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CAP. LXXVI.

An Act to indemnify all Perſons who have acted in conſequence of Orders in Council, iſſued ſince the Twenty-ſecond Day of *November* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, for the Admiſſion of certain Articles of Merchandize in Neutral Ships; and to authorize the iſſuing of Orders in Council for the like Purpoſe, for a limited Time.

[14th *May* 1796.]

Preamble. 35 *Geo.* III, Cap. 80, and 35 *Geo.* III, Cap. 15, recited.

WHEREAS by an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to make further Proviſion reſpecting Ships and Effects come into this Kingdom, to take the Benefit of His Majeſty's Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of* January *One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five; and to provide for the Diſpoſal of other Ships and Effects detained in, or brought into, the Ports of this Kingdom*; it was amongſt other Things enacted, That it ſhould and might be lawful, at any Time before the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after the paſſing of the ſaid Act, to permit, by Order in Council, Ships or Veſſels, under the ſpecial Circumſtances of the Caſe mentioned in the ſaid Act, to take the Benefit of the ſaid Orders; and alſo of another Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for rendering effectual His Majeſty's Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of* January *One thouſand ſeven*

ſeven hundred and ninety-five, reſpecting the Admiſſion of the Effects mentioned in the ſaid Orders into the Ports of this Country, to be warehouſed; and for indemnifying all Perſons who have acted in conſequence of ſuch Orders; and that all Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, brought in the ſame, ſhould be exempted from all Forfeitures; and all Perſons who had acted or ſhould act in bringing in the ſame, or who had acted or ſhould act in purſuance of or according to any Special Order in Council, ſhould be indemnified, and ſhould be releaſed and diſcharged, in the ſame Manner as is provided in the ſaid laſt recited Act reſpecting Ships and Veſſels, and Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects brought in Ships or Veſſels entitled to the Benefit of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five; and that all ſuch Ships or Veſſels, and all Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, brought in the ſame, ſhould be admitted to the ſame Privileges and Advantages as to Importation, Warehouſing, or Exportation and ſhould be liable to the Payment of the ſame Duties, and be entitled to the ſame Drawbacks, and ſhould be ſubject to the ſame Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are provided in the ſaid firſt-mentioned Act reſpecting Ships and Veſſels, and Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, that have come into the Ports of this Kingdom to take the Benefit of the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, or of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five: And whereas a Number of Ships and Veſſels have been admitted to an Entry by Order in Council, made in virtue of the ſaid firſt mentioned Act, within the ſaid Six Calendar Months after the paſſing of the ſaid Act: And whereas, at the Expiration of the ſaid Six Months, it being found that many Ships and Veſſels intending to take the Benefit of the Acts herein-before mentioned, were upon the Sea, and had not yet arrived, and that the Commerce of this Kingdom had already been benefited by the Admiſſion of the aforeſaid Ships and Veſſels, and would be ſtill further benefited by the Admiſſion of others in the Manner herein-before mentioned; Orders in Council have been iſſued to admit to an Entry in the Ports of this Kingdom, ſeveral other Ships and Veſſels in the Circumſtances before mentioned, permitting ſuch Parts of the Cargoes of ſuch Ships and Veſſels as were intended for Re-exportation to be warehouſed for Re-exportation, and ſuch Parts thereof as may by Law be ſold in this Kingdom, and were intended to be ſold in this Kingdom, to be entered, upon Bond being given for Payment of ſuch Duties as Parliament might think proper to impoſe on the ſame: And whereas it is expedient that ſuch laſt mentioned Ships and Veſſels, with their Cargoes, ſhould be exempted from all Forfeitures, and all Perſons who have acted or ſhall act in bringing in the ſame, or who have acted or ſhall act in purſuance of or according to ſuch ſpecial Orders, ought to be indemnified: 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 all ſuch Ships or Veſſels, with their Cargoes, ſhall be exempted from Forfeiture, and all Perſons who have acted or who ſhall act in bringing in the ſame, or who ſhall act in purſuance of or according to ſuch Orders iſſued ſince the Expiration of the ſaid firſt mentioned Act, ſhall be indemnified, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch

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ſuch Ships and Veſſels, with their Cargoes, had been entitled to take the Benefit of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, and in the ſame Manner as Perſons acting in purſuance of or according to the ſaid laſt mentioned Orders have been exempted from Forfeiture, and indemnified by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act; and ſuch laſt mentioned Ships and Veſſels, with their Cargoes, ſhall be conſidered as entitled to take the Benefit of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, and of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act, and as entitled to the ſame Drawbacks, and as ſubject to the ſame Duties, Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as if ſuch Ships and Veſſels, with their Cargoes, had been admitted to Entry during the Continuance of the ſaid firſt mentioned Act.

