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An Act for granting Bounties on the Importation of Wheat, Wheaten Flour, and Rice, until the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred.

[4th *April* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement ſhould be given, for a limited Time, to the Importation into this Kingdom of Wheat and Wheaten Flour, from the Countries in the *Mediterranean* and *America*; and of Wheat from any of the Ports of the *Baltic*, and from any of the Ports of *Germany*, and any Ports North of the *Texel*, and from the Port of *Archangel*; and alſo for the Importation into this Kingdom of *Rice*: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the ſeveral Articles hereinafter mentioned, imported or brought into this Kingdom in *Britiſh* Ships or Veſſels, or in Ships or Veſſels belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, however the ſame may be navigated, there ſhall be paid and allowed the following Bounties; (that is to ſay) If the Average Price of Wheat in all *England*, aſcertained and publiſhed in the *London* Gazette under the Authority of any Act or Acts of Parliament, ſhall be leſs than Ninety Shillings *per* Quarter, a Bounty equal to the Difference of ſuch Average Price and ſuch Rate of Ninety Shillings ſhall be paid on every Quarter of Wheat which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred, from any Port of *Europe* South of *Cape Finiſterre*, or from any Port in the *Mediterranean*, or in *Africa*, or from any of His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*, or the *United States*; and that whenever the Average Price of Wheat, aſcertained and publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Eighty-five Shillings *per* Quarter, there ſhall be given on every Quarter of Wheat which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* from any of the Ports of the *Baltic*, or from any of the Ports of *Germany*, or any Ports North of the *Texel*, before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred, a Bounty equal to the Difference between ſuch Average Price in the *London* Gazette and ſuch Rate of Eighty-five Shillings; and that whenever the Average Price of Wheat, aſcertained and publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Ninety Shillings *per* Quarter, there ſhall be given, on every Quarter of Wheat which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* from the Port of *Archangel* before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred, a Bounty equal to the Difference between ſuch Average Price in the *London* Gazette and ſuch Rate of Ninety Shillings; and that whenever the

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Average Price of Wheat, aſcertained and publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than One hundred Shillings *per* Quarter, a Bounty equal to the Difference between ſuch Average Price and ſuch Rate of One hundred Shillings, ſhall be paid on every Sack of fine Wheaten Flour of the Weight of Two hundred and eighty Pounds Avoirdupois, and ſo in proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity, according to the Weight thereof, which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* before the ſaid Firſt Day of *October* from any of His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*, or from the *United States*; and for every ſuch Sack of fine Wheaten Flour which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* from any other Country than His Majeſty's ſaid Colonies and the ſaid *United States*, there ſhall be paid a Bounty equal to Four-fifths of the Bounty which would have been payable by this Act on a Quarter of Wheat, imported at ſuch Time, from every ſuch Country reſpectively, and ſo in proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity, according to the Weight thereof; and whenever the Current Price of Rice imported into this Kingdom, to be aſcertained by the Prices in the *London* Market, ſhall be leſs than One Pound Fifteen Shillings *per* Hundred Weight, a Bounty equal to the Difference between ſuch Current Price and of One Pound Fifteen Shillings *per* Hundred Weight, on every One hundred Weight of Rice which ſhall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred.

Bounty on Wheat and Flour, to be paid according to the Average Price of Wheat, publiſhed in the Gazette the Second Week after its Importation.

II. And, in order that the Bounty ſhall be governed as near as may be by the Average Price of Wheat at the Time of Importation, be it enacted, That ſuch Bounty ſhall be paid upon ſuch Wheat and Flour reſpectively, according to the Average Price of Wheat in *England* and *Wales*, ſo aſcertained and publiſhed in the *London* Gazette in the Second Week after ſuch Wheat and Flour ſhall have been imported.

Importers of Rice within certain Limits, buying or ſelling any, ſhall return to the Clerk to the Grocers Company, a like Account as is required with reſpect to Sugar, by 32 *Geo.* III, Cap. 43, who ſhall cauſe the Average Price to be publiſhed in the Gazette.

