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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXV.

An Act for granting a Bounty on the Importation of Oats, until the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred. [1st *May* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement should be given for a limited Time, to the Importation of Oats into this Kingdom: 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, for Oats 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 Bounty; (that is to say), whenever the Average Price of Oats, ascertained and published in the *London Gazette* under the Authority of any Act or Acts of Parliament, shall be less than Forty Shillings *per* Quarter, there shall be paid and allowed on every Quarter of Oats, (each *Winchester* Bushel whereof shall weigh Thirty-six Pounds Avoirdupois or upwards), a Bounty equal to the Difference between such Average Price and Forty Shillings *per* Quarter, and which shall be imported

A Bounty granted on Oats imported before *Oct.* 1, 1800.

ported or brought into *Great Britain* before the First Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred, from any Port of *Europe*, or any Port in the *Mediterranean*, or in *Africa*, or from any of His Majeſty's Colonies in *America*, or the *United States*.

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

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Bounty 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 Oats: Provided always, That a due Entry ſhall be made with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms, at the Port into which the ſame ſhall be imported: Provided alſo, That the Collector or other proper Officer of the Cuſtoms of the Port where ſuch Oats ſhall be imported, do receive full and ſatisfactory Proof, that the ſaid Oats, for which the Bounty herein allowed is claimed, are wholly and entirely without Mixture of any other Corn or Grain, or of Grain the Growth of any other Country than in reſpect whereof the ſaid Bounty is claimed, and that in Default thereof, the ſaid Bounties ſhall not nor ſhall any of them be allowed or paid.

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

No Bounty to be allowed unleſs the Oats are imported at certain Places.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Bounty granted by this Act ſhall not be paid, allowed, or received, unleſs the Oats 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*, *Campbeltown*, *Dumfries*, *Dunbar*, *Port Dundas*, *Dundee*, *Grangemouth*, *Glaſgow*, including *Port Glaſgow*, *Greenock*, *Kirkcaldy*, *Kirkcudbright*, *Leith*, *Lerwick*, *Montroſe*, *Perth*, and *Wigton*.

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

IV. And be it further enacted, That before any of the ſaid Oats, 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 Oats ſhall be carefully and attentively inſpected or 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 or 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 Oats, ſhall, upon having reviewed the ſame, certify and declare upon their cor-

poral 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 Oats are or are not merchantable and fit for making Meal; and if the ſame ſhall appear by ſuch Certificate merchantable and fit for making Meal, 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 Meal, no Bounty granted by this Act ſhall be paid or allowed thereon.

Recompence to be made the Inſpectors.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons, ſo choſen by the ſaid principal Officers to inſpect and examine the ſaid Oats, ſhall from Time to Time be paid by an Order of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, or any Four or more of them, in *England*, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, or any Three or more of them, out of any Monies in their Hands, ariſing by any of the Duties or Revenues under their Management reſpectively, the following Sums, by way of Recompence or Reward for their Trouble in ſo inſpecting, examining, and certifying, (that is to ſay), the Sum of One Penny *per* Quarter for all Oats inſpected and examined and certified by them as aforeſaid, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity.

Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms may pay Bounty on Oats imported before *Oct.* 15, 1800, on Proof of the Veſſels having ſailed at ſuch Times, that they might in the ordinary Courſe of their Voyage have arrived before *Oct.* 1ſt.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Oats ſhall be ſo imported or brought from any of the Ports or Places herein mentioned into any of the reſpective Ports herein alſo enumerated, ſubſequent to the Time limited by this Act, but before the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, to order the Bounty or Bounties reſpectively to be paid thereon in like Manner as if the ſame had been imported within the Time limited by this Act; provided Proof ſhall be made, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, that the Ships or Veſſels on board of which reſpectively ſuch Oats ſhall be ſo imported or brought, actually and *bona fide* ſet ſail from ſuch reſpective Ports or Places, for *Great Britain*, in ſuch Time as they might in the ordinary Courſe of their Voyage have arrived in *Great Britain* before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred; and Proof ſhall alſo be given, and Entry ſhall be made, and the Oats inſpected and examined and certified in like Manner as is required by this Act, to authorize the Payment of Bounty on the ſaid Oats imported within the Time limited by this Act.

Veſſels arriving at a Port where the Bounty is not allowed, may ſail to one where it is.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Ship or Veſſel has arrived or ſhall arrive at any Port in *Great Britain*, where, according to the Regulation of this Act, the Bounty is not allowed, the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall and may lawfully depart from ſuch Port, without Moleſtation or Hindrance, with the Oats on board, and may carry the ſame to any other Port in *Great Britain* at which the ſame may be entered for the Bounty, and there enter, land, and deliver the ſame, ſubject nevertheleſs to each and every the Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Reſtrictions of this Act.

VIII. And

Continuance of Act;

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred.

which may be altered or repealed this Session.

IX. Provided always, That any Part of this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be made in this present Session of Parliament.

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