Act exempted from Forfeiture, and Perſons acting under them indemnified, &c.

II. And whereas, under the ſpecial Circumſtances of the Commerce of *Europe*, and particularly of that of *The United Provinces*, it will be for the Benefit of the Commerce of this Kingdom to continue to allow, for a further Time to be limited, ſuch Ships and Veſſels deſcribed in the ſaid Act, as may not chooſe to return to the Ports of *The United Provinces*, and alſo any other Ships and Veſſels belonging to Perſons of any Country in Amity with His Majeſty, which are in ſearch of a Place wherein to depoſit their Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, to come to any of the Ports of this Kingdom, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch Ships and Veſſels, with their Cargoes, had been entitled to take the Benefit of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five; be it therefore enacted, That, until the Twenty-ſecond Day of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, it ſhall and may be lawful to admit, by Order in Council, ſuch Ships or Veſſels, under ſuch ſpecial Circumſtances, to take the Benefit of the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, and of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, and all Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, brought in the ſame, ſhall be exempted from all Forfeitures, and all Perſons who ſhall act in bringing in the ſame, or who ſhall act in purſuance of or according to any ſuch Order in Council, ſhall be indemnified, and ſhall be releaſed and diſcharged in the ſame Manner as is provided in the ſaid laſt mentioned Act reſpecting Ships and Veſſels, and Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, brought in Ships or Veſſels entitled to the Benefit of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five; and that all ſuch Ships and Veſſels, and all Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, brought in the ſame, ſhall be admitted to the ſame Privileges and Advantages, as to Importation, Warehouſing, or Exportation, and ſhall be liable to the Payment of the ſame Duties, and be entitled to the ſame Drawbacks, and ſhall be ſubject to the ſame Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are provided in the ſaid firſt mentioned Act reſpecting Ships and Veſſels, and Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects, that have come into the Ports of this Kingdom to take the Benefit of the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, or of the ſaid Orders in Council of the Sixteenth and Twenty-firſt Days of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, except in Caſes wherein any of the ſaid Duties or Drawbacks

Veſſels not chooſing to return to the Ports of *The United Provinces*, and Veſſels belonging to any Country in Amity with His Majeſty, may, by Order of Council, be admitted till *Feb.* 22, 1797, to take the Benefit of the laſt mentioned Act.

backs have been altered by any Act paſſed in the preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Three of the Commiſſioners appointed in virtue of the Firſt mentioned Act, may act;

III. And whereas, by the firſt mentioned of the ſaid Acts, His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, is empowered, from Time to Time, to grant a Commiſſion or Commiſſions, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to Three or more Perſons, authorizing them to take into their Poſſeſſion, and under their Care, Ships and Cargoes deſcribed in the ſaid Act, and to manage, ſell, and otherwiſe diſpoſe of the ſame, in the Manner therein directed: And whereas a Commiſſion has been granted by virtue of the ſaid Act to Five Perſons, and Doubts may ariſe whether a Majority of the ſaid Commiſſioners are authorized by Law to do any Act in Execution of the Powers thereby granted, without the Preſence and Concurrence of the other Commiſſioners; be it further enacted, That every Act, Matter, or Thing, done or performed, or ordered to be done or performed, in Execution of the Powers granted in the ſaid Commiſſion, by any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been, and ſhall be, equally valid, as if ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing, had been done or performed, or ordered to be done or performed, by the Whole of the ſaid Commiſſioners; and all and every Perſon and Perſons who have done or performed, or ſhall do or perform, any Act, Matter, or Thing, in obedience to or in purſuance of the ſame, ſhall be indemnified as if the ſame had been done or performed, or ordered to be done or performed, by the Whole of the ſaid Commiſſioners; and that any Three or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and alſo that the Majority of Perſons appointed in any future Commiſſion to be granted by virtue of the ſaid firſt mentioned Act, ſhall have full Power and Authority to do and perform, and order to be done and performed, any Act, Matter, or Thing, in Execution of the ſaid Commiſſions reſpectively, which the Whole of the Commiſſioners appointed therein may do and perform, or order to be done and performed, by virtue of the ſaid firſt mentioned Act and the ſaid Commiſſions reſpectively.

as alſo the Majority of thoſe who may be appointed in any future Commiſſion.

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