

ANNO TRICESIMO NONO & QUADRAGESIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CVI.

An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen*; and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof. [29th *July* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to explain and amend an Act, passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen*; 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assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the said Act shall be repealed; and that all Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements whatsoever, in Writing or not in Writing, at any Time or Times heretofore made or entered into by or between any Journeymen Manufacturers or other Persons within this Kingdom, for obtaining an Advance of Wages of them or any of them, or any other Journeymen Manufacturers or Workmen, or other Persons in any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or for lessening or altering their or any of their usual Hours or Time of Working, or for decreasing the Quantity of Work, (save and except any Contract made or to be made between any Master and his Journeyman or Manufacturer, for or on Account of the Work or Service

39 *Geo.* III, Cap. 81, repealed.

All Contracts heretofore entered into for obtaining an Advance of Wages, altering the usual Time of working, decreasing the Quantity of Work, &c. (except Contracts between Masters and Men) shall be void.

of ſuch Journeyman or Manufacturer with whom ſuch Contract may be made), or for preventing or hindering any Perſon or Perſons from employing whomſoever he, ſhe, or they ſhall think proper to employ in his, her, or their Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or for controlling or anyway affecting any Perſon or Perſons carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, in the Conduct or Management thereof, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be illegal, null, and void, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Every Workman, after paſſing this Act, who ſhall be guilty of any ſuch Offence, ſhall be committed to the Common Gaol, or the Houſe of Correction;

II. And be it further enacted, That no Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act make or enter into, or be concerned in the making of or entering into any ſuch Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, in Writing or not in Writing, as is herein-before declared to be an illegal Covenant, Contract, or Agreement; and every Journeyman and Workman or other Perſon who, after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be guilty of any of the ſaid Offences, being thereof lawfully convicted, upon his own Confeſſion, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, (which Oath either of ſuch Juſtices is hereby authorized and empowered to adminiſter in ſuch Caſe, and in all other Caſes where an Oath is to be taken before any Juſtices of the Peace in purſuance of this Act), within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtices, be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtices ſhall be committed to ſome Houſe of Correction within the ſame Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

as alſo any Workman entering into any Combination for advancing Wages, &c. or who ſhall endeavour to prevent any Workman from hiring himſelf, or prevail on him to quit his Employ, or who ſhall hinder any Maſter from employing any Perſon, or without reaſonable Cauſe ſhall refuſe to work with any other Workman.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Journeyman or Workman, or other Perſon, who ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act enter into any Combination to obtain an Advance of Wages, or to leſſen or alter the Hours or Duration of the Time of Working, or to decreaſe the Quantity of Work, or for any other Purpoſe contrary to this Act, or who ſhall, by giving Money, or by Perſuaſion, Solicitation, or Intimidation, or any other Means, wilfully and maliciouſly endeavour to prevent any unhired or unemployed Journeyman or Workman, or other Perſon, in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or any other Perſon wanting Employment in ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, from hiring himſelf to any Manufacturer, or Tradeſman, or Perſon conducting any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or who ſhall, for the Purpoſe of obtaining an Advance of Wages, or for any other Purpoſe contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, wilfully and maliciouſly decoy, perſuade, ſolicit, intimidate, influence, or prevail, or attempt or endeavour to prevail, on any Journeyman or Workman, or other Perſon hired or employed, or to be hired or employed in any ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, to quit or leave his Work, Service, or Employment, or who ſhall wilfully and maliciouſly hinder or prevent any Manufacturer or Tradeſman, or other Perſon, from employing in his or her Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, ſuch Journeymen, Workmen, and other Perſons as he or ſhe ſhall think proper, or who, being hired or employed, ſhall,

without any juſt or reaſonable Cauſe, refuſe to work with any other Journeyman or Workman employed or hired to work therein, and who ſhall be lawfully convicted of any of the ſaid Offences, upon his own Confeſſion, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtices, be committed to and be confined in the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months; or otherwiſe be committed to ſome Houſe of Correction within the ſame Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

and alſo all Perſons who ſhall attend any Meeting for the Purpoſe of making any ſuch Contract, or who ſhall ſummons or endeavour to induce any Journeyman to attend any ſuch Meeting, or who ſhall collect any Money, *etc.*

IV. And for the more effectual Suppreſſion of all Combinations amongſt Journeymen, Workmen, and other Perſons employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, be it further enacted, That all and every Perſons and Perſon whomſoever, (whether employed in any ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or not), who ſhall attend any Meeting had or held for the Purpoſe of making or entering into any Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, by this Act declared to be illegal, or of entering into, ſupporting, maintaining, continuing, or carrying on any Combination for any Purpoſe by this Act declared to be illegal, or who ſhall ſummons, give Notice to, call upon, perſuade, entice, ſolicit, or by Intimidation, or any other Means, endeavour to induce any Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, to attend any ſuch Meeting, or who ſhall collect, demand, aſk, or receive any Sum of Money from any ſuch Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon, for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or who ſhall perſuade, entice, ſolicit, or by Intimidation, or any other Means, endeavour to induce any ſuch Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon to enter into or be concerned in any ſuch Combination, or who ſhall pay any Sum of Money, or make or enter into any Subſcription or Contribution, for or towards the Support or Encouragement of any ſuch illegal Meeting or Combination, and who ſhall be lawfully convicted of any of the ſaid Offences, upon his own Confeſſion, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtices, be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or otherwiſe be committed to ſome Houſe of Correction within the ſame Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

