

ANNO TRICESIMO NONO & QUADRAGESIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. L.

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act made in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act to amend and make more effectual the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons, and to Houses of Correction.* [20th *June* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS idle and disorderly Persons frequently assemble and associate themselves to support and assist each other in the Destruction of Game in the Night, and are, if interrupted, guilty of great Violence by shooting, maiming, and beating, to the great Terror of His Majesty's Subjects, and to the Encouragement of Idleness and Immorality; and such Practices are found by Experience to lead to the Commission of Crimes and Felonies: For the Suppression thereof, 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 if any Persons to the Number of Two or more shall, after the passing of this Act, enter into or be found in any Forest, Chase, Park, Wood, Plantation, Paddock, Field, Meadow, or other open or inclosed Ground, in the Night, that is to say, between the Hours of Eight of the Clock at Night and Six in the Morning from the First Day of *October* to the First Day of *February*, or between the Hours of Ten at Night and Four in the Morning from the First Day of *February* to the First Day

Persons to the Number of Two or more found in any Forest, &c. at the Times herein specified, having any Gun or Engine with Intent to kill

or take Game, or Perſons aiding them with offenſive Weapons, may be apprehended, and on Conviction before a Juſtice ſhall be deemed Rogues and Vagabonds within the Meaning of 17 *Geo.* II, Cap. 5, &c.

Day of *October* in each and every Year, having any Gun, Net, Engine, or other Inſtrument for the Purpoſe and with the Intent to deſtroy, take, or kill, or ſhall wilfully deſtroy, take, or kill, any Hare, Pheaſant, Partridge, Heath Fowl commonly called *Black Game*, or Grouſe commonly called *Red Game*, or any other Game; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be found with any Gun, Fire Arms, Bludgeon, or with any other offenſive Weapon, protecting, aiding, abetting, or aſſiſting any ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid; it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Ranger and Rangers, and to and for the Owner and Owners, Occupier and Occupiers of any ſuch Foreſt, Chaſe, Park, Wood, Plantation, Paddock, Field, Meadow, or other open or incloſed Ground, and alſo for his, her, or their Keeper and Keepers, Servant and Servants, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons, to ſeize and apprehend, or to aſſiſt in ſeizing and apprehending ſuch Offender or Offenders, by virtue of this Act, and by the Authority of the ſame to convey and deliver ſuch Offender or Offenders into the Cuſtody of a Peace Officer, who is hereby authorized and directed to convey ſuch Offender or Offenders before ſome one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be alledged to have been committed; or in caſe ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not be ſo apprehended, then it ſhall and may be lawful for any ſuch Juſtice, on Information before him on the Oath of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, to iſſue his Warrant for the Apprehenſion of ſuch Offender or Offenders; and if, upon the Apprehenſion of any ſuch Offender or Offenders, it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice, on the Oath of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, that the Perſon or Perſons ſo charged hath or have been guilty of any or either of the ſaid Offences, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Rogue and a Vagabond, within the true Intent and Meaning of an Act, made in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act to amend and make more effectual the Laws relating to Rogues and Vagabonds, and other idle and diſorderly Perſons, and to Houſes of Correction*, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch Pains and Puniſhments as are directed to be inflicted by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect on Rogues and Vagabonds; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons being ſo convicted ſhall again offend againſt any of the Proviſions of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be deemed and taken to be an incorrigible Rogue, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch Pains and Puniſhments as by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect are directed to be inflicted on incorrigible Rogues.

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