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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. I.

An Act for continuing and granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary Supplies to defray Your Majesty's publick Expences, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty, the Rates, Duties, and Impositions herein after mentioned; and do most humbly beseech 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 within and throughout that Part of Great Britain called England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Preamble.

Malt Act of 1 *George* III. further continued to 24 *June*, 1765.

upon Tweed, the ſeveral and reſpective Rates, Duties, and Impoſitions, for and upon all Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, which in and by One Act of Parliament paſſed in the Firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for continuing and granting to His Majeſty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty one; were granted or continued to His Majeſty, until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two; and which by One other Act made and paſſed in the Second Year of His Majeſty's Reign, were granted or continued to His Majeſty, until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty three, and which by One other Act made and paſſed in the Third Year of His Majeſty's Reign, were granted or continued to His Majeſty, until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four; ſhall be further continued in like Manner, and ſhall be and are by this Act charged for and upon all Malt which ſhall be made, and all Mum which ſhall be made and imported, and all Cyder and Perry which ſhall be made for Sale, within that Part of Great Britain called England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, from and after the Twenty third Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four, and before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That within and throughout that Part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, there ſhall be raiſed, levied, collected, paid and ſatisfied, unto and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, for and upon all Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, the ſeveral and reſpective Rates, Duties, and Impoſitions herein after mentioned; that is to ſay,

Malt in *Scotland* to pay 3*d. per* Buſhel.

For and upon every Buſhel of Malt, which at any Time or Times, from and after the Twenty third Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four, and before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five, ſhall be made of Barley, or any other Corn or Grain, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever (whether the ſame ſhall be or not be for Sale) the Sum of Three Pence; and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſs Quantity, to be paid by the Maker or Makers thereof reſpectively.

For

For every Barrel of Mum, which at any Time or Times, from and after the said Twenty third Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and before the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, shall be made or imported within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, the Sum of Ten Shillings, over and above all Duties payable for the same. Mum 10 *s. per* Barrel.

For all Cyder and Perry, which at any Time or Times, from and after the said Twenty third Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and before the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, shall be made for Sale within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland (over and above all other Duties payable for Cyder and Perry made and sold by Retail) the Sum of Four Shillings for every Hogshead; and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity, to be paid by the respective first Buyers or Retailers thereof. Cyder and Perry made for Sale, 4 *s. per* Hogshead.

Which said several and respective Duties, by this Act granted and continued respectively, shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto his Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, during the Time and Term aforesaid, by the same Ways, Means, and Methods, and by such Rules and Directions, and with such and the like Allowances and Repayments proportionably, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures, and with such Power of Mitigation, and other Powers, in all Respects, not otherwise directed by this Act, as are prescribed, mentioned, or expressed, in the said former Act, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament thereby referred unto, or any of them, for or concerning the Duties by them, or any of them, granted or continued; and that the same Act formerly made and passed, and the said other Acts hereby referred unto, as for and concerning the said Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, and every Article, Rule, Clause, Matter, and Thing, in them, and every or any of them contained, or thereby referred unto, and now being in Force, and not otherwise altered by this Act, shall be and continue in full Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, for raising, levying, collecting, securing, and accounting for the Rates, Duties, and Impositions, hereby granted and continued respectively, and for levying and recovering the Penalties and Forfeitures, and making any Mitigations and proportional Allowances, and all other Matters and Things during the Continuance of this Act, as fully as if the same were How these Duties are to be raised, &c.

were particularly and at large repeated in the Body of this present Act.

And whereas it is the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, That the full and entire Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, of lawful Money of Great Britain, clear of all Charges and Expences of Management and Collection, shall be raised out of that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, by the said Duties upon Rum, Cyder, and Perry, to be charged there, as aforesaid, and by a Malt Tax to be raised and levied as in England, by a Duty of Three Pence per Bushel on all Malt made and consumed in Scotland; and in case the said Duties upon Rum, Cyder, and Perry, and the said Duty of Three Pence per Bushel upon Malt, to be charged in Scotland, by virtue of this Act, being duly surveyed and collected, shall not be sufficient effectually to raise and answer the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds in nett Money, after all Charges and Deductions whatsoever, that such Deficiency shall be made good by a Surcharge to be made upon all Makers of Malt in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, in Proportion to the Malt they shall respectively make between the Twenty third Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, in case it shall appear to the Commissioners of Excise for the time being, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, that the said Duties upon Rum, Cyder, and Perry, and upon Malt made in Scotland, by this Act granted as aforesaid, shall not be sufficient to answer the clear Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds as aforesaid; then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the said last-mentioned Commissioners of Excise, and the Officers under them, to make a proportional Surcharge upon all and every the Person and Persons who shall have made any Malt in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, within the Year ending the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, or so much Money, by way of additional Duty upon all the Malt made by such Person or Persons respectively, as shall make good such Person or Persons proportional Part of such Deficiency; which said Surcharges shall be paid to the respective Collectors of the said Duties on Malt, by the respective Persons on whom the same shall be

