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An Act to prohibit, until the Expiration of Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, any Perſon or Perſons from ſelling any Bread which ſhall not have been baked a certain Time. [20th *February* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to reduce as much as poſſible at the preſent Moment the Conſumption of Wheat Flour: And whereas it appears that a conſiderable Saving would ariſe, if Bread was prohibited from being ſold until it had been baked a certain Time: 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 it ſhall not be lawful for any Baker or other Perſon or Perſons, reſiding within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the *Royal Exchange*, after the Twenty-ſixth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred, or reſiding in any other Part of *Great Britain*, after the Fourth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred, to ſell, or offer or expoſe to ſale, any Bread, until the ſame ſhall have been baked Twenty-four Hours at the leaſt; and every Baker or other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall act contrary hereto, or offend herein, ſhall for every Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every Loaf of Bread ſo ſold, offered, or expoſed to ſale; which

Perſons reſiding in *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Bills of Mortality, &c. after *Feb.* 26, or reſiding elſewhere, after *March* 4, not to ſell, or expoſe to ſale, any Bread, till 24 Hours after baked, on Penalty of 5*l.* for each Loaf.

Penalty to be recovered before a Juſtice, and divided between the Informer and the Poor of the Pariſh.

Penalty ſhall and may be recovered before any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby empowered to adminiſter), One Moiety whereof ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed; and if the ſaid Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe the ſaid Penalty to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party offending, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels, after deducting the ſaid Penalty, and the Coſts and Charges of taking and making ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale.

No Perſon, where any Aſſize ſhall have been duly put in Execution, to be liable to any Penalty for ſelling Bread under the Weight preſcribed by Law; provided the Deficiency be not more than in the Proportion of Six Ounces in the Peck Loaf.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in every Place or Places where any Aſſize of Bread ſhall have been ordered by the chief Magiſtrates or Juſtices of the Peace of ſuch Place or Places, and ſhall have been duly put in Execution, no Baker, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be ſubject or liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture for ſelling any Bread under the Weights preſcribed by Law: Provided alſo, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to exempt any ſuch Baker or other Perſon or Perſons from any ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture, where the Weight of the Peck Loaf ſhall be deficient more than Six Ounces, and ſo in Proportion for any other Loaf of Bread; any Thing in any former Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act to be paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament.

Continuance of Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in Force until the Expiration of Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

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