No Perſon ſhall contribute for any Expences incurred for acting contrary to this Act, or towards the Support of any Perſon to induce him not

V. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon (whether employed as a Journeyman or Workman in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or not) ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act wilfully pay or give any Sum of Money as a Subſcription or Contribution for the Purpoſe of paying Expences incurred or to be incurred by any Perſon or Perſons acting contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, by Payment of Money, or other Means, ſupport or maintain any Journeyman, Workman,

to work on Penalty not exceeding 10 *l.* and any Perſon collecting Money for ſuch Purpoſes, ſhall forfeit, not exceeding 5 *l.* One Moiety to His Majeſty, and the other to the Informer and the Poor of the Pariſh.

Offences ſhall be determined in a ſummary Way before Two Juſtices who ſhall fix the Penalty, and if not paid, ſhall cauſe it to be levied by Diſtreſs, and if not to be had, ſhall commit the Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction.

man, or other Perſon, or contribute towards his Support or Maintenance, for the Purpoſe of inducing him to refuſe to work, or to be hired or employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs; and every Perſon who ſhall be guilty of any ſuch Offence ſhall forfeit and loſe any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds; and every Journeyman, Workman, and other Perſon, who ſhall collect or receive any Money or valuable Thing for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and loſe any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds; ſuch Penalties of Ten Pounds and Five Pounds reſpectively to be forfeited, One Moiety to His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to the Informer and the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence has been committed, to be equally divided between them; and all and every of the ſaid Offences ſhall be heard and determined in a ſummary Way, before Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, and the Conviction for the ſame may be had and made upon the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes; and the Amount of the Forfeiture or Penalty for every ſuch Offence ſhall be fixed and determined by ſuch Juſtices, but not exceeding the ſeveral Sums herein-before mentioned; and in caſe any ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid purſuant to ſuch Conviction, ſuch Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under their Hands, cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had, ſuch Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under their Hands, commit the Offender to the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months nor leſs than Two Calendar Months; or otherwiſe, at the Diſcretio nof ſuch Juſtices, to ſome Houſe of Correction within their Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

Contributions not divided for Three Months after paſſing this Act, ſhall be forfeited, as alſo all future Contribution for the like Purpoſes, One Moiety to His Majeſty, and the other to the Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money which at any Time heretofore have been paid or given as a Subſcription or Contribution for or towards any of the Purpoſes prohibited by this Act, and ſhall, for the Space of Three Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, remain undivided in the Hands of any Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, Truſtee, Agent, or other Perſon, or placed out at Intereſt, and all Sums of Money which ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, be paid or given as a Subſcription or Contribution for or towards any of the Purpoſes prohibited by this Act, ſhall be forfeited, One Moiety thereof to His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to ſuch Perſon as will ſue for the ſame in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; and any Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, Truſtee, Agent, or other Perſon in whoſe Hands or in whoſe Name any ſuch Sum of Money ſhall be, or ſhall be placed out, or unto whom the ſame ſhall have been paid or given, ſhall and may be ſued for the ſame as forfeited as aforeſaid.

Perſons liable to be ſued for Contribution Money, ſhall be obliged to

VII. And, for the better Diſcovery of all Sums of Money which have been or ſhall be paid or given by way of Subſcription or Contribution for any Purpoſe prohibited by this Act, be it further enacted, That all and every the Perſons and Perſon who ſhall or may be liable by virtue of this Act

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to be ſued for the ſame, ſhall be obliged and compellable to anſwer upon Oath to any Information which ſhall or may be preferred againſt them or him in any Court of Equity, by or in the Name of His Majeſty's Attorney General on the Part of His Majeſty, or at the Relation of any Informer, for diſcovering the Sum and Sums of Money ſo paid or given for any of the prohibited Purpoſes aforeſaid, and ſuch Court ſhall and may make ſuch Orders and Decrees therein as to ſuch Court ſhall ſeem juſt, and no Perſon ſhall demur to or refuſe to anſwer ſuch Information by reaſon of any Penalty or Forfeiture to which ſuch Perſon may be liable in conſequence of any Diſcovery which may be ſought thereby.

