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CAP. VII.

An Act to continue for a limited Time, and amend an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour, and Potatoes, and to permit the Importation of Corn, and other Articles of Proviſion, for a limited Time, in any Ships whatever, without Payment of Duty*; and for permitting Wheat, Wheat Flour, and Meal, imported, in order to obtain the Bounties granted by an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, but which have not been found fit for making Bread, to be uſed in the Manufacture of Starch, Hair Powder, and Blue, or in the Diſtillation of Low Wines and Spirits.

[11th *November* 1796.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour, and Potatoes, and to permit the Importation of Corn and other Articles of Proviſion for a limited Time, in any Ships whatever, without Payment of Duty*: And whereas it is expedient, under the preſent Circumſtances, to continue for a further Time, and to amend the ſaid Act: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by

36 Geo. III. Cap. 3.

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 Expiration of the ſaid Act, and until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to export, from any Part of this Kingdom, any *Britiſh* or Foreign Wheat, Rye, Barley, Beer, or Bigg, Peaſe, Beans, Oats, or any Meal or Flour, or Bread, Biſcuit, or Malt, made thereof, or any Potatoes, or any *Indian* Corn or Maize, or Meal or Flour made thereof; and that it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to import, into any Part of this Kingdom, any Foreign Corn, or other Articles, as aforeſaid, in any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel, or in any other Ship or Veſſel belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever; and alſo to take out of Warehouſe, for Home Conſumption, any ſuch Foreign Corn, or other Articles, as aforeſaid, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever; any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding: And if any Perſon ſhall export, or ſhall load or lay on board any Ship or other Veſſel, with Intent to export, any Corn or other Articles, as aforeſaid, the Perſon ſo exporting, or loading, or laying on board, with Intent to export the ſame, ſhall be liable and ſubject to the like Forfeitures and Penalties; and the ſaid Corn or other Articles, and the Ship or Veſſel in which the ſame ſhall be exported, or loaded or laid on board, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the like Forfeitures, and in like Manner to be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of, as if the ſaid Corn or other Articles were exported, or loaded or laid on board, contrary to the Proviſions of Two Acts, One paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of the Bounty on* Britiſh *Corn exported*; and the other paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled,* '*An Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of the Bounty on* Britiſh *Corn exported*:' Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, that ſhall have been, or may hereafter be, imported and warehouſed in the Manner, and on the Conditions mentioned in the before-mentioned Act in the Thirty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and ſhall not have been taken out of ſuch Warehouſe for Home Conſumption.

No Wheat, &c. to be exported for a limited Time,

Foreign Corn, &c. may be imported Duty-free;

and taken out of Warehouſes for Home Conſumption.

Perſons exporting Corn, &c. liable to Penalties of

31 *Geo.* III, Cap. 30, and

31 *Geo.* III, Cap. 65.

Act not to extend to Foreign Corn, &c. warehouſed, and not taken out for Home Conſumption,

II. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, or by Order in Council, to permit the carrying Coaſtwiſe, or carrying out, or the Exportation of, the ſeveral Sorts of Corn, or other Articles, as aforeſaid, for all or any of the Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Two Acts, paſſed in the Thirty-firſt and Thirty-third Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or either of them, in like Manner, and in the ſame Proportions and Quantities, and from and to the ſame Ports and Places as is allowed by the ſaid Two Acts, or either of them, at ſuch Times as any of the ſeveral Sorts of Corn, or

His Majeſty in Council may permit the carrying Coaſtwiſe, &c. Corn, &c. for the Purpoſes mentioned in the above Acts;

other Articles as aforeſaid, are prohibited to be exported, ſubject to the like Securities, Conditions, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, Forfeitures, and Penalties, as are by the ſaid Two Acts, or by either of them, in any ſuch Caſe required and impoſed; and alſo to permit, by ſpecial Order or Orders in Council, the Exportation of a limited Quantity of any of the ſeveral Sorts of Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, from any Port in *Great Britain*, to any Country in *Europe* in Amity with His Majeſty, South of *Cape Finiſterre*, ſubject to ſuch Security, Conditions, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, as by ſuch Order in Council ſhall be directed.

