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CAP. XXI.

An Act authoriſing His Majeſty, for a limited Time, to make Regulations reſpecting the Trade and Commerce to and from the *Cape of Good Hope*.

[28th *December* 1796.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Caſtle, Town, and Settlement, of the *Cape of Good Hope*, with the Territories and Dependencies thereof, are now in the Poſſeſſion of His Majeſty; and it is expedient, under the preſent Circumſtances, that the Trade and Commerce to and from the ſame ſhould be regulated for a certain Time, in ſuch Manner as ſhall ſeem proper to His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, notwithſtanding the ſpecial Proviſions of any Act or Acts of Parliament that may be conſtrued to affect the ſame; 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,

His Majesty in Privy Council may make Regulations respecting the Trade and Commerce to and from the *Cape of Good Hope*.

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, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be issued from Time to Time, to give such Directions, and make such Regulations, touching the Trade and Commerce to and from the said Settlement, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, as to His Majesty in Council shall appear most expedient and salutary, any Thing contained in an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation*; or in an Act, passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade*; or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force relating to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Goods, &c. imported or exported contrary to Orders in Council, forfeited, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatever, shall be imported into, or exported from, any Place or Places, Part of the said Settlement, or its Territories or Dependencies, or shall be exported from any Part of His Majesty's Dominions to any of the said Places; or if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, shall be so imported or exported in any Manner whatever, contrary to any such Order or Orders of His Majesty in Council, the same shall be forfeited, together with the Ship or Vessel in which such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall respectively be imported or exported, with all her Guns, Ammunition, Furniture, Tackle, and Apparel, and every such Forfeiture shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered by such and the like Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Forfeiture incurred by any Law respecting the Revenue of Customs may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, in Places where respectively the Offences shall be committed, and the Produce thereof shall be disposed of, paid, and applied, in like Manner, in the said Places respectively; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall in any Manner be construed to infringe the Rights, Privileges, and Advantages, belonging to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*.

Act not to infringe the Rights of the *East India* Company.

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