Anſwer on Oath to any Information preferred againſt them.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That upon Payment into the Court in which ſuch Information ſhall be filed of all the Money paid or given unto any ſuch Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, Truſtee, Agent, or other Perſon for any of the prohibited Purpoſes aforeſaid, and remaining in his Hands at the Time of filing ſuch Informations, and upon making a full Diſcovery of all the Securities in or upon which all ſuch Money which ſhall not be ſo remaining in his Hands ſhall have been placed out or inveſted, the Perſon or Perſons paying ſuch Money into Court and making ſuch Diſcovery ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged from all Forfeitures and Penalties which ſhall or may have been incurred by him or them by reaſon of having collected or received ſuch Money, or otherwiſe acted concerning the ſame, and from all Actions and other Suits reſpecting the ſame by any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, any Statute, Law, or Uſage, or any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; nor ſhall any Perſon be liable to any Forfeiture or Penalty or to any Proſecution whatſoever, for or in reſpect of any Sum of Money which ſuch Perſon ſhall diſcover to have been paid, received, or given by any Anſwer to any ſuch Information as aforeſaid.

Upon Payment into Court of the Money remaining in the Hands of any Perſon at the Time of filing Information and making Diſcovery of the Securities upon which other Monies ſhall have been placed, the Party ſhall be diſcharged from Penalty.

No Perſon liable to Penalty for any Money diſcovered to have been paid, by any Anſwer to an Information.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſons and Perſon who ſhall or may offend againſt this Act, ſhall and may, equally with all other Perſons, be called upon and compelled to give his or her Teſtimony and Evidence, as a Witneſs or Witneſſes on Behalf of His Majeſty, or of the Proſecutor or Informer, upon any Information to be made or exhibited under this Act againſt any other Perſon or Perſons, not being ſuch Witneſs or Witneſſes as aforeſaid; and that in all ſuch Caſes, every Perſon having given his or her Teſtimony or Evidence as aforeſaid, ſhall be and hereby is indemnified of, from, and againſt any Information to be laid, or Proſecution to be commenced againſt him or her for having offended in the Matter wherein or relative to which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have given Teſtimony or Evidence as aforeſaid.

Offenders may be compelled to give Evidence, and ſhall be indemnified from Proſecution, for any Matter relative to their Teſtimony.

X. And, for the more effectually enforcing and carrying into Execution the Proviſions of this Act, be it further enacted, That on Complaint and Information on Oath before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, of any Offence having been committed againſt this Act within his or their reſpective Juriſdictions, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices are hereby authorized and required to ſummon the Perſon or Perſons charged with being an Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, to appear before any Two ſuch Juſtices, at a certain Time or Place to be ſpecified, and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned ſhall not appear according to ſuch Summons,

Juſtices may ſummon Offenders, and on their not appearing, or in the firſt Inſtance, may iſſue Warrants for their Apprehenſion, and on their appearing, or on Proof of their abſcond.

ing, may convict or acquit the Parties.

mons, then ſuch Juſtices (Proof on Oath having been firſt made before them or him of the due Service of ſuch Summons upon ſuch Perſon or Perſons, by delivering the ſame to him or them perſonally, or leaving the ſame at his or their uſual Place of Abode, provided the ſame ſhall be ſo left Twenty-four Hours at the leaſt before the Time which ſhall be appointed to attend the ſaid Juſtices upon ſuch Summons) ſhall make and iſſue their or his Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned and not appearing as aforeſaid, and bringing him or them before ſuch Juſtices, or it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices, if they ſhall think fit, without iſſuing any previous Summons, and inſtead of iſſuing the ſame, upon ſuch Complaint and Information on Oath as aforeſaid, to make and iſſue their Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Perſon or Perſons by ſuch Information charged to have offended againſt this Act, and bringing him or them before ſuch Juſtices; and upon the Perſon or Perſons complained againſt appearing upon ſuch Summons, or being brought by virtue of ſuch Warrant or Warrants before ſuch Juſtices, or upon Proof on Oath of ſuch Perſon or Perſons abſconding, ſo that ſuch Warrant or Warrants cannot be executed, then ſuch Juſtices ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required, forthwith to make Enquiry touching the Matters complained of, and to examine into the ſame, by the Oath or Oaths of any credible Perſons, as ſhall be requiſite, and to hear and determine the Matter of every ſuch Complaint, and upon Confeſſion by the Party, or Proof by One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, upon Oath, to convict or acquit the Party or Parties againſt whom Complaint ſhall have been made as aforeſaid.