20,000 l. to be raised in Scotland.

be ſo made, within One Month after the ſame ſhall be ſo ſurcharged; or in Default thereof, the reſpective Perſon or Perſons who ſhall neglect or refuſe to make ſuch Payment, ſhall forfeit Treble the Sum upon him, her, or them reſpectively ſurcharged as aforeſaid; to be recovered in ſuch Manner as the Duty of Three Pence per Buſhel may be recovered by virtue of this Act, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament herein before recited or referred unto; which ſaid Surcharge by way of additional Duty, for making good the Deficiency of the ſaid Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds (if any ſuch Deficiency there ſhall be) ſhall be computed and ſettled as followeth; that is to ſay, As the particular Quantity of Malt made by each ſuch Maltſter or Maker of Malt in Scotland within the ſaid Year, ending the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five, ſhall bear Proportion to the whole Quantity of Malt made in Scotland within the ſame Year, ſo the particular Surcharge to be made upon ſuch particular Maltſter or Maker of Malt, for or towards making good the ſaid Deficiency, ſhall bear Proportion to the whole Sum which ſhall be found to be ſo deficient as aforeſaid.

Surplus to be added to the Fiſheries, &c.

Provided nevertheleſs, and be it declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the ſaid Rate of Three Pence per Buſhel ſhall produce a greater Sum than the ſaid Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds, clear of all Charges of Management, the Surpluſage ſo produced over and above the ſaid clear Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds, ſhall be wholly applied towards the encouraging and promoting the Fiſheries, and ſuch other Manufactures and Improvements in Scotland, as may moſt conduce to the general Good of the United Kingdom, and to no other Uſe, Intent, or Purpoſe whatſoever; in ſuch Manner as directed by an Act paſſed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, intituled, An Act for encouraging and promoting Fiſheries, and other Manufactures and Improvements in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*.

This Act to relate to the ſame Day and Time as the Act 1 *Geo.* III. did.

And it is hereby declared and enacted, That in all Caſes where the herein before recited Act of the Firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, did relate to any Day or Time within the Year, which commenced from the Twenty third Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty one, this preſent Act doth and ſhall relate to the like Day and Time within the Year, commenced from the ſaid Twenty third Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four.

And

Malt brought from *Scotland* by Sea, to be entered at the Port of landing:

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Malt made in Scotland, not to be consumed there, which at any Time or Times between the Twenty third Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, shall be brought into England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall, in case the same be brought by Sea, be entered with the Officer for the said Duties of the Port where the same shall be so brought into England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed aforesaid; and the Sum of Six Pence per Bushel for the Duties thereof, shall be paid to such Officer before landing thereof, unless a Certificate from the proper Officer be produced, that it hath paid the said Duty of Three Pence per Bushel in Scotland; and if such Certificate be produced, then there shall be paid no more than Three Pence per Bushel, by virtue of this Act, for such Malt so brought into England; and in case the same shall be brought by Land, such Malt shall pass and be carried by and through the Towns of Berwick or Carlisle, and there entered with the Officer for the said Duties in such of the said Towns, by or through which such Malt shall be so carried; and the like Duty of Six Pence per Bushel for the same shall be paid down in ready Money, unless such Certificate be produced as aforesaid; but upon producing thereof, then there shall be paid no more than Three Pence per Bushel, by virtue of this Act, on Pain of forfeiting all such Malt, or the Value thereof, as shall be landed or put on shore, or brought into England without such Entry or Payment of Duties as aforesaid: And in case any Malt made in Scotland shall, during the said Term, be found coming out of Scotland, or be brought from thence by Land, by or beyond the Towns before-mentioned, without Entry or Payment of the Duties thereof, then all such Malt, or the Value thereof, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any Officer of Excise, for His Majesty's Use; One Moiety of the aforesaid Forfeiture to be and go to the King's Majesty, and the other Moiety thereof to such Person or Persons as shall inform, seize, or sue for the same, or the Value thereof; and to be recovered and levied by such Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalties and Forfeitures are by this or any the former Acts, relating to the Malt Duties, to be recovered and levied; or by Action of Debt, or upon the Case, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege,

