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CAP. XXI.

An Act for allowing Bounties, for a limited Time, on the Importation into *Great Britain* of any Wheat, Wheat Flour, *Indian* Corn, *Indian* Meal, or Rye, in *Britiſh* Ships, or other Ships the Property of Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, or on the Delivery of the ſame out of Warehouſe for Home Conſumption.

[24th *December* 1795.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement ſhould be given for a limited Time to the Importation into this Kingdom, of Wheat, Wheat Flour, *Indian* Corn, *Indian* Meal, and Rye; 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, for all Wheat, Wheat Flour, *Indian* Corn, *Indian* Meal, and Rye, imported or brought into this Kingdom in *Britiſh* Ships or Veſſels, or in Ships or Veſſels belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or

Preamble.

Bounties to be paid on Importation, before *Sept.* 30, 1796, of Wheat, &c. in

British Veſſels, or Veſſels belonging to States in Amity with His Majeſty.

or State in Amity with His Majeſty, however the ſame may be navigated, there ſhall be paid and allowed the following Bounties; (that is to ſay),

Bounties on a certain Quantity of Wheat and Wheat Flour, from *Europe*, South of *Cape Finiſterre*, from the *Mediterranean*, or *Africa*.

A Bounty of Twenty Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and forty Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Sixteen Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat weighing not leſs than Four hundred and twenty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Six Shillings for every Hundred Weight Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour, which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* from any Port of *Europe* South of *Cape Finiſterre*, or from any Port in the *Mediterranean*, or in *Africa*, before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, until the Quantity of ſuch Wheat and Flour, taken together, ſhall amount unto Four hundred thouſand Quarters, eſtimating Two hundred Weight and an Half Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour to be equal to One Quarter of Wheat:

Bounties on a certain Quantity of Wheat, &c. from any other Part of *Europe*, out of His Majeſty's Dominions.

A Bounty of Fifteen Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and forty Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Twelve Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and twenty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Four Shillings and Sixpence for every Hundred Weight Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour, which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* from any other Part of *Europe*, not being a Part of His Majeſty's Dominions, before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, until the Quantity of ſuch Wheat and Flour, taken together, ſhall amount unto Five hundred thouſand Quarters, eſtimating Two hundred Weight and an Half Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour to be equal to One Quarter of Wheat:

Bounties on a certain Quantity of Wheat, &c. from His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*, or the *United States*.

A Bounty of Twenty Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and forty Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Sixteen Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and twenty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Six Shillings for every Hundred Weight Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour, which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* from any of His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*, or from the *United States*, before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, until the Quantity of ſuch Wheat and Flour, taken together, ſhall amount unto Five hundred thouſand Quarters, eſtimating Two hundred Weight and an Half Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour to be equal to One Quarter of Wheat:

Bounties on Wheat, &c. exceeding the Quantities before mentioned.

A Bounty of Ten Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and forty Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Eight Shillings *per* Quarter on every Quarter of Wheat, weighing not leſs than Four hundred and twenty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe; and a Bounty of Three Shillings for every Hundred Weight Avoirdupoiſe of Wheat Flour, which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, exceeding the Quantities to which the beforementioned Bounties are limited:

Bounties on a certain Quantity of *Indian* Corn and Meal;

A Bounty of Five Shillings *per* Quarter for every Quarter of *Indian* Corn; and a Bounty of One Shilling and Sixpence for every Hundred Weight Avoirdupoiſe of *Indian* Meal, which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand

ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, until the Quantity of ſuch *Indian* Corn and Meal, taken together, ſhall amount unto Five hundred thouſand Quarters, eſtimating Three hundred Weight and an Half Avoirdupoiſe of *Indian* Meal to be equal to One Quarter of *Indian* Corn; and a Bounty of Three Shillings *per* Quarter for every Quarter of *Indian* Corn; and a Bounty of One Shilling for every Hundred Weight Avoirdupoiſe of *Indian* Meal, which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain*, before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, exceeding the Quantities to which the before-mentioned Bounties are limited, eſtimating Three hundred Weight and an Half Avoirdupoiſe of *Indian* Meal to be equal to One Quarter of *Indian* Corn:

and on thoſe Articles exceeding that Quantity.

A Bounty of Ten Shillings *per* Quarter for every Quarter of Rye, weighing not leſs than Four hundred Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe, which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, until the Quantity of ſuch Rye ſhall amount unto One hundred thouſand Quarters; and a Bounty of Six Shillings for every Quarter of Rye weighing not leſs than Four hundred Pounds Weight Avoirdupoiſe, which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* before the Thirtieth Day of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, exceeding the Quantity to which the before mentioned Bounty is limited.

