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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXVI.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of King *James* the First, as prohibits the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots and Shoes; and for better preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the flaying thereof.

[30th *June* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by Reason of the Skill and Improvement of the Tanners, Curriers, and other Persons concerned in the manufacturing and dressing of Leather, many Hides formerly supposed unfit to be used in the making of Boots and Shoes are now become useful therein; and it is therefore expedient that so much of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers occupying the cutting of Leather*, as prohibits Cordwainers and Shoemakers from putting into any Shoes, Boots, Buskins, Startops, Slippers, or Pantofles, any Leather made of Horse Hide, should be repealed: And whereas it has been found, that the Provisions of the said recited

2 *Jac.* I, Cap. 22, and

recited Act, and also of another Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for laying certain Duties upon Hides and Skins, tanned, tawed, or dressed, and upon Vellum and Parchment, for the Term of Thirty-two Years, for prosecuting the War, and other Her Majesty's most necessary Occasions*, so far as relates to preventing the gashing, cutting, and slawing of Hides and Skins in the slaying thereof, have been ineffectual to enforce the good Purposes thereby intended, in consequence of which great Losses arise to the Dealers in Leather, and a great Increase in the Price thereof to the Publick: And whereas it is become necessary that so much of the said recited Acts as relate to the Prevention of the cutting and gashing of Hides and Skins in the slaying thereof should be repealed, and that other and more effectual Provisions should be made instead thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the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, so much of the said first recited Act as prohibits any Cordwainer or Shoemaker from putting into any Part of any Shoes, Boots, Buskins, Startops, Slippers, or Pantosles, any Part of any Horse Hide, and also so much of the said recited Acts as relates to the preventing the gashing and cutting of Hides and Skins in the slaying thereof, shall be and the same are respectively hereby repealed.

9 *Annæ*, Cap. 11, recited.

So much of First recited Act as prohibits the Use of Horse Hide in Shoes, &c. and so much of the recited Acts as relates to gashing of Hides, repealed.

Mayors, &c. to appoint proper Places and Times for examining Raw Hides, and proper Persons to be Inspectors.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Bailiff, or other Head Officer of every City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, having any such Head Officer, or any Two or more Justices of the Peace, or Magistrates having Jurisdiction to keep the Peace within and acting for any City, Liberty, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, where there shall be no such Head Officer as aforesaid; and in Cities, Liberties, Towns Corporate, Boroughs, and Market Towns, where there are not Two such Magistrates, then any Two or more such Justices of the Peace acting for any Division of any County, Riding, Shire, or Stewartry, within or nearest to which any such City, Borough, or Market Town shall be situate, shall, and he and they is and are hereby respectively empowered and required within Three Months after the passing of this Act, to choose and appoint some proper and convenient Place or Places for the examining and inspecting all the Raw Hides and Skins of all Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Heifers, Steers, or Stirks, Calves, Hogs, or Pigs, Sheep, Lambs, Horses, Mares, or Geldings, killed, slaughtered, or flayed within such City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, or within such Distance thereof as shall be ascertained and fixed by the Person or Persons choosing and appointing such Place or Places, as aforesaid, so as that such Distance shall, in no Case, exceed Three Miles, nor be less than Two Miles from any such City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town; and such Person or Persons as aforesaid shall also appoint proper and convenient Days and Hours for the Inspection of Hides and Skins in such Place or Places so appointed as aforesaid; and shall cause Notice thereof, and of the Distance from such City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town,

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to which the Juriſdiction of the Inſpector or Inſpectors, appointed in purſuance of this Act to examine and mark Raw Hides and Skins in any Place or Places ſo appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall extend, to be put up in legible Characters, and in ſome conſpicuous Part of the Place or Places ſo appointed as aforeſaid; and the Perſon or Perſons appointing ſuch Place or Places as aforeſaid ſhall alſo at the Time of fixing and appointing ſuch Place or Places as aforeſaid, or as ſoon after as the ſame can be done, and annually in each Year, or oftener if neceſſary, appoint ſome Perſon or Perſons of competent Skill to be Inſpector or Inſpectors of Hides and Skins within ſuch City, Liberty, Borough, or Market Town, or the reſpective Diſtricts thereof; and alſo from Time to Time to appoint any other Inſpector or Inſpectors to ſupply any Vacancy that may ariſe by Death, Removal, or otherwiſe, of any ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors.

