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CAP. XXXII.

An Act to ſuſpend, for a limited Time, the Operation of Two Acts of the Fifteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, *for reſtraining the Negociation of Promiſſory Notes, and Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum, within that Part of* Great Britain *called* England.

[10th *March* 1797.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament was paſſed in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to reſtrain the Negociation of Promiſſory Notes, and Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum, within that Part of* Great Britain *called* England: And whereas another Act was paſſed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for further reſtraining the Negociation of Promiſſory Notes, and Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum, within that Part of* Great Britain *called* England: And whereas it is expedient, that the ſaid Acts ſhould be ſuſpended for a certain Time, ſo far as the ſame may relate to any Notes, Draughts, or Undertakings, made payable on Demand; 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

15 *Geo.* III, Cap. 51, and

17 *Geo.* III, Cap. 30, recited.

Recited Acts, so far as they relate to the making void Notes under 5*l.* payable on Demand to Bearer, suspended till *May* 1, 1797.

That the said recited Acts, so far as the same relate to the making void of Promissory Notes, or Draughts, or Undertakings in Writing, payable on Demand to the Bearer thereof, for any Sum of Money less than the Sum of Five Pounds in the Whole; and also to restrain the publishing or uttering and negociating of any such Notes, Draughts, or Undertakings as aforesaid, shall, from and after the Second Day of *March* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, to all Intents and Purposes, suspended until the First Day of *May* next.

Act may be altered or repealed this Session.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be made in this present Session of Parliament.

If Notes are not paid within Three Days after Demand, a Justice may order Payment with Costs; and on Neglect may cause the same to be levied by Distress.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person liable to the Payment of any of such Notes, Draughts, or Undertakings in Writing, as may be issued in pursuance of this Act, shall neglect or fail to make full Payment in Money of the Sum or Sums for which such Notes, Draughts, or Undertakings in Writing, shall be respectively given or issued, or so much thereof as shall be or remain due thereon respectively, by the Space of Three Days after Demand thereof made by the Holder or Holders of such Notes, Draughts, or Undertakings in Writing, it shall and may be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, City, Division, or Place, where the Person or Persons respectively so refusing to pay any of such Notes, Draughts, or Undertakings in Writing, as last aforesaid, shall or may happen to be or reside, and such Justice or Justices is or are hereby required, upon Complaint made by the Holder or Holders thereof to summon the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint shall be made, and after his, her, or their Appearance, or in Default thereof, upon due Proof upon Oath, (and which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to administer), of such Summons or Warning having been given, such Justice or Justices shall proceed to hear and determine the said Complaint, and award such Sum to be paid by the Person or Persons respectively liable to the Payment of every such Note, Draught, or Undertaking in Writing, to the Holder or Holders thereof, as shall appear to such Justice or Justices to be due thereon, together with such a Sum for Costs, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Shillings, as to such Justice or Justices shall seem meet; and if any Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to pay or satisfy such Sum of Money as upon such Complaint as aforesaid shall be adjudged, upon the same being demanded, such Justice or Justices shall, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Party so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, together with all Costs and Charges attending such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owner.

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