Juſtices may ſummon Witneſſes, and for Non-appearance or Refuſal to give Evidence, may commit them.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtices of the Peace before whom any ſuch Complaint and Information ſhall be made as aforeſaid, and they are hereby authorized and required, at the Requeſt in Writing of any of the Parties, to iſſue his or their Summons to any Witneſs or Witneſſes to appear and give Evidence before ſuch Juſtices at the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining ſuch Complaint, and which Time and Place ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Summons; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned to appear as a Witneſs or Witneſſes as aforeſaid, ſhall not appear before ſuch Juſtices at the Time and Place ſpecified in ſuch Summons, or offer ſome reaſonable Excuſe for the Default, or appearing according to ſuch Summons, ſhall not ſubmit to be examined as a Witneſs or Witneſſes, and give his or their Evidence before ſuch Juſtices touching the Matter of ſuch Complaint, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices, and they are hereby authorized, (Proof on Oath in the Caſe of any Perſon not appearing according to ſuch Summons having been firſt made before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the due Service of ſuch Summons on every ſuch Perſon, by delivering the ſame to him or her, or by leaving the ſame Twenty-four Hours before the Time appointed for ſuch Perſon to appear before ſuch Juſtices, at the uſual Place of Abode of ſuch Perſon), by Warrant under the Hands of ſuch Juſtices, to commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo making Default in appearing, or appearing and refuſing to give Evidence, to ſome Priſon within the Juriſdiction of ſuch Juſtices, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſubmit himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves to be examined, and give his, her, or their Evidence before ſuch Juſtices as aforeſaid.

XII. And

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Juſtices before whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, or by whom any Perſon ſhall be committed to Priſon for not appearing as a Witneſs, or not ſubmitting to be examined, ſhall cauſe all ſuch Convictions, and the Warrants or Orders for ſuch Commitment to be drawn up in the Form, or to the Effect ſet forth in the Firſt Schedule to this Act.

Convictions and Commitments to be drawn up in the Form in the Firſt Schedule.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Juſtices before whom any ſuch Conviction ſhall be had, ſhall cauſe the ſame (drawn up in the Form or to the Effect herein-before directed) to be fairly written on Parchment, and tranſmitted to the next General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place wherein ſuch Conviction was had, to be filed and kept amongſt the Records of the ſaid General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall appeal, in Manner herein-after mentioned, from the Judgement of the ſaid Juſtices to the ſaid General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions, the Juſtices in ſuch General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions, are hereby required, upon receiving ſuch Conviction, to proceed to the Hearing and Determination of the Matter of the ſaid Appeal, according to the Directions of this Act.

Convictions to be tranſmitted to the next General or Quarter Seſſions to be filed, and if Appeal be made the Juſtices ſhall then proceed to hear it.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to repeal, take away, or abridge the Powers and Authorities given to any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in and by any Act or Acts of Parliament heretofore made and now in force touching any Combinations of Manufacturers, Journeymen, or Workmen, or for ſettling and adjuſting Diſputes or Differences between Maſters and their Journeymen, Workmen, or other Perſons employed by them in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or the Rate or Amount of Wages to be paid to ſuch Journeymen, Workmen, or other Perſons, or the Mode or Time of their working or being employed, or the Quantity of Work to be done, or touching any Matter whatſoever alſo provided for by this Act; but that all Juſtices of the Peace ſhall continue to uſe, exerciſe, and execute all the Powers and Authorities given to them in and by ſuch Acts of Parliament, or any of them, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as they could or might have done if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Act not to abridge Powers now given by Law to Juſtices touching Combinations of Manufacturers, *etc.*;

XV. Provided always, That this Act ſhall not extend to authorize or empower any Perſon or Perſons carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, to employ therein any Journeyman or Workman contrary to the Regulations and Proviſions contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament which hath or have been heretofore made, and is and are now in force, for ſettling, regulating, or directing the Manner or Method of conducting, managing, or carrying on any particular Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or the Work or Service of the Perſons employed therein, without the previous Licence and Conſent in Writing of One Juſtice of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place in which ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs ſhall be carried on, expreſſing the Cauſe or Reaſon of giving or granting the ſame; which Licence it ſhall

nor to empower Manufacturers to employ Workmen contrary to the Proviſions now in force for regulating the Conduct of any particular Manufacture, without Licence from a Juſtice, who may grant the ſame, whenever the ordi-

nary Courſe of the Manufacture is obſtructed.

ſhall be lawful for One ſuch Juſtice to grant whenever the qualified Journeymen or Workmen uſually employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, ſhall refuſe to work therein for reaſonable Wages, or to work for any particular Perſon or Perſons, or to work with any particular Perſons, or ſhall, by refuſing to work, for any Cauſe whatſoever, or by miſconducting themſelves when employed to work, in any Manner impede or obſtruct the ordinary Courſe of any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or endeavour to injure the Perſon or Perſons carrying on the ſame.

No Maſter in the Trade in which any Offence is charged to have been committed, ſhall act as a Juſtice under this Act.