If Six or more Manufacturers of Leather ſhall recommend to the Perſons authorized to appoint Inſpectors, Two proper Perſons to be appointed where One Inſpector ſhall be neceſſary, or Four where Two ſhall be requiſite, then One or Two of them, as the Caſe may require, ſhall be appointed.

III. Provided always, That if any Six or more, or in caſe of any Difference of Opinion of the Majority of the Tanners, Curriers, or other Perſons manufacturing of Leather, not being Journeymen or Apprentices or Perſons working with or for any Maſter Currier, or Manufacturer of Leather for Hire, and who ſhall be then reſiding and carrying on ſuch Trade or Manufacture within ſuch City, Liberty, Borough, or Market Town, or the Diſtrict thereof reſpectively, and who ſhall have reſpectively delivered in Writing their reſpective Names and Places of Abode, and Occupations in ſuch Manufacture of Leather as aforeſaid, ſhall recommend, in Writing, to the Perſon or Perſons authorized by this Act to appoint Inſpectors of Raw Hides and Skins, Two Perſons proper to be appointed Inſpectors in every Place where One Inſpector ſhall be neceſſary, or Four Perſons proper to be appointed Inſpectors as aforeſaid, where Two Inſpectors ſhall be requiſite, then One or Two of ſuch Perſons ſo recommended, as the Caſe may require, and no other, ſhall be appointed to be ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors as aforeſaid, provided that Two or more Partners in Trade ſhall be conſidered as One Perſon only in the Recommendation of ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors: Provided alſo, That when any Complaint ſhall be made by any Perſon or Perſons intereſted or dealing in any Raw Hides or Skins, in any ſuch Place or Places appointed for the Inſpection thereof as aforeſaid, of any Miſconduct or Neglect of Duty in any ſuch Inſpector as aforeſaid, and due Proof thereof ſhall be made to the Satisfaction of the Perſon or Perſons authorized by this Act to appoint Inſpectors of Raw Hides and Skins for the City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, for which ſuch Inſpector as aforeſaid ſhall act, then and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo authorized as aforeſaid, and he and they is and are hereby reſpectively authorized and required to diſcharge ſuch Inſpector from the Execution of his Office, and to appoint another Inſpector in like Manner as hereinbefore directed to ſupply the Vacancy occaſioned by ſuch Removal as aforeſaid.

On Complaint of Miſconduct or Neglect in any Inſpector he may be diſcharged and another appointed in his Room.

If any Perſon ſhall, after *Auguſt* 1, 1800, wilfully or careleſsly in-

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Butcher or other Perſon, or his or her Servant, ſhall, after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred, wilfully, negligently, or careleſsly cut or flaw or gaſh the Hide or

jure any Hide so as to render it less valuable for making Leather, &c. and shall be convicted thereof, he shall pay certain Penalties.

or Skin of any Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, or Stirk, or of any Horse, Mare, Colt, or Gelding, or of any Calf, Hog, Pig, Sheep, or Lamb, so as to occasion any Injury to the same, or render it less useful and valuable for the Purpose of making Leather, or shall flay any Hide of any Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, Stirk, or Calf below the Knee or Gambrel, and shall thereof be convicted before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County, City, or Town where such Hide or Skin shall be found, upon the Oath of any Inspector or Inspectors of Raw Hides or Skins appointed under this Act, or any other Witness or Witnesses, he or she shall forfeit and pay for every Hide or Skin so cut, flawed, or gashed, and for every Hide of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, Stirk, or Calf so flayed below the Knee or Gambrel as aforesaid, the several and respective Fines and Penalties following; (that is to say), A Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings and not less than One Shilling, for the Raw Hide or Skin of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, or Stirk, so wilfully or negligently cut, gashed, or flawed in the flaying thereof, or that shall be so flayed below the Knee or Gambrel as aforesaid: A Sum not exceeding Five Shillings nor less than Sixpence, for the Hide or Skin of every Calf so negligently or wilfully cut, gashed, or flawed in the flaying thereof, or that shall be so flayed or taken off below the Knee or Gambrel as aforesaid: A Sum not exceeding Five Shillings nor less than One Shilling, for the Hide or Skin of every Horse, Mare, or Gelding; and a Sum not exceeding Sixpence and not less than Three-pence, for the Hide or Skin of every Hog, Pig, Sheep, or Lamb, which shall be so wilfully, or negligently, or carelessly damaged by Cuts, Gashes, or Flaws in the flaying thereof as aforesaid.

