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CAP. LXXXII.

An Act more effectually to prevent the Landing of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, without the Presence of the proper Officer; to authorize Officers of the Customs to convey Wines laying on the Quays to His Majesty's Warehouse within a certain Time after the Landing thereof; and to require the Owners of Ships, Vessels, and Boats, licensed by the Admiralty, to give Security to redeliver their Licences, in case any such Ships, Vessels, or Boats, shall be lost, broken up, or otherwise disposed of. [14th *May* 1796.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for repealing the several Duties of Customs and Excise, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof, and for applying the said Duties, together with the other Duties composing the Publick Revenue; for permitting the Importation of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, the Produce or Manufacture of the* European *Dominions of the* French *King into this Kingdom; and for applying certain unclaimed Monies, remaining in the Exchequer for the Payment* Preamble. 27 *Geo.* III, Cap. 13.

of Annuities on Lives, to the Reduction of the National Debt; it is among other Things enacted, That all Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, imported or brought into *Great Britain*, with an Intent to be landed, except Diamonds, Jewels, Pearls, Precious Stones, and Bullion, and freſh Fiſh, *Britiſh* taken and imported in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law; and alſo except Turbots and Lobſters, however taken or imported; whether ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, are or ſhall be liable to Duty or not, ſhall be regularly entered at the Cuſtom-houſe, and landed in the Preſence of the proper Officer or Officers who ſhall examine the ſame, and ſhall not deliver them out of his or their Cuſtody and Poſſeſſion, until he or they ſhall have taken a particular Account of the Quantity and Species of ſuch Goods: And whereas the good Purpoſes intended by the ſaid Act have been in many Inſtances defeated, and the Revenue expoſed to Frauds, by the Landing of Goods without the Preſence of the proper Officer; and it is therefore expedient that the ſaid Act ſhould be amended, and that Goods ſo landed, either on *Sundays*, Holidays, or any other Days, ſhould be forfeited: 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 if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, imported or brought into *Great Britain*, (except Diamonds, Jewels, Pearls, Precious Stones, and Bullion, and freſh Fiſh, *Britiſh* taken and imported in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law; and alſo except Turbots and Lobſters, however taken or imported), whether ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, are or ſhall be liable to Duty or not, ſhall be unſhipped or landed without the Preſence of the proper Officer of the Cuſtoms, either on *Sundays*; Holidays, or any other Days, all ſuch Goods ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer of the Cuſtoms.

No Goods imported, except Diamonds, &c. ſhall be unſhipped without the Preſence of the proper Officer, on Penalty of Forfeiture.

35 *Geo.* III, Cap. 118.

II. And whereas, by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for charging Warehouſe Rent on Wines, in certain Caſes, ſecured in His Majeſty's Warehouſes; for equalizing the Duties on Wines exported to* India *and* China; *and for providing Warehouſes for Coffee and Cocoa Nuts imported into this Kingdom*, Officers of the Cuſtoms are authoriſed to carry or convey to His Majeſty's Warehouſes, for Security of the Duties, any Wine that is not entered according to Law, within Twenty Days from the Time of the Maſter making his Report at the Cuſtom-houſe of the Ship on board of which ſuch Wines ſhall have been imported: And whereas the Importers, Proprietors, or Conſignees of Wine, are in the Practice of making Entries for the ſame, within the Time preſcribed by Law, and letting ſuch Wine remain on the Quays for a long Time, without being removed, whereby the Quays are much crouded, to the great Inconvenience of Trade and Commerce, and Impediment to the Publick Service; for the Prevention thereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the proper Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe, at the Expiration of Ten Days from and after the Landing thereof, to carry and convey ſuch Wines to any of His Majeſty's Warehouſes, and before the ſame ſhall be delivered out of any Warehouſe or Warehouſes, the Importer, Proprietor, or Conſignee, of ſuch Wine, ſhall pay into the Hands of the

