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An Act to enable *Matthew Boulton*, Engineer, to export the Machinery neceſſary for erecting a Mint in the Dominions of His Imperial Majeſty, the Emperor of all the *Ruſſias*. [12th *July* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS His Imperial Majeſty *Paul* the Firſt, Emperor of all the *Ruſſias*, hath propoſed to erect and eſtabliſh a Mint at *Saint Petersburgh*, or in ſome other Part of His ſaid Majeſty's Dominions; and to employ *Matthew Boulton* of *Soho* in the County of *Stafford*, Engineer, in erecting the ſame, and in making and exporting the Machinery neceſſary for that Purpoſe: And whereas it may be expedient to enable the ſaid *Matthew Boulton* to execute the ſaid Work, it being doubtful whether, conſiſtently with the Law as it now ſtands, he can execute the ſame without being ſubject to certain Penalties and Forfeitures; 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, by Writing or Warrant under his Hand and Seal, under ſuch Reſtrictions and Conditions, and in ſuch Manner as he ſhall think proper, to licenſe and authorize the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, and all and every Perſon and Perſons, whom he ſhall think fit to employ for ſuch Purpoſes, to have in his or their Cuſtody, Power, or Poſſeſſion, with Intent to export, and to collect,

His Majeſty's Secretary of State may authorize Mr. *Boulton* to erect a Mint in *Ruſſia*.

obtain, make, apply for, or cauſe or procure to be made, with Intent to export, and to export and to do, or cauſe to be done, all or any Acts whatſoever, in or for or towards the exporting, or which ſhall be neceſſary to enable him or them to make, obtain, have, or procure for exporting, and to enable him or them to export any Machinery, Tools, Utenſils, Implements, or other Things, of what Nature ſoever, or any Parts thereof, or any Models or Plans, or Parts thereof, for the effectually enabling the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, or ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, to erect and eſtabliſh, or cauſe to be erected and eſtabliſhed, ſuch Mint as aforeſaid; and all Acts, Matters, and Things which ſhall be done in purſuance of and according to ſuch Licence and Authority, ſhall be, and be deemed and taken to be lawful; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Officers of the Cuſtoms may enter the Machinery, &c. which ſhall not be liable to Seizure.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, and they are hereby required to take Entries, and ſign Cocquets, Warrants, and Sufferances, and to do or cauſe to be done all Acts neceſſary for the entering Outwards, ſhipping, or exporting ſuch Machinery, Tools, Utenſils, Implements, Models, Plans, and Things as aforeſaid, or any Parts thereof reſpectively; and that the ſame, or the Packages thereof, or the Goods packed therewith, ſhall not be liable to Seizure by ſuch Officers or others; and alſo that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all Captains and Maſters of Ships, Veſſels, Lighters, or Boats, to take the ſame on board thereof, for the Purpoſe of exporting the ſame, and in their ſaid Ships, Veſſels, Lighters, and Boats to export the ſame, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any other Goods or Merchandize may now by Law be exported.

His Majeſty's Secretary of State may authorize Mr. *Boulton* to contract with Workmen to go out of the Kingdom;

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, by ſuch Writing or Warrant as aforeſaid, to licenſe and authorize the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, or any Perſon or Perſons whom he ſhall name for that Purpoſe, to encourage, perſuade, contract, and agree with ſuch Artificers and Workmen, and others, as he or ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall think it neceſſary to employ for the Purpoſe of erecting and eſtabliſhing ſuch Mint as aforeſaid, or for any Purpoſe relative thereto, to go out of this Kingdom for any ſuch Purpoſe; and all Acts done by the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, and ſuch other Perſon and Perſons, and ſuch Workmen, Artificers, and others, in Conformity to ſuch Licence and Authority, ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be lawful Acts; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

and to do any Thing neceſſary for executing the Work.

IV. And, for the better enabling the ſaid *Matthew Boulton* to undertake and execute ſuch Work as aforeſaid, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any of His Majeſty's ſaid Principal Secretaries of State, by ſuch Writing or Warrant as aforeſaid, to licenſe and authorize the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, or any other Perſon or Perſons, to do, or cauſe to be done, any other Matter, Act, or Thing, not herein ſpecified, which it ſhall appear neceſſary or expedient to ſuch Secretary to licenſe or authorize, for the enabling the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, or the Perſons employed by him to execute ſuch Work as aforeſaid; and all Acts, Matters, and Things, done in Conformity to ſuch Licence and Authority,

thority, ſhall be, and be deemed and taken to be lawful, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding: And in caſe any Queſtion ſhall ariſe whether any Act, Matter, or Thing, done or procured to be done by the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, or any other Perſon relative to ſuch Work as aforeſaid, hath been done or procured to be done in Conformity to any ſuch Licence or Authority as aforeſaid, or according to the Intent and Meaning thereof, it ſhall be lawful for any of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, upon Application made by the ſaid *Matthew Boulton*, or on his Behalf, by Writing under his Hand and Seal, to declare whether the ſame hath been done in Conformity thereto, or according to ſuch Intent and Meaning, and the Declaration of His Majeſty's ſaid Secretary ſo made, that the ſame hath been ſo done, ſhall be final and concluſive Evidence that the ſame hath been ſo done, and ſhall be received in all Caſes as ſuch final and concluſive Evidence.

If any Queſtion ſhall ariſe His Majeſty's Secretary of State ſhall determine it.

V. 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, in all Courts whatſoever.

Publick Act.

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