Inspectors to take the following Oath.

V. And be it further enacted, That every Person appointed an Inspector of Hides and Skins under this Act shall, before he shall begin to execute his said Office, take an Oath, duly and faithfully to execute the same, which Oath the Person or Persons appointing such Inspector is and are hereby authorized to administer, and which Oath shall be in the Words following; that is to say,

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully and diligently execute the Office of Inspector of Hides and Skins, according to the true Intent and Meaning of an Act, passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*Here set forth the Title of the Act*], without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Person whomsoever.

'So help me GOD.'

Inspectors to examine and mark Raw Hides and to be entitled to certain Fees.

And every such Inspector shall, with all due Care, examine and mark in Manner by this Act directed, all Raw Hides and Skins flayed within the District for which he shall be Inspector as aforesaid; and every such Inspector shall be entitled to demand and take for the examining and marking of the several and respective Sorts of Raw Hides and Skins examined and marked by him in pursuance of this Act, the several and respective Sums following; (that is to say), for the Hide of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, or Stirk, Horse, Mare, or Gelding, the

Sum of One Penny; and for every Calf, Hog, or Pig Skin, the Sum of One Halfpenny; and for every Sheep or Lamb Skin, the Sum of One Farthing; and if any Perſon, to whom any ſuch Raw Hide or Skin ſhall belong as aforeſaid, or any other Perſon for him, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, other than ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors as aforeſaid, or ſome Perſon or Perſons authorized by him or them in that Behalf, ſhall ſtamp or mark any Raw Skin or Hide with any Stamp or Mark uſually the Stamp or Mark of any ſuch Inſpector, he or ſhe ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

If any Perſon other than the Inſpector ſhall mark any Raw Hide he ſhall forfeit 20*l.*

VI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors as aforeſaid, upon the examining and inſpecting of any Raw Hide or Skin that ſhall have been damaged in the flaying thereof, to impoſe ſuch Penalty for the wilful, careleſs, or negligent cutting, gaſhing, or flawing, of ſuch Hide or Skin, or for the flaying of any Hide, contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, not exceeding One Half of the higheſt Amount of any Penalty impoſed by this Act, in reſpect of any ſuch Damage as ſhall in the Opinion of ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors be juſt and reaſonable, according to the State of ſuch Raw Hide or Skin, without having ſuch Penalty adjudged by any Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace in purſuance of the Proviſions of this Act, ſubject nevertheleſs to the Determination of any Arbitrators ſummoned in purſuance of this Act, in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Hide or Skin ſhall belong, or any Perſon or Perſons on his, her, or their Behalf, ſhall diſpute the Payment of ſuch Penalty, and give Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Determination of having ſuch Difference of Opinion or Diſpute determined by ſuch Arbitrators as aforeſaid.

Inſpectors may impoſe Penalties not exceeding Half of the higheſt impoſed by this Act for wilfully or careleſsly cutting of Hides without their being adjudged by a Magiſtrate, ſubject to the Determination of Arbitrators.

VII. Provided always, That in every Caſe where any ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors as aforeſaid ſhall deem any ſuch Perſon or Perſons liable to any higher Amount of Penalty, in reſpect of the Damage done to any ſuch Hide or Skin, than ſuch Half Amount as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe, ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors ſhall proceed for the Recovery thereof by Information before any Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace, in Manner by this Act directed.

If an Inſpector ſhall deem any Perſon liable to more than ſuch Half Amount, he ſhall proceed for Recovery thereof by Information before a Magiſtrate.

