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An Act to prevent the Exportation of Base Coin to His Majesty's Colonies in the *West Indies* and *America*. [21st *June* 1798.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS various Base Copper Coins made to the Resemblance and Similitude of the Foreign Copper Coins, called *Tempes* and *Sous Marques*, have been exported from this Kingdom to the Island of *Martinique* in the *West Indies*, under the Denomination of Wrought Copper: And whereas Base Coin made to the Similitude and Resemblance of the Foreign Gold and Silver Coins, called *Johannes* and *Dollars*, have been circulated in His Majesty's Islands in the *West Indies*, and in other His Majesty's Colonies in *America*, to the great Injury of the Inhabitants of the said Islands and Colonies: For preventing the like and similar Evils in future, 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 same, That all Copper Coin whatsoever, not being the legal Copper Coin of this Kingdom, and all Counterfeit Gold or Silver Coin made to the Similitude or Resemblance, or intended to resemble, any Gold or Silver Coin, either of this Kingdom or of any other Country, which shall, under any Pretence, Name, or Description whatsoever, be exported or shipped, or laden or put on board any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, for the Purpose of being exported from this Kingdom to the said Island of *Martinique*, or any of His Majesty's Islands or Colonies in the *West Indies* or *America*, shall be forfeited, and the same shall and may be seized, sued for, prosecuted, and recovered in

Copper Coin, not being legal Coin, and counterfeit Gold or Silver Coin, exported to *Martinique*, or any of His Majesty's Colonies in the *West Indies* or *America*, or shipped for that Purpose, may be seized.

ſuch Courts, and by ſuch and the like Ways, Means, and Methods, and the Produce thereof diſpoſed of and applied in ſuch and the like Manner, and to ſuch and the like Uſes and Purpoſes, as any Forfeiture incurred by any Law reſpecting the Revenue of the Cuſtoms, may now be ſeized, ſued for, proſecuted, or recovered, diſpoſed of, and applied, either in this Kingdom, or in any of His Majeſty's Iſlands in the *Weſt Indies* reſpectively, as the Caſe may happen to be.

Penalty on Perſons exporting it, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon who ſhall ſo export, or ſhall ſo ſhip, lay, or put on board any Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, in order to be ſo exported, or ſhall cauſe or procure to be ſo exported, ſhipped, or put on board any Ship, Veſſel, or Boat, or ſhall have in his or her Cuſtody, in order to be ſo exported, any ſuch Coin as aforeſaid, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and double the Value of ſuch Coin, to be recovered by Bill, Suit, Action, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*.

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