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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXV.

An Act to permit, during the Continuance of the present War, the Importation of Salt from *Portugal*, in Neutral Ships. [9th *March* 1798.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation*, and by other Acts now in Force, it is, amongst other Things, enacted, that no Foreign Salt shall be imported into this Kingdom in any Ships or Vessels but such as are *British*-built, and owned by *British* Subjects, and navigated by a Master, and Three Fourths of the Mariners being *British* Subjects, and in no other Ships or Vessels, except only in such Foreign Ships or Vessels as are of the Built of that Country or Place of which the said Salt is the Production or Manufacture, or of such Port where such Salt can only be, or most usually is, first shipped for Transportation, and whereof the Master, and Three Fourths of the Mariners, at least, are of the said Country or Place: And whereas it is expedient, under the present Circumstances, and for a limited Time, that the Importation of Foreign Salt from *Portugal* should be permitted in any Neutral Ships whatsoever; 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

Preamble. 12 *Car.* II, Cap. 18, recited.

From *April* 5, 1798, Salt, the Produce of *Portugal*, may be imported in any Neutral Veſſel,

on the like Conditions as for Salt imported in Ships belonging to *Portugal*.

ſame, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, for and during the Continuance of the preſent War, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons to import, or bring into this Kingdom, from *Portugal*, any Salt, the Produce or Manufacture of *Portugal*, in any Ship or Veſſel whatſoever, that ſhall belong to the Subject or Subjects of any State in Amity with His Majeſty; and ſuch Salt ſhall be imported upon Payment of the like Duties, and ſhall be ſubject to the like Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as Salt imported in Ships of the Built, or belonging to any of the Subjects of the Kingdom of *Portugal*; any Thing in the beforementioned Act, or any other Act, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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