VIII. Provided alſo, That the whole Penalty impoſed by any ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors as aforeſaid, in reſpect of any ſuch damaged Hide or Skin, and alſo the whole Penalty that ſhall be adjudged by any Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace, upon the Information of any Inſpector or Inſpectors who ſhall have deemed it neceſſary to inform for the ſame, in Manner herein-before mentioned, ſhall go and be paid to the Inſpector or Inſpectors, who ſhall impoſe or inform for any ſuch Penalties reſpectively as aforeſaid.

Penalty to be paid to the Inſpector who ſhall impoſe or inform for it.

IX. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Inſpector of Raw Hides and Skins appointed under this Act, ſhall provide Two different and diſtinct

Inſpectors to provide Stamps for marking

Hides as herein directed.

tinct Stamps or Marks, the One thereof (that is to say) the Letter S. to denote good and perfect Raw Hides and Skins, and the other thereof, (that is to say) the Letter D. to denote damaged Hides or Skins; with the First of which Stamps or Marks he shall stamp or mark on or near the Tail, every Raw Hide or Skin that is not damaged in the flaying thereof, and with the latter of which Stamps or Marks he shall stamp or mark on One of the Fore Shanks every Raw Hide or Skin that is damaged in the flaying thereof, upon being paid the Penalty by this Act imposed for the wilful, careless, or negligent, cutting, gashing, or slawing of any Hide or Skin in the flaying thereof, or for the flaying of any Hide, contrary to the Provisions of this Act; and if any Person or Persons to whom any such damaged Hide or Skin shall belong, shall refuse to pay the Penalty by this Act imposed for cutting, gashing, or slawing of Raw Hides or Skins in the flaying thereof, or for any Hide not allowed by this Act to be flayed below the Gambrel or Knee, that shall be so flayed as aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to pay the several Sums of Money hereinbefore allowed to be taken for inspecting, examining, and marking, any Raw Hides or Skins, it shall be lawful for the Inspector or Inspectors who shall examine any such Hide or Skin, or for any other Inspector or Inspectors, forthwith to seize any such Raw Hide or Skin as aforesaid, and unless such Penalty shall be paid in less than Forty-eight Hours after such Seizure so made as aforesaid, or unless Notice shall be given by the Person or Persons to whom such Hide or Skin shall belong, or any Person on his, her, or their Behalf, of his, her, or their Intention of having such Hide or Skin produced, and the Dispute thereon decided by Arbitrators, to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for such Inspector or Inspectors to sell or cause to be sold the same, and to retain the Penalty by this Act imposed as aforesaid, and every reasonable Expence incurred therein, and the Overplus (if any such there be) shall be returned to the Person or Persons to whom such Raw Hide or Skin shall have belonged as aforesaid.

If Penalty or Fee for marking Hides be not paid, the Inspector may seize and sell them, unless Notice be given of having the Matter decided by Arbitrators.

From *August* 1, 1800, if any Person within any District where an Inspector has been appointed shall neglect to bring any Raw Hide to the proper Place to be marked, or shall remove therefrom any that shall not have been marked, he shall be liable to Penalty.

X. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred, if any Butcher or other Person residing in any City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, or within the District thereof, for which an Inspector or Inspectors shall have been appointed as aforesaid, shall wilfully neglect or omit to bring any Raw Hide or Skin belonging to him or her of any Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, or Stirk, Horse, Mare, or Gelding, Calf, Hog, Pig, Sheep, or Lamb, by this Act required to be stamped or marked, to some Place appointed in pursuance of this Act, in such City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, for the examining and inspecting Raw Hides and Skins, within the Hours prescribed for that Purpose; or if any Butcher or other Person shall remove or take away from such Place, any such Raw Hide or Skin that shall have been flayed within any City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, or within any District belonging thereto, for the Purposes of this Act, within or for which any such Inspector or Inspectors shall have been appointed under this Act as aforesaid, that shall not have been examined and marked by some Inspector of Raw Hides and Skins appointed under this Act, or by some Person authorized by him, and approved by any Magistrate of the District for which such

Inſpector ſhall be appointed; every ſuch Butcher or other Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, for every ſuch Raw Hide or Skin ſo neglected or omitted to be brought to ſuch Place appointed for the Inſpection thereof as aforeſaid, and within the Hours preſcribed for that Purpoſe, or ſo removed or taken away before ſuch Hide or Skin ſhall have been ſtamped or marked as aforeſaid.