III. And, in order that the Average Prices of Rice in the *London* Market may be aſcertained for the Purpoſes of this Act, be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, every Importer of Rice within the City of *London* or the Bills of Mortality, who ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, by himſelf or ſworn Broker, or any other Agent, buy or ſell any Rice, ſhall return or cauſe to be returned to the Clerk to the Grocers Company, ſuch and the like Account in every Reſpect as is required to be returned with reſpect to Sugar, by an Act paſſed in the Thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Allowance of the Drawback and Payment of the Bounty on the Exportation of Sugar, and for permitting the Importation of Sugar and Coffee into the* Bahama *and* Bermuda *Iſlands in Foreign Ships;* and the Clerk to the Grocers Company ſhall aſcertain the Average Price in the *London* Market, of all the Rice ſo bought and ſold as aforeſaid during the Continuance of this Act, and ſhall cauſe the ſame to be publiſhed in the *London* Gazette in like Manner in every Reſpect as is directed by and according to ſuch and the like Regulations as are contained in the ſaid recited Act; and all the Clauſes, Proviſions, Powers, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things whatſoever in the ſaid recited Act contained, relating to the delivering in ſuch Account as is in the ſaid recited Act mentioned, and to the aſcertaining and publiſhing the Average Prices of Sugar, and all Things relating thereto, ſhall be and are hereby declared to be in full force during the Continuance of this Act, with regard to Rice, in as full and ample a Manner as if the ſame were ſeverally and reſpectively re-enacted and repeated in this Act.

IV. And

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Bounties shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, and shall be paid out of any Monies in their Hands arising by any of the Duties or Revenues under their Management respectively, to the respective Importers or Consignees of such Wheat, Wheaten Flour, and Rice respectively: Provided always, That a due Entry shall be made with the proper Officers of the Customs, at the Port into which such Articles shall be imported: Provided also, that the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs of the Port where such Wheat or Wheaten Flour shall be imported, do receive full and satisfactory Proof, that the said Wheat and Wheaten Flour, for which the Bounty herein allowed is claimed, is wholly and entirely without Mixture of any other Corn or Grain, and that in Default thereof, the said Bounties shall not nor shall any of them be allowed or paid.

Bounties to be under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs.

Entry to be made at the Port of Importation, and Proof given that the Articles are free from Mixture.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That none of the Bounties granted by this Act shall be paid, allowed, or received, unless the several Articles in this Act enumerated and described shall be imported or brought respectively into some one or other of His Majesty's Ports, (that is to say) the Ports of *London*, *Aberystwyth*, *Barnstaple*, *Beaumaris*, *Berwick*, *Biddeford*, *Boston*, *Bridgewater*, *Bridport*, *Bristol*, *Cardiff*, *Cardigan*, *Carlisle*, *Carnarvon*, *Chester*, *Chichester*, *Colchester*, *Cowes*, *Dartmouth*, *Dover*, *Exeter*, *Falmouth*, *Fowey*, *Harwich*, *Hull*, *Ipswich*, *Lancaster*, *Liverpool*, *Lyme*, *Lynn*, *Malden*, *Milford*, *Newcastle*, *Newhaven*, *Penzance*, *Plymouth*, *Poole*, *Portsmouth*, *Preston*, *Rochester*, *Sandwich*, *Scarborough*, *Shoreham*, *Southampton*, *Stockton*, *Sunderland*, *Swansea*, *Wells*, *Weymouth*, *Whitehaven*, *Whitby*, *Wisbeach*, *Yarmouth*; *Aberdeen*, *Ayr*, *Alloa*, *Borrowstoness*, *Campbeltoun*, *Dumfries*, *Dunbar*, *Port Dundas*, *Dundee*, *Grangemouth*, *Glasgow*, including *Port Glasgow*, *Greenock*, including *Kirkcaldy*, *Kirkcudbright*, *Leith*, *Lerwick*, *Montrose*, *Perth*, and *Wigton*.

No Bounties to be allowed unless the Articles are imported at certain Places.

VI. And be it further enacted, That before any of the said Articles, imported or brought into this Kingdom for Bounty under the Regulations of this Act, shall be delivered out of the Charge of the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs of the Port where the same shall be respectively so imported or brought, such Articles respectively shall be carefully and attentively inspected and examined by such Officer or Officers of the Customs as the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* and *Scotland* respectively shall think fit to direct for that Duty, and Two indifferent and disinterested Persons experienced in the Nature of the Article to be so inspected and examined; which Two indifferent and disinterested Persons shall be chosen by the principal Officers of the Customs at such Port, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector for the Time being shall be one; which said Officer or Officers of the Customs so directed by the said Commissioners of the Customs respectively, and the said Two indifferent and disinterested Persons, so chosen as aforesaid to inspect and examine the said Articles respectively, shall, upon having viewed the same, certify and declare upon their corporal Oaths, first administered by the said principal Officers, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector shall be one (who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same) whether the said Articles respectively are or are not merchantable and fit for making Bread; and if the same shall appear by such Certificate to be merchantable and fit for making Bread, the Bounties respectively granted by this Act shall be paid and allowed thereon; but if the same shall appear by such Certificate not to be merchantable or fit for making Bread, no Bounty granted by this Act shall be paid or allowed thereon.

Articles imported, to be inspected by the Officers of the Customs and Two skilful Persons, who are to certify whether they are fit for making Bread.

VII. And