and the Exportation of a limited Quantity to Places in Amity with His Majeſty, South of *Cape Finiſterre*.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the Expiration of the ſaid Act, and until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons whatever to import into *Great Britain*, from any Port or Place whatever, in any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel, or in any other Ship or Veſſel belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, any Beans, called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivancies, and all other Sorts of Pulſe; and alſo Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, and Swine, Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, and Lamb, whether ſalted or otherwiſe, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheeſe, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago-powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour-crout, without the Payment of any Duty whatever, at all Times before the ſaid Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the ſaid next Seſſion of Parliament; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Certain Articles may be imported, Duty-free, from any Place, in *Britiſh* Veſſels, or Veſſels belonging to Places in Amity with His Majeſty.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That a due Entry ſhall be made of all ſuch Beans called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivancies, and all other Sorts of Pulſe; and of ſuch Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, and Swine, Beef and Pork, Veal, Mutton, and Lamb, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheeſe, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago-powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour-crout, that ſhall be imported by virtue of this Act, with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms, at the Port into which the ſame ſhall be imported; and in Default thereof, the ſame ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Entry to be made of ſuch Articles with the Officer of the Cuſtoms, on Penalty of Forfeiture.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Penalties and Forfeitures created and incurred by this Act, (and not herein otherwiſe ſpecially directed to be proſecuted and recovered), ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of, in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalties incurred, or any Goods, Ships, or Veſſels, forfeited for any Offence againſt the Laws of Cuſtoms, may now be legally ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of; and the Officer or Officers concerned in Seizures or Proſecutions under this Act ſhall be entitled to and receive ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from the Seizures as they are now by Law entitled to upon Proſecutions of Seizures for unlawful Importation, and to ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from any pecuniary Fine

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or Penalty, or Compoſition paid for any Offence againſt this Act, as they are now by any Law or Regulation entitled to upon Proſecutions for pecuniary Penalties.

His Majeſty, during the receſs of Parliament, may ſuſpend this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe His Majeſty, at any Time during the Receſs of Parliament, ſhall judge it to be moſt for the Benefit and Advantage of this Kingdom to ſuſpend all or any of the Proviſions of this Act, then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by His or their Royal Proclamation, to be iſſued by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majeſty's Order in Council, to be publiſhed in the *London Gazette*, ſo to do.

Commiſſioners of Exciſe, till *Feb.* 1, 1797, may grant Licence for uſing Wheat, *&c.* imported to obtain Bounty under 36 *Geo.* III, Cap. 21, found unfit for Bread, in making Starch, *&c.* or in Diſtillation.

VII. And whereas certain Quantities of Wheat, or Wheat Flour, or Meal, have been imported in order to obtain the Bounties granted by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *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,* but which having appeared upon Inſpection and Examination, according to the Directions of the ſaid Act, not to be fit for making Bread, have not received any of the ſaid Bounties: And whereas it is expedient that Permiſſion ſhould be given for uſing the ſame for other Purpoſes notwithſtanding any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force to the contrary; be it enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or the major Part of them, in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, at any Time on or before the Firſt Day of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, to grant a Licence or Licences for uſing any ſuch Wheat, Wheat Flour, or Meal, in making Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, or in Diſtillation of Low Wines or Spirits, upon Proof being made to their Satisfaction, upon Oath or otherwiſe, that ſuch Wheat, Wheat Flour, or Meal, had been ſo imported, and upon Inſpection and Examination was deemed not fit for making Bread; and ſuch Licence or Licences ſhall be granted ſubject to ſuch Regulations for preventing Fraud or Abuſe thereof as to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them reſpectively, ſhall ſeem proper; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

This Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

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

FINIS.