If any Perſon ſhall give Notice to the Inſpector of his Intention to carry his Raw Hides to any other Place for Inſpection for not leſs than a Month, he may do ſo.

XI. Provided always, That if any ſuch Butcher, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſhall give Notice in Writing to the Inſpector or Inſpectors of ſuch City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, of his or her Intention of carrying his or her Raw Hides or Skins to any other Place where any Inſpector or Inſpectors ſhall be appointed under this Act, for any Period not leſs than One Calendar Month, following the Date of ſuch Notice; then, and in ſuch Caſe, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Butcher, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, to carry ſuch Raw Hides or Skins to any ſuch other Place as aforeſaid, during the Period mentioned in ſuch Notice, for the Purpoſe of having the ſame Hides or Skins examined and marked in purſuance of this Act, and from Time to Time to renew ſuch Notice for any further Period, not leſs than One Calendar Month as aforeſaid.

In caſe of Diſpute whether Hides have been injured, the Magiſtrate ſhall ſummon Five Perſons engaged in the working of Leather, Three of whom may determine finally the ſame.

Such Perſons to take an Oath to do equal Juſtice.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Difference of Opinion or Diſpute ſhall ariſe between any Butcher or other Perſon or Perſons, and any Inſpector or Inſpectors, whether any Hide or Skin has been injured in the flaying thereof, or rendered leſs uſeful and valuable for the Purpoſe of Leather, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for any Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace, before whom ſuch Difference or Diſpute ſhall be brought by any ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors, or Butcher or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and required within Forty-eight Hours to ſummon any Five impartial and reſpectable Perſons, who ſhall be engaged or concerned in the working or manufacturing of Leather, to whom, or to any Three or more of ſuch Perſons ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid, ſuch Difference or Diſpute ſhall be referred, and who are hereby authorized and required to hear and finally determine the ſame within the Space of Twenty-four Hours; and before any ſuch Perſon ſo ſummoned ſhall act in hearing or determining any ſuch Diſpute, he ſhall take an Oath before ſuch Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace as aforeſaid, (which Oath the ſaid Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace is hereby empowered to adminiſter), that he will do equal Juſtice between the Parties concerned in ſuch Difference or Diſpute, and ſuch Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace ſhall cauſe the Raw Hide or Skin, or Raw Hides or Skins whereon ſuch Difference or Diſpute ſhall ariſe, to be produced to ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, and ſuch Difference or Diſpute to be heard before them; and the Deciſion of ſuch Perſons, or the major Part of them thereon, ſhall be binding and concluſive on all the Parties intereſted in ſuch Difference or Diſpute, and the Party or Parties againſt whom ſuch Deciſion ſhall be given ſhall be liable to and pay the Coſts of ſummoning, and Attendance of ſuch Perſons before-mentioned, and all incidental Expences incurred thereby, to be ſettled, aſcertained, and allowed by the Magiſtrate

The Party againſt whom the Deciſion ſhall be given to pay all Expences.

Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace who ſhall ſummon ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid.