Brought by Land, to be entered at *Berwick* or *Carlisle*.

vilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to charge with the said Four Shillings per Hogshead by this Act laid on Cyder and Perry, any Cyder or Perry sold to any Distiller or Maker of Strong Waters, for such Cyder or Perry as shall be used for Distilling only; any thing in this Act, or any former Act, to the contrary notwithstanding. Cyder for distilling not chargeable.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, all and every Distiller or Distillers that shall receive any Quantity of Cyder or Perry into his, her, or their Custody, shall give Notice in Writing to the proper Officer, under whose Survey any such Distiller shall reside, Forty eight Hours before he, she, or they, shall begin to put any Quantity whatsoever of the same into any Still or Stills to be drawn into Low Wines or Spirits; and if any such Distiller or Distillers shall neglect or omit to give such Notice, or if it shall appear that any Quantity whatsoever of such Cyder or Perry hath been disposed of, or made use of, by any such Distiller or Distillers, in any other Way, but in Distillation only, he, she, or they, shall respectively forfeit and lose the Sum of Five Pounds; which said Sum of Five Pounds shall be sued for, levied, recovered, and mitigated, by such Ways and Means, as any Penalty or Fine for any Offence committed by any Person or Persons against any of the Laws of Excise can or may be sued for, levied, recovered, and mitigated, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and that One Moiety thereof shall be to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to such Person or Persons as will prosecute, inform, or sue for the same. Distiller to give Notice to Officer when he distils Cyder.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, there shall be allowed to Malsters and Makers of Malt for Exportation, for every Twenty Quarters of Barley, or other Corn or Grain that shall be entered and made into Malt for Exportation, in Cases where by Law any Bounty is allowed on the Exportation of Malt, an Allowance of Thirty Quarters, after the same shall be dried and made into Malt, and no more, upon the Exportation thereof, though by their steeping, wetting, or Allowances for Exportation of Malt.

watering the same, the said Twenty Quarters shall be run out to any greater Quantity exceeding the said Thirty Quarters, according to an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of Their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, intituled, An Act for encouraging the Exportation of Corn; and in such Cases where, by the aforesaid Act of Parliament, they are intitled to the same; and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity.

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On Certificate of Malt being exported, and Security, Allowance to be paid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, if any Person or Persons who shall export any Malt into Foreign Parts, shall produce a Certificate or Certificates from the Officer or Officers, with whom the Entry of the Corn or Grain intended to have been made into Malt shall have been made, of the particular Sum or Sums of Money that such Person or Persons is or are intitled to receive, according to the aforesaid Allowance of Thirty Quarters of Malt for every Twenty Quarters of Corn or Grain, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity, that shall have been entered to be made into Malt for Exportation (which Certificates the said Officers are hereby upon Demand required to give gratis) and upon such Person or Persons giving sufficient Security before the shipping thereof for Exportation, that the particular Quantity of Malt which shall be intended to be exported as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, shall not be relanded, or brought again into any Part or Parts of Great Britain (which Security the Customer or Collector of the Port where the same is intended to be exported, is hereby directed and authorized to take in His Majesty's Name, and to His Majesty's Use) then the Collector or Chief Officer of the Port where such Malt shall be exported, shall give to the Exporter thereof, a Certificate or Debenture directed to the proper Person or Persons by whom the said Allowance by the aforesaid Act of Parliament, is directed to be paid; which Certificate or Debenture being produced to such Person or Persons, he is hereby required to pay such Allowance to the Persons, or their Agents, so exporting the same.

Penalty on relanding.

Provided always, That if after the shipping of any such Malt to be exported, and the giving such Security as aforesaid, in order to obtain the aforesaid Allowance, the Malt so shipped to be exported, or any Part thereof, shall be relanded in any Part of Great Britain; that then,

and

and in every such Case, over and above the Penalty of the Bond, which shall be levied and recovered to His Majesty's Use, all the Malt which shall be relanded, and Treble the Value thereof, shall be forfeited; that is to say, One Moiety thereof to the King, and the other Moiety thereof to the Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same.

