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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXXVII.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation, and permit the Importation, of Corn, and for allowing the Importation of other Articles of Provision, without Payment of Duty, to continue in Force until Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament. [12th *July* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a Power should be vested in His Majesty to prohibit, with the Advice of His Privy Council, the Exportation of all or any Sort of Corn or Grain from the Ports of this Kingdom, if Circumstances should so require, and to permit the Importation of all or any Sort of Foreign Corn or Grain, if Circumstances should in like Manner so require: 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, and until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and He and they is and are hereby authorized, with the Advice of His or their Privy Council, whatever may be the general average Price of any of the said Sorts of Corn or of Oatmeal in *England* or *Scotland* respectively, from Time to Time, when and as often as the same shall be judged expedient, to prohibit generally, for a limited Time, the Exportation from *England* and *Scotland* respectively, of any *British* or Foreign Wheat, Rye, Barley, Beer,

His Majesty, in Council, may prohibit the Exportation of *British* or Foreign Wheat, *etc.* or permit the Importation of Foreign Corn, *etc.* in *British* Vessels, or in any other Vessels belonging to

Perſons of any Country in Amity with His Majeſty, Duty free; as alſo warehouſed Foreign Corn, *etc.* to be taken out for Home Conſumption.

Beer, or Big, Peaſe, Beans, Oats, or any Meal or Flour, or Bread, Biſcuit, or Malt, made thereof, or any *Indian* Corn, or Maize, or Meal, or Flour, made thereof; and to permit generally the Importation into *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, of any Foreign Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, in any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel, or in any other Ship or Veſſel belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever; and alſo the taking out of Warehouſe, for Home Conſumption, of any ſuch Foreign Corn, or other Articles as aforeſaid, without Payment of any Duty whatſoever, and in like Manner to recall ſuch Prohibition or Permiſſion, either in Part or in the Whole, if Circumſtances ſhall appear ſo to require, any Thing in any Act, or Part of any Act, to the contrary notwithſtanding; and if any Perſon ſhall export, or ſhall load or lay on board any Ship or other Veſſel, with Intent to export, or if any Perſon ſhall import any Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, contrary to ſuch Prohibition or Permiſſion of His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, the Perſon ſo exporting, or loading or laying on board with Intent to export, or the Perſon ſo importing the ſame, ſhall be liable and ſubject to the like Forfeitures and Penalties; and the ſaid Corn or other Articles, and the Ship or Veſſel in which the ſame ſhall be exported or loaded or laid on board, or in which the ſame ſhall be imported, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the like Forfeitures, and in like Manner to be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed, as if the ſaid Corn or other Articles were exported, or loaded or laid on board, or imported, contrary to the Proviſions of Two Acts, the one, paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of the Bounty on* Britiſh *Corn exported*; the other, paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled,* '*An Act for regulating the Importation* ' *and Exportation of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn* ' *imported, and of the Bounty on* Britiſh *Corn exported:*' Provided always, That the Power hereby granted to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, with the Advice of His or their Privy Council, to prohibit the Exportation from this Kingdom of any Sort of Corn, or other Articles as aforeſaid, ſhall not extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, that ſhall have been imported and warehouſed in the Manner and on the Conditions mentioned in the before-mentioned Act of the Thirty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, and ſhall not have been taken out of ſuch Warehouſe for Home Conſumption.

If any Perſon ſhall export or import contrary to ſuch Prohibition or Permiſſion, he ſhall be liable to the Penalties, and the Corn, *etc.* ſubject to the Forfeitures, impoſed by 31 *Geo.* III, Cap. 30; and 33 *Geo.* III, Cap. 65.

But the Power to prohibit the Exportation of Corn, *&c.* ſhall not extend to Foreign Corn, *etc.* warehouſed on the Conditions of 31 *Geo.* III, Cap. 30, and not taken out for Home Conſumption.

II. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, with the Advice of His or their Privy Council, to permit the carrying Coaſtwiſe, or carrying out, or the Exportation of the ſeveral Sorts of Corn, or other Articles as aforeſaid, for all or any of the Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Two Acts, paſſed in the Thirty-firſt and Thirty-third Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or either of them, in like Manner and in the ſame Proportions and Quantities, and from and to the ſame Ports and Places as is allowed by the ſaid Two Acts, or either of them, at ſuch Times as any of the ſeveral Sorts of Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid

His Majeſty, in Council, may permit the carrying Coaſtwiſe or Exportation of the ſeveral Articles aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Two Acts as allowed thereby, when

are prohibited to be exported, subject to the like Securities, Conditions, Regulations, and Restrictions, Forfeitures, and Penalties, as are by the said Two Acts, or by either of them, in any such Case required and imposed. Such Articles are prohibited to be exported.

III. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, and until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and He and they is and are hereby authorized, with the Advice of His or their Privy Council, from Time to Time, when and as often as the same shall be judged expedient, to permit generally, for a limited Time, the Importation into *Great Britain*, from any Port or Place whatever, in any *British* Ship or Vessel, or in any other Ship or Vessel belonging to Persons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, any Beans, called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivances, and all other Sorts of Pulse, and also Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, and Swine, Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, and Lamb, whether salted or otherwise, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheese, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago Powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour Crout, without the Payment of any Duty whatever, at all Times before the said Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament; and in like Manner to recall such Permission, either in Part or in Whole, if Circumstances shall seem so to require; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. His Majesty, in Council, may permit the Importation from any Place in any *British* Vessel, or any Vessel belonging to Persons of any State in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Articles Duty-free.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That a due Entry shall be made of all such Beans called *Kidney* or *French Beans*, Tares, Lentiles, Callivances, and all other Sort of Pulse, and of such Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Calves, Sheep, Lambs, and Swine, Beef and Pork, Veal, Mutton and Lamb, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Butter, Cheese, Potatoes, Rice, Sago, Sago Powder, Tapioca, Vermicelli, Millet Seed, Poultry, Fowls, Eggs, Game, and Sour Crout, that shall be imported by virtue of this Act, or any Order in Council made under the Authority thereof, with the proper Officers of the Customs at the Port into which the same shall be imported; and in Default thereof the same shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs. Such Articles to be entered with the Officer of the Customs at the Port of Importation, on Pain of Forfeiture.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures created and incurred by this Act, (and not herein otherwise specially directed to be prosecuted and recovered), shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and disposed of, in such Manner, and by such Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalties incurred on any Goods, Ships, or Vessels, forfeited for any Offence against the Laws of Customs, may now be legally sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and disposed of; and the Officer or Officers concerned in Seizures or Prosecutions under this Act, shall be entitled to and receive such Share of the Produce arising from the Seizures, as they are now by Law entitled to upon Prosecutions of Seizures for unlawful Importation, and to such Share of the Produce arising from any pecuniary Fine or Penalty, or Composition paid for any Offence Recovery and Application of Penalties.

Offence againſt this Act, as they are now by any Law or Regulation entitled to, upon Proſecutions for pecuniary Penalties.

Copies of Orders in Council to be laid before Parliament.

VI. And be it further enacted, That Copies of ſuch Orders as ſhall be made by His Majeſty in Council, for any of the Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, if made when Parliament is ſitting, ſhall be laid before both Houſes of Parliament, within Three Days after the ſame ſhall have iſſued; and if made when Parliament is not ſitting, then within Fourteen Days after the Meeting of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

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