XVI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Juſtice of the Peace, being alſo a Maſter in the particular Trade or Manufacture in or concerning which any Offence is charged to have been committed under this Act, ſhall act as ſuch Juſtice under this Act; any Thing herein contained, or any former Statute, Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

All Contracts between Maſters or other Perſons, for reducing the Wages of Workmen or for altering the uſual Hours of working, or increaſing the Quantity of Work, ſhall be void, and Maſters convicted thereof ſhall forfeit 20*l.* One Moiety to His Majeſty, and the other to the Informer and the Poor of the Pariſh, which may be levied by Diſtreſs, and if not paid, the Offender may be committed.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements whatſoever, in Writing or not in Writing, made or to be made by or between any Maſters or other Perſons, for reducing the Wages of Workmen, or for adding to or altering the uſual Hours or Time of working, or for increaſing the Quantity of Work, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby declared to be illegal, null, and void, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and all and every ſuch Maſters, being thereof lawfully convicted by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where ſuch Offence ſhall have been committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall forfeit and loſe the Sum of Twenty Pounds, One Moiety thereof to His Majeſty, and the other Moiety in equal Shares to the Informer and the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence has been committed; and in caſe any ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid purſuant to ſuch Conviction, ſuch Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under their Hands, cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had, ſuch Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under their Hands, commit the Offender to the Common Gaol or ſome Houſe of Correction within their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months nor leſs than Two Calendar Months.

Diſputes between Maſters and Workmen may be ſettled by Arbitration.

XVIII. And whereas it will be a great Convenience and Advantage to Maſters and Workmen engaged in Manufactures, that a cheap and ſummary Mode be eſtabliſhed for ſettling all Diſputes that may ariſe between them reſpecting Wages and Work; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred, in all Caſes that ſhall or may ariſe within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, where the Maſters and Workmen cannot agree reſpecting the Price or Prices to be paid for Work actually done in any Manufacture, or any Injury or Damage done or alledged to have been done by the Workmen to the Work, or reſpecting any Delay or ſuppoſed Delay on the Part of the Workmen

Workmen in finiſhing the Work, or the not finiſhing ſuch Work in a good and workman-like Manner, or according to any Contract; and in all Caſes of Diſpute or Difference, touching any Contract or Agreement for Work or Wages between Maſters and Workmen in any Trade or Manufacture, which cannot be otherwiſe mutually adjuſted and ſettled by and between them, it ſhall and may be, and it is hereby declared to be lawful for ſuch Maſters and Workmen, between whom ſuch Diſpute or Difference ſhall ariſe as aforeſaid, or either of them, to demand and have an Arbitration or Reference of ſuch Matter or Matters in Diſpute; and each of them is hereby authorized and empowered forthwith to nominate and appoint an Arbitrator for and on his reſpective Part and Behalf, to arbitrate and determine ſuch Matter or Matters in Diſpute as aforeſaid by Writing, ſubſcribed by him in the Preſence of and atteſted by One Witneſs, in the Form expreſſed in the Second Schedule to this Act, and to deliver the ſame perſonally to the other Party, or to leave the ſame for him at his uſual Place of Abode, and to require the other Party to name an Arbitrator in like Manner within Two Days after ſuch Reference to Arbitration ſhall have been ſo demanded; and ſuch Arbitrators ſo appointed as aforeſaid, after they ſhall have accepted and taken upon them the Buſineſs of the ſaid Arbitration, are hereby authorized and required to ſummon before them, and examine upon Oath the Parties and their Witneſſes, (which Oath the ſaid Arbitrators are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter according to the Form ſet forth in the Second Schedule to this Act), and forthwith to proceed to hear and determine the Complaints of the Parties, and the Matter or Matters in Diſpute between them; and the Award to be made by ſuch Arbitrators within the Time herein-after limited, ſhall in all Caſes be final and concluſive between the Parties; but in caſe ſuch Arbitrators ſo appointed ſhall not agree to decide ſuch Matter or Matters in Diſpute ſo to be referred to them as aforeſaid, and ſhall not make and ſign their Award within the Space of Three Days after the ſigning of the Submiſſion to their Award by both Parties, that then it ſhall be lawful for the Parties or either of them, to require ſuch Arbitrators forthwith and without Delay to go before and attend upon One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the County, Riding, City, Liberty, Diviſion, or Place where ſuch Diſpute ſhall happen and be referred, and ſtate to ſuch Juſtice the Points in Difference between them the ſaid Arbitrators, which Points in Difference the ſaid Juſtice ſhall and is hereby authorized and required to hear and determine, and for that Purpoſe to examine the Parties and their Witneſſes, upon Oath, if he ſhall think fit; which Determination of ſuch Juſtice ſhall be made and ſigned within the Space of Three Days after the Expiration of the Time hereby allowed the Arbitrators to make and ſign their Award, and ſhall be final and concluſive between the Parties ſo differing as aforeſaid; and if either of the ſaid Parties, or their reſpective Witneſſes, having been duly ſummoned, ſhall neglect or refuſe to attend ſuch Arbitrators at the Time and Place by them for that Purpoſe appointed, it ſhall and may be lawful for any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the County, Riding, City, Liberty, Diviſion, Townſhip, or Place, where ſuch Diſpute ſhall happen, and he or they are hereby required, upon Proof on Oath being made before him or them of the Service of ſuch Summons perſonally, and alſo upon the like Proof of the Neglect or Refuſal of ſuch Perſon to attend the ſaid Arbitrators in purſuance of ſuch Summons, (unleſs a reaſonable

If Arbitrators ſhall not decide the Matter within Three Days after Submiſſion to their Award, either Party may require them to go before and ſtate to a Juſtice the Points in Difference, who ſhall finally determine the ſame.