Wine not removed in Ten Days after Landing may be warehouſed; and before Delivery thereout, the Duty, and

the proper Officers of Cuſtoms and Exciſe reſpectively, all Duties which ſhall be due thereon, and which ſhall remain unpaid, and into the Hands of the proper Warehouſe Keeper of Cuſtoms or Exciſe Warehouſe Rent, for ſuch Wine, at and after the Rate of Sixpence *per* Week, for each and every Caſk or other Package, from the Time of the ſame being warehouſed, together with the Coſts, Charges, and Expences, attending the carrying of ſuch Wine, Caſks, and Packages, to ſuch Warehouſe or Warehouſes, or otherwiſe relating to ſuch Wine, Caſks, and Packages; and if the Importer, Proprietor, or Conſignee, ſhall neglect or refuſe to take ſuch Wine from ſuch Warehouſe or Warehouſes within the Space of Three Months, the ſame ſhall and may be ſold to defray the ſaid Duties, Warehouſe Rent, Coſts, Charges, and Expences incurred thereon; and the Overplus ſhall be paid to the ſaid Importer, Proprietor or Conſignee.

6d. a Week *per* Caſk Warehouſe Rent, with Charges of Removal, to be paid.

and if not removed from the Warehouſe in Three Months, may be ſold.

III. And whereas by an Act, paſſed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Smuggling in this Kingdom*, and ſeveral other Acts, certain Ships, Veſſels, and Boats, therein particularly deſcribed, are in certain Caſes ſubject to Forfeiture, unleſs the Owner thereof ſhall have a Licence, as therein deſcribed and directed, for navigating the ſame from the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the Commiſſioners of the Admiralty for the Time being, or any Perſon authorized by them to grant the ſame: And whereas the Owner of every Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, ſo licenſed, is required to give certain Security, as in the ſaid Acts directed, before ſuch Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, proceeds to Sea, or ſails out of any Port, Harbour, or Creek, in this Kingdom: And whereas it is expedient that, over and above the Security in the ſaid Acts directed, further Security ſhould be given by Bond, in Manner directed by the ſaid Acts, by the ſaid Owner, before any ſuch Veſſel ſhall proceed to Sea, or ſail out of any Port, Harbour, or Creek, in this Kingdom, that on any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, being loſt, broken up, ſold, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of, the ſaid Licence, ſo granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be delivered up to the Perſon or Perſons by whom ſuch Security ſhall have been taken, or his or their Succeſſors in Office, in order that the ſame may be cancelled within the Space of Three Months from the Time any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall have been loſt, broken up, ſold, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Owner of every Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, which ſhall be licenſed in purſuance of the ſaid Acts, or either of them, ſhall, before any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall proceed to Sea, or ſail out of any Port, Harbour, or Creek, in this Kingdom, give Security by Bond, (over and above the Security directed by the ſaid Acts), in the Manner directed therein reſpectively, that in caſe any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall be loſt, broken up, ſold, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of, every ſuch Licence ſhall be delivered up to the Perſon or Perſons by whom ſuch Security ſhall have been taken, or to his or their Succeſſors in Office, in order that the ſame may be cancelled, which he or they are hereby authorized and required to do, within the Space of Three Months from the Time any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, ſhall be loſt, broken up, ſold, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

24 *Geo.* III, Seſſ. 2, Cap. 47.

Owners of Veſſels licenſed purſuant to laſt mentioned Act, to give Bond, that if they be loſt, &c. the Licence ſhall be delivered up.

Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms may at any Time direct Licences to be cancelled.

IV. Provided always, That although any Licence granted in purſuance of the ſaid Acts may not be delivered up to be cancelled within the Time ſpecified in this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England*, or any Four or more of them, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized reſpectively, in caſe they ſee ſufficient Cauſe, at any Time, to direct the Perſon or Perſons by whom Security ſhall have been taken from the Owner or Owners of any Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, to whom ſuch Licence ſhall have been granted, to receive ſuch Licence, and cancel ſuch Security.

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