Perſons ſummoned and not attending to forfeit 40 s.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon who ſhall be duly ſummoned upon any ſuch Difference or Diſpute as aforeſaid, ſhall nevertheleſs refuſe or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in ſuch Summons, unleſs he ſhall give ſuch Reaſon for his Non-attendance as may be deemed ſatisfactory by the Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace ſummoning ſuch Jury, he ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Application of Penalties.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted and impoſed by this Act, and not otherwiſe diſpoſed of, ſhall go and be diſtributed in Manner following; (that is to ſay), One Half of every ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture ſhall go and be paid to the Perſon who ſhall inform againſt, and proſecute to Conviction, every ſuch Offender or Offenders as aforeſaid; and the other Half thereof ſhall go and be applied for the better carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of this Act, either in rewarding, with any Proportion thereof, any Inſpector or Inſpectors of Raw Hides and Skins, acting in the Diſtrict within which any ſuch Penalties ſhall have been incurred, or in the paying any ſuch Charges or Expences as have ariſen in eſtabliſhing any ſuch Place or Places for the Inſpection of Raw Hides and Skins as aforeſaid, or for any Purpoſe relating to the Care, Improvement, or continuing of any ſuch Place or Places, in ſuch Proportion, and in ſuch Ways, and towards ſuch of the ſaid laſt mentioned Purpoſes, as the Perſon or Perſons appointing any ſuch Place or Places, to whom ſuch laſt mentioned Moiety, when recovered, ſhall be paid for the Purpoſes herein mentioned, ſhall, with the Approbation and Conſent of any Six or more, or in caſe of any Difference of Opinion of the Majority of the Perſons dealing in the Manufactory of Leather, (not being Journeymen or Apprentices, or Perſons working with or for any Maſter Currier or Manufacturer of Leather for Hire), who ſhall deliver their Opinions in Writing to ſuch Perſon or Perſons in Manner herein-before directed with reſpect to the Recommendation of any Inſpector or Inſpectors, direct; and if any Perſon or Perſons, to whom any ſuch Moiety of any ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſhall be paid for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall miſapply ſuch Monies, or neglect or refuſe to apply the ſame to the Purpoſes of this Act, in Manner herein-before directed, he ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit double the Sum ſo retained or miſapplied as aforeſaid, to be ſued for, recovered, and applied as any Penalty, by this Act impoſed, may be ſued for, recovered, and applied.

Act not to extend to certain Limits.

XV. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or the Borough of *Southwark*, or any of the Liberties thereof, or to any Place or Places within Fifteen Miles of the *Royal Exchange* of the ſaid City of *London*.

Recovery of Penalties.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That every Penalty and Forfeiture impoſed by this Act ſhall and may be recoverable before any One or more Juſtice

Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Diviſion, or any Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates of any City, Town Corporate, Borough, Liberty, or Juriſdiction or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, upon Conviction or Confeſſion of the Party, or on the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, and ſuch Penalty and Forfeiture ſhall be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and in caſe ſuch Diſtreſs cannot be found, and ſuch Penalty and Forfeiture and the ſaid Coſts and Charges ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to commit ſuch Offender or Offenders to the common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of the County or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, for any Time not exceeding One Month, until the ſaid Penalty and Forfeiture, and Coſts and Charges, ſhall reſpectively be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Perſons aggrieved by any Judgement, where the Penalty exceeds 10 *s.* may appeal to the Quarter Seſſions.

XVII. Provided always, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall find himſelf or themſelves aggrieved by the Judgement of any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, in any Caſe where the Penalty adjudged ſhall exceed the Sum of Ten Shillings, then he or they ſhall or may, upon giving Security to the Amount of the Value of ſuch Penalty and Forfeiture, together with ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded in caſe ſuch Judgement ſhall be affirmed, appeal to the Juſtices at the next General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place as aforeſaid, who are hereby empowered finally to hear and determine the ſame, and in caſe the Judgement of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall be affirmed, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices at their General or Quarter Seſſions as aforeſaid, to award the Perſon or Perſons to pay ſuch Coſts occaſioned by ſuch Appeal as to them ſhall ſeem meet; and no ſuch Judgement or Conviction ſhall be removable by *Certiorari* into any Court whatſoever.

Information for Offences to be laid within Three Days after committed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That any Information for any Offence committed againſt this Act ſhall be laid before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, within Three Days after the ſaid Offence has been committed, and that otherwiſe ſuch Information ſhall be of no Effect.

Convictions may be made in the following Form.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Conviction before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices, may be made in the Form following; to wit,

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of
'in the Year *A. B.* was, upon the Complaint
'of *C. D.*, convicted before of the Juſtices of the Peace for the
'ſaid County of *or*, for the Riding or Diviſion of the ſaid
'County of *or*, for the ſaid City, Liberty, Diſtrict, or
'Town

'Town of (*as the Caſe ſhall happen to be*), in purſuance of 'an Act, paſſed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King 'George the Third, for (*or, as the Caſe may be*). Given under 'Hand and Seal, the Day and Year above written.'

Conviction to be filed.

Which Conviction ſhall be certified to the next General Quarter Seſſions, there to be filed amongſt the Records of the County, Riding, or Diviſion.

Publick Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, and all other Perſons whomſoever, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

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