Perſons ſummoned, neglecting to attend the Arbitrators, or refuſing to be examined, may be committed by a Juſtice;

Excuſe be made for ſuch Non-attendance to the Satisfaction of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices), to iſſue his or their Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands for the apprehending and bringing ſuch Perſon before him or them; and if any ſuch Perſon ſobeing brought before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall ſtill refuſe to be examined, or to give his or their Teſtimony before ſuch Arbitrators touching the Premiſes, ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing ſhall be by the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices committed to the Houſe of Correction within his or their Juriſdiction, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he or ſhe ſhall ſubmit to be examined before the Arbitrators touching the Premiſes aforeſaid, or until the Time for making an Award by ſuch Arbitrators ſhall be expired.

but the Parties may extend the Time limited for making Award.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Parties, who ſhall have ſigned any Submiſſion to Arbitration, ſhall think it expedient, or be minded and deſirous, to extend the Time hereby limited for the making the Award or Umpirage, it ſhall and may be lawful for them to extend the ſame accordingly, by Indorſement on the Back of ſuch Submiſſion, to be ſigned by both of them in the Preſence of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

The Submiſſion to Arbitration and the Award, may be on unſtamped Paper in the Form in the Second Schedule.

XX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the Submiſſion to ſuch Arbitration, and the Award or Umpirage to be made thereon, ſhall and may be drawn up and written at the Foot of ſuch Submiſſion, upon unſtamped Paper, in the reſpective Forms or to the Effect ſet forth in the Second Schedule to this Act; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Each Party to have a Copy of the Submiſſion.

XXI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That there ſhall in all Caſes be written or engroſſed Two Parts of the Submiſſion to Arbitration, One for each of the Parties ſubſcribing the ſame.

If an Arbitration be demanded, and the Submiſſion ſigned and an Arbitrator named by either Party, and the other ſhall refuſe to ſign the Submiſſion and appoint his Arbitrator, he ſhall, on Conviction, forfeit 10*l.* one Moiety to His Majeſty and the other to the Poor of the Pariſh, which may be levied by Diſtreſs, and if not to be had, the Offender may be committed.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in every Caſe of Diſpute or Difference between any ſuch Maſters and Workmen in ſuch Trade or Manufacture as aforeſaid, if an Arbitration ſhall be demanded, and the Submiſſion thereto ſigned, and an Arbitrator therein named by either of the ſaid Parties, and the other or others of them ſhall refuſe or neglect to ſign the ſaid Submiſſion, and appoint his or their Arbitrator within the Time herein-before limited for that Purpoſe, the Party or Parties ſo neglecting or refuſing to ſign the ſaid Submiſſion, or to appoint his or their Arbitrator as aforeſaid, ſhall, each and every of them, if more than One, on Conviction of every ſuch Offence before Two or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall have been committed, forfeit and loſe the Sum of Ten Pounds, One Moiety to His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh wherein ſuch Offence ſhall be committed; and in caſe any ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid purſuant to ſuch Conviction, ſuch Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under their Hands, cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had, ſuch Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under their Hands, commit the Offenders to the Common Gaol or

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ſome Houſe of Correction within his or their Juriſdiction, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months nor leſs than Two Calendar Months; and if either Party ſhall refuſe to do and perform what by any ſuch Award or Umpirage he ſhall be directed to do and perform, and ſhall be thereof convicted before Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices, by Warrant under their Hands, to commit the Offender or Offenders to the common Gaol or Houſe of Correction within his or their Juriſdiction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he ſhall fully perform ſuch Award or Umpirage: Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to make any Perſon guilty of any Offence in not attending at more than One Arbitration at the ſame Time, or more than Two Arbitrations in One Day; and that it ſhall be lawful, in all Caſes, for any Maſter who ſhall not be actually reſident at the Time at any Place where his Trade or Manufacture ſhall be carried on, to authorize any Perſon to act for him, in ſigning Submiſſions to Arbitration, and attending Arbitrators or Juſtices touching the Matter of any Arbitration.

If either Party ſhall not perform what is directed by the Award, he may be committed.

No Perſon guilty in not attending at more than One Arbitration at a Time, or more than Two in One Day.