Bounties on a certain Quantity of Rye,

and exceeding that Quantity.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Bounties ſhall be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, and ſhall be paid out of any Monies in their Hands, ariſing by any of the Duties or Revenues under their Management reſpectively, to the reſpective Importers or Conſignees of ſuch Wheat, Wheat Flour, *Indian* Corn, *Indian* Meal, and Rye, reſpectively: Provided always, that a due Entry ſhall be made with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms, at the Port into which ſuch Articles ſhall be imported; and that the Collector or other proper Officer of the Cuſtoms of the Port where ſuch Wheat, Wheat Flour, *Indian* Corn, *Indian* Meal, and Rye, ſhall be imported, do receive full and ſatisfactory Proof that the ſaid Corn, Flour, Meal, and Rye, for which the Bounty herein allowed is claimed, is wholly and entirely without Mixture of any other the Growth of any other Country than that in reſpect whereof the ſaid Bounty is claimed, and that in Default thereof, the ſaid Bounties ſhall not, nor ſhall any of them, be allowed or paid.

Bounties to be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms.

Entry to be made with the Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Importation, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That none of the Bounties granted by this Act ſhall be paid, allowed, or received, unleſs the ſeveral Articles in the Act enumerated and deſcribed, ſhall be imported or brought reſpectively into ſome one or other of His Majeſty's Ports; that is to ſay, the Ports of *London*, *Aberyſtwyth*, *Beaumaris*, *Berwick*, *Boſton*, *Briſtol*, *Carliſle*, *Cheſter*, *Chicheſter*, *Colcheſter*, *Cowes*, *Dartmouth*, *Dover*, *Exeter*, *Falmouth*, *Harwich*, *Hull*, *Ipſwich*, *Lancaſter*, *Liverpool*, *Lyme*, *Lynn*, *Malden*, *Milford*, *Newcaſtle*, *Penzance*, *Plymouth*, *Poole*, *Portſmouth*, *Preſton*, *Rocheſter*, *Sandwich*, *Southampton*, *Stockton*, *Sunderland*, *Swanſea*, *Wells*, *Whitehaven*, *Whitby*, *Wiſbeach*, *Yarmouth*, *Aberdeen*, *Air*, *Alloa*, *Campbeltown*, *Dumfries*, *Dunbar*, *Dundee*, *Glaſgow*, including *Port Glaſgow*, *Greenock*, *Kirkcaldy*, *Kirkcudbright*, *Leith*, *Lerwick*, *Montroſe*, and *Wigton*.

Importation to entitle to Bounties muſt be at certain Ports.

Articles imported to be inſpected by the Officers and Two ſkilful Perſons, who are to certify whether they are of due Weight and merchantable.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, before any of the ſaid Articles, imported or brought into this Kingdom for Bounty under the Regulations of this Act, ſhall be delivered out of the Charge of the proper Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms of the Port where the ſame ſhall be reſpectively ſo imported or brought, ſuch Articles reſpectively ſhall be carefully and attentively inſpected and examined by ſuch Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms, as the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively ſhall think fit to direct for that Duty, and Two indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons, experienced in the Nature of the Article to be ſo inſpected and examined; which Two indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons ſhall be choſen by the Principal Officers of the Cuſtoms at ſuch Port, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector for the Time being ſhall be One; which ſaid Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms ſo directed by the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms reſpectively, and the ſaid Two indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons ſo choſen as aforeſaid to inſpect and examine the ſaid Articles reſpectively, ſhall, upon having viewed the ſame, certify and declare, upon their Corporal Oaths, firſt adminiſtered by the ſaid Principal Officers, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector ſhall be One, (who are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter the ſame), whether the ſaid Articles reſpectively are or are not of the Weight required by this Act, and are or are not merchantable and fit for making Bread; and if the ſame ſhall appear by ſuch Certificate to be of the Weight ſo required, and to be merchantable and fit for making Bread, the Bounties reſpectively granted by this Act ſhall be paid and allowed thereon; but if the ſame ſhall appear by ſuch Certificate not to be of the Weight required by this Act, or not to be merchantable or fit for making Bread, no Bounty, granted by this Act, ſhall be paid or allowed thereupon.

