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An Act for granting a Bounty on the Importation of Rye, until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred. [20th *June* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement should be given to the Importation of Rye into this Kingdom, for a limited Time: 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 Rye 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 Rye, ascertained and published in the *London Gazette* under the Authority of any Act or Acts of Parliament, shall be less than Sixty-five Shillings *per* Quarter, a Bounty equal to the Difference of such Average Price and such Rate of Sixty-five Shillings shall be paid on every Quarter of Rye which shall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* before the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred.

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

II. And,

Bounty to be paid according to the Average Price of Rye published in the *London Gazette*, &c.

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

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

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

III. 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 Rye: Provided always, That a due Entry shall be made with the proper Officers of the Customs, at the Port into which such Rye shall be imported: Provided also, That the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs of the Port where such Rye shall be imported, do receive full and satisfactory Proof, that the Rye, 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 Bounty shall not be allowed or paid.

No Bounty to be allowed unless the Rye is imported at certain Places.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Bounty granted by this Act shall not be paid, allowed, or received, unless the Rye shall be imported or brought 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*, including *Kirkcaldy*, *Kirkcudbright*, *Leith*, *Lerwick*, *Montrose*, *Perth*, and *Wigton*.

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

V. And be it further enacted, That before any of the Rye, 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 Rye 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 Article,

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 Rye is or is not merchantable and fit for making Meal; and if the ſame ſhall appear by ſuch Certificate to be merchantable and fit for making Meal, the Bounty 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.

VI. 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 Goods, 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, by way of Recompence or Reward for their Trouble in ſo inſpecting, examining, and certifying, the Sum of One Penny *per* Quarter for all Rye 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 Rye 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.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Rye 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 be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, to order the Bounty 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 ſuch Rye 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 ſaid Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred; and Proof ſhall alſo be given, and Entry ſhall be made, and the Rye inſpected and examined and certified in like Manner as is required by this Act, to authorize the Payment of Bounty on the ſaid Article 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.

VIII. 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 Rye on board, and may carry the ſame to any other Port of *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.

IX. And

Continuance of Act;

IX. 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.

X. 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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