other Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, during the Continuance of this Act, by and with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, from Time to Time to prohibit, or from Time to Time to permit, the Importation of any Beans called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivancies, and all other Sorts of Pulſe; and of Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, Swine, Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheeſe, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago-powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls,

Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour-crout, for ſuch Time or Times, and in ſuch Manner, and under ſuch Reſtrictions and Regulations, as may be thought expedient and proper.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That Copies of ſuch Orders as ſhall be made by His Majeſty in Council, for any of the Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, if made when Parliament is ſitting, ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament within Three Days after the ſame ſhall have been iſſued; and if made when Parliament is not ſitting, then within Fourteen Days after the Meeting of the next Seſſion of Parliament. Copies of Orders made in Council to be laid before Parliament.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to alter or repeal this preſent Act, and every or any Thing therein contained, in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament. Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

FINIS.