And whereas Malsters, and Makers of Malt for Exportation, do frequently mix the Produce of Two or more Steepings of Corn or Grain, that have been entered to be made into Malt for Exportation, on or as soon as it comes off from the Kiln, by reason whereof the Officers for the Duties on Malt cannot ascertain the real Produce thereof; by which Means great Quantities of each Steeping of such Malt are or may be privately conveyed away, and made use of for Home Consumption, though the same has not been charged with the Duty, as all Malt made for Home Consumption ought to be; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, all and every Malster or Malsters, Maker or Makers of Malt for Exportation, shall keep the whole and entire Quantity of his, her, or their Corn or Grain making into Malt for Exportation, of One Steeping or Wetting, when the same shall be on the Kiln, or after the same shall be taken off the Kiln, separate and apart from all and every Part of any other former Steeping or Wetting of Corn or Grain, until the same shall have been measured by such Malsters or Makers of Malt, in the Presence of some Officer or Officers for the Duty upon Malt, on Pain of forfeiting and losing the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Malt steeping for Exportation to be kept separate till measured.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, all such Malsters, or Makers of Malt for Exportation, shall give Notice in Writing to some Officer or Officers of the Duties upon Malt, or shall leave Notice in Writing at the next Office of Excise where the Journal is kept, of the Hour when he, she, or they shall intend to take any Malt off the Kiln or Kilns, that such Officer or Officers may attend the measuring of such Malt; and after such Malt has been measured, the same shall be immediately carried on Shipboard, if intended to be then exported; or else shall be immediately locked up and secured in some Storehouse or other Place, belonging to such Malsters or Makers of Malt, in the Presence of the

Malsters to give Notice to Officers, &c.

said Officer or Officers, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Penalty on opening the Locks, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, if any such Maltster or Maltsters, or Maker or Makers of Malt, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, by his Order, Privity, or Directions, after any Steeping or Making of Malt shall have been locked up and secured in any Storehouse, or other Place or Places, in Manner as aforesaid, shall open any of the Locks or Doors, or shall make any Way or Kind of Entrance into such Storehouse, or other Place or Places, or shall remove any Part whatsoever of the Partition between any such Storehouse or Place, or any other Place or Places whatsoever, next thereunto adjoining, or shall remove out of the said Storehouse, or other Place, any Quantity whatsoever of the Malt that has been so locked up and secured, without the Knowledge and Consent of, or without first having given Notice to, some Officer or Officers for the said Duties, he, she, or they, shall respectively forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Maltsters, on 24 *June*, 1764, to clear out of their Warehouses all Malt within Fifteen Months.

And, the better to enable the Officers for the Duties upon Malt, to discover whether all such Malt made for Exportation, and that has been locked up and secured in any Storehouse, or other Place or Places, to be exported, has been really exported; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every such Maltster or Maltsters, Maker or Makers of Malt, that on the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, shall have any Quantity of Malt locked up and secured in any Storehouse, or any other Place or Places, as is before directed, to be exported, shall, within Fifteen Months next after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, remove and clear out of his Storehouse, or other Place or Places, all and every Part and Parcel thereof, that at any Time after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, shall be locked up and secured in such Storehouse, or other Place, in order to be exported; and shall always, from time to time, in every Fifteen Months, remove and clear out of such Storehouse, or other Place or Places, in order to be exported, all and every Part and Parcel of Malt, that at any Time within every Fifteen Months after the last Clearing, shall be locked up and secured in

any Storehouse, or in any other Place or Places that shall be made use of by him, her, or them, for the keeping of Malt for Exportation, on Pain of forfeiting and losing the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, all and every Person or Persons whatsoever, that shall become Malsters, or Makers of Malt for Exportation, and shall make use of any Storehouse or Storehouses, Place or Places, for the keeping of Malt for Exportation, shall, within Fifteen Months after the Beginning to make use of any such Storehouse or Storehouses, or such other Place or Places, remove and clear out of such Places, to be exported, all and every Part and Parcel of such Malt, that at any Time or Times shall have been put into such Place or Places, within Fifteen Months after he, she, or they shall have begun to make use of such Place or Places; and shall always, from time to time, remove and clear out of such Storehouse, or other Place, to be exported, all and every Quantity of Malt whatsoever, that within every Fifteen Months after the last Clearing shall at any Time be locked up and secured in such Storehouse or Storehouses, or in any other Place or Places that shall be made use of by him, her, or them, for the keeping of Malt made for Exportation, on