Non-reſident Maſters may appoint Perſons to act for them.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon convicted of any Offence or Offences puniſhable by this Act, ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by the Judgement of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices before whom he or ſhe ſhall have been convicted, ſuch Perſon ſhall have Liberty to appeal from every ſuch Conviction to the next Court of General Seſſions, or General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace which ſhall be held for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place wherein ſuch Offence was committed; and that the Execution of every Judgement ſo appealed from ſhall be ſuſpended in caſe the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall immediately enter into Recognizance before ſuch Juſtices, (which they are hereby authorized and required to take), himſelf in the Penalty of Ten Pounds, with Two ſufficient Sureties in the Penalty of Five Pounds each, of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, upon Condition to proſecute ſuch Appeal with Effect, and to be forthcoming to abide the Judgement and Determination of the ſaid next General Seſſions, or General Quarter Seſſions, and to pay ſuch Coſts as the ſaid Court ſhall award on ſuch Occaſion; and the Juſtices in the ſaid next Court of General Seſſions, or General Quarter Seſſions, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal, and to award ſuch Coſts as to them ſhall appear juſt and reaſonable to be paid by either Party, which Deciſion ſhall be final; and if, upon hearing the ſaid Appeal, the Judgement of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom the Appellant ſhall have been convicted ſhall be affirmed, ſuch Appellant ſhall forthwith pay the Forfeiture or Penalty (if any) mentioned in ſuch Conviction, and the Coſts awarded to be paid by ſuch Appellant; and in Default of Payment thereof, or in caſe ſuch Conviction ſhall contain a Judgement of Impriſonment, ſuch Appellant ſhall immediately be committed by the ſaid Court to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction, according to ſuch Conviction, and for the Space of Time therein mentioned, without Bail or Mainprize, and alſo until the Payment of ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the ſame Court to be paid by ſuch Appellant.

Appeal may be made to the General Seſſions, or General Quarter Seſſions, whoſe Deciſion ſhall be final.

XXIV. Provided

Act not to repeal recited Act as to any Offence committed, or any Penalty incurred before passing this Act.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed, deemed, or taken to extend, to repeal the said recited Act, as to any Offence committed, or any Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, or any Act, Matter, or Thing done or happened before the passing of this Act; but that the said recited Act shall, as to every such Offence, Penalty, Forfeiture, Act, Matter, and Thing, be and remain in full Force and Effect, notwithstanding any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary; and every such Offence shall and may be prosecuted and punished, and every such Penalty and Forfeiture shall and may be awarded, levied, and recovered, and all Proceedings touching any such Offence, Penalty, Forfeiture, Act, Matter, and Thing, shall and may be had under and by virtue of the said recited Act, to all Intents and Purposes, in such and the same Manner, and with the like Force and Effect after the passing of this Act, as if the said recited Act had remained wholly unrepealed, and in full Force and Effect, and as if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Limitation of Actions.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing by him, her, or them done or executed in pursuance of this Act, or for any Cause, Matter, or Thing herein contained, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Matter or Thing done, and shall be laid in the proper County, and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon Trial a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Prosecution, or Judgement shall be given against him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwise, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have full Costs awarded to him or them against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

General Issue.

FIRST

FIRST SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FORM of CONVICTION and COMMITMENT.

BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before us [*naming the Justices*] Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County [*or*, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] of of having [*stating the Offence*] contrary to the Statute made in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act*, [*Here set forth the Title of the Act*], and we, the said Justices, do hereby order and adjudge the said *A. B.* for the said Offence to be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol for the said County [*or*, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] for the Space of [*or*, to be committed to the House of Correction at within the said County [*or*, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of

Given under our Hands the Day and Year above written.

FORM of CONVICTION in a PECUNIARY PENALTY.

BE it remembered, That on [*pursuing the same Form as far as the Title of this Act*], and we, the said Justices, do hereby adjudge and determine the said *A. B.* for the said Offence to forfeit and lose the Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and do order the same to be forthwith paid by him [*or*, her] into our Hands, for the Use of His Majesty.

Given under [*as before*].

FORM of COMMITMENT of a Perſon ſummoned as a WITNESS.

WHEREAS *C. D.* hath been duly ſummoned to appear and give Evidence before us [*naming the Juſtices who iſſued the Summons*], Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County [*or* Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] of on this Day of at being the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining the Complaint made on the Oath of [*the Informer or Proſecutor*] before us, againſt *A. B.* of having [*ſtating the Offence as laid in the Information*] contrary to the Statute made in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act*, [*here inſert the Title of the Act*]: And whereas the ſaid *C. D.* hath not appeared before us at the Time and Place aforeſaid ſpecified for that Purpoſe, or offered any reaſonable Excuſe for his [*or* her] Default, [*or*, And whereas the ſaid *C. D.* having appeared before us at the Time and Place aforeſaid ſpecified for that Purpoſe, hath not ſubmitted to be examined as a Witneſs, and give his [*or* her] Evidence before us, touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, but hath refuſed ſo to do]: Therefore we the ſaid Juſtices do hereby, in purſuance of the ſaid Statute, commit the ſaid *C. D.* to the [*deſcribing the Priſon*], there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize for his [*or* her] Contempt aforeſaid, until he [*or* ſhe] ſhall ſubmit himſelf [*or* herſelf] to be examined and give his [*or* her] Evidence before us, touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, or ſhall otherwiſe be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law; and you the [Conſtable, *or other Peace Officer or Officers to whom the Warrant is directed*] are hereby authorized and required to take into your Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *C. D.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to convey to the ſaid Priſon, and him [*or* her] there to deliver to the Gaoler or Keeper thereof, who is hereby authorized and required to receive into his Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *C. D.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to detain and keep, purſuant to this Commitment. Given under our Hands this Day of in the Year of our Lord