Recompence to the Inſpectors.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons, ſo choſen by the ſaid Principal Officers to inſpect and examine the ſaid Goods, ſhall from Time to Time be paid by an Order of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, or any Four or more of them, in *England*, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, or any Three or more of them, out of any Monies in their Hands ariſing by any of the Duties or Revenues under their Management reſpectively, the following Sums by Way of Recompence or Reward for their Trouble on ſuch Inſpection, Examination, and Certification; that is to ſay, the Sum of One Penny *per* Quarter for all Wheat, *Indian* Corn, or Rye, inſpected and examined and certified by them as aforeſaid, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity; and the Sum of One Penny *per* Barrel of all Wheat Flour, or *Indian* Meal, inſpected and examined and certified by them as aforeſaid, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity.

Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms may pay Bounties on Articles imported before *Oct.* 15, 1796, on Proof of the Veſſels having ſailed at ſuch Times that they might, in the ordinary

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any of the ſaid Articles herein enumerated and deſcribed ſhall be imported or brought from any of the Ports or Places herein mentioned into any of the reſpective Ports herein alſo enumerated, ſubſequent to the Time limited by this Act, but before the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, to order the Bounty or Bounties reſpectively to be paid thereon in like Manner as if the ſaid Articles had been imported within the Time limited by

this Act; provided Proof shall be made, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners respectively, that the Ships or Vessels on board of which respectively such Articles shall be so imported or brought, actually and *bona fide* set sail from such respective Ports or Places for *Great Britain*, at such Time that they might in the ordinary Course of their Voyage have arrived in *Great Britain* before the said Thirtieth Day of *September*; and Proof shall also be given, and Entry shall be made, and the Goods inspected and examined, and certified in like Manner as is directed and required by this Act, to authorize the Payment of Bounty on the said Articles imported within the Time limited by this Act.

Course of their Voyage, have arrived before *Sept.* 30.

VII. And whereas it may happen that Vessels, before the passing of this Act, may have arrived at different Ports of this Kingdom, having on board Articles of the several Descriptions herein mentioned, or of some One or other of them, intended for Exportation: And whereas in order to induce the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Consignee or Consignees, of such Goods, to enter them for Consumption in this Kingdom, it is expedient to extend the Bounties granted by this Act to such Articles: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Bounties respectively granted by this Act shall extend to all such Articles, although imported or brought into this Kingdom before the passing of this Act, provided each and every the Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions, of this Act are in all other Respects duly complied with.

Bounties to extend to Articles imported before passing this Act,

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ship or Vessel has arrived or shall arrive at any Port in *Great Britain*, where, according to the Regulations of this Act, the Bounty is not allowed, the said Ship or Vessel shall and may lawfully depart from such Port without Molestation or Hindrance, with the several Articles on board, and may carry the same to any other Port of *Great Britain* at which the same may be entered for the Bounty, and there enter, land, and deliver the same; subject nevertheless to each and every the Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions of this Act.

Vessels arriving at any Port where Bounty is not allowed, may sail to where it is.

IX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on all Foreign Corn and Flour which shall have been secured in Warehouses in *Great Britain*, according to Law, before the passing of this Act, and which shall be delivered from thence within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, to be used and consumed in this Kingdom, there shall be paid and allowed to the Importer or Importers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Consignee or Consignees thereof, a Bounty or Bounties respectively, not exceeding Three-fifth Parts of the Bounties granted by this Act respectively on Corn and Flour imported from the *Mediterranean*, under the Authority of this Act; provided that all and each and every the Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions, imposed and required by this Act, so far as the same are applicable to and can be put in Execution, shall be complied with in respect of all such Corn and Flour as shall be so respectively delivered out of such Warehouses, to be used or consumed in this Kingdom.

On Foreign Corn and Flour, warehoused before the passing of this Act, delivered out within Three Months for Home Consumption, a Bounty to be paid;

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Foreign Corn or Flour shall, before the passing of this Act, have been secured in any Warehouse or Warehouses according to Law, at any Port in

and if warehoused at a Port where no Bounty is al-

lowed, it may be carried where it is.

in *Great Britain*, where, according to the Regulations of this Act, the Bounty is not allowed, all ſuch Foreign Corn or Flour ſhall and may be legally carried Coaſtwiſe from ſuch Port, without Moleſtation or Hindrance, to any other Port of *Great Britain* at which the ſame may be entered for the Bounty, and there the ſame may be entered, landed, and delivered, ſubject nevertheleſs to each and every the Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Reſtrictions of this Act.

Continuance of Act;

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in force until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix.

which may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XII. Provided always, That any Part of this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

FINIS.