[This Commitment to be directed to the proper Peace Officer, and the Gaoler or Keeper of the Priſon.]

SECOND

SECOND SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FORM of the OATH to be adminiſtered by the Arbitrators to the Parties and Witneſſes under this Act.

THE Evidence that you ſhall give before us the Arbitrators, appointed by *A. B.* and *C. D.* [*the Parties to the Submiſſion*] to determine the Matters in Difference between them, under and by virtue of an Act, paſſed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*ſtate the Title of the Act*], ſhall be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth:

So help you GOD.

FORM of the SUBMISSION to Arbitration, and of the Award to be made in purſuance of this Act.

I *A. B.* of, *&c.* [*ſet forth the Name, Reſidence, and Deſcription of the Party*] do hereby nominate and appoint *C. D.* of, *&c.* an Arbitrator, under and by virtue of an Act, paſſed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*], to hear and determine the Matters in Difference between me and *E. F.* of, *&c.*

I *E. F.* of, *&c.* do appoint *G. H.* of, *&c.* to be an Arbitrator, under the ſaid Act for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

FORM of the AWARD or UMPIRAGE to be made by the Arbitrators or Umpire, and to be written at the Foot of the Submiſſion.

WE, *I. K.* and *L. M.* of, *&c.* the Arbitrators above named, [*or* I, *N. O. the Juſtice, as the Caſe may be*], do hereby adjudge and determine that, *&c.* [*here ſet forth the Determination to which the Arbitrators or Juſtice, as the Caſe may be, ſhall ſubſcribe their Names.*]

Witneſs,

P. Q.

FORM of CONVICTION in a PECUNIARY PENALTY.

BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of the Reign of and in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before us, [*naming the Juſtices*], Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County [*or*, Riding, City, Liberty, Diviſion, or Place] of for that the ſaid *A. B.* [*ſtate the Offence, as for neglecting to ſign the Submiſſion, or refuſing to ſubmit to the Award within the Time limited, as the Caſe may be*], contrary to the Statute made in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*here*

[*here ſet forth the Title of the Act*], and we the ſaid Juſtices do hereby adjudge and determine the ſaid *A. B.* for the ſaid Offence to forfeit and loſe the Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and do order the ſame to be forthwith paid by him [her, *or* them, *as the Caſe may be*] *C. D.*

FORM of COMMITMENT of a Perſon ſummoned as a Witneſs before the Arbitrators.

WHEREAS Proof on Oath hath been made before us, [*naming the Juſtices ſigning the Commitment*] Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County [*or* Riding, City, Liberty, Diviſion, or Place] of on this Day of That *A. B.* hath been duly ſummoned, and hath neglected to appear and give Evidence before *C. D.* and *E. F.* the Arbitrators appointed by and between *G. H.* and *I. K.* to determine the Matters in Diſpute between them at in the County [*or* Riding, City, Liberty, Diviſion, or Place] of on the Day of under and by virtue of an Act made in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*here ſet forth the Title of the Act*]: And the ſaid *A. B.* being required by us the ſaid Juſtices to give Evidence before the ſaid Arbitrators, and ſtill refuſing ſo to do, therefore we the ſaid Juſtices do hereby, in purſuance of the ſaid Act, commit the ſaid *A. B.* to the [*deſcribing the Priſon or the Houſe of Correction*], there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for his [*or* her] Offence aforeſaid, until he [*or* ſhe] ſhall ſubmit himſelf [*or* herſelf] to be examined, and give his [*or* her] Evidence before the ſaid Arbitrators touching the Matters referred to them as aforeſaid, or ſhall otherwiſe be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law: And you the [*Conſtable, or other Peace Officer or Officers to whom the Warrant is directed*] are hereby authorized and required to take into your Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *A. B.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to convey to the ſaid Priſon [*or* Houſe of Correction] and him [*or* her] there to deliver to the Gaoler [*or* Keeper] thereof, who is hereby authorized and required to receive into his Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *A. B.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to detain and keep purſuant to this Commitment.

Given under our Hands this Day of in the Year of our Lord

This Commitment to be directed to the proper Peace Officer, and the Gaoler [*or* Keeper] of the Priſon [*or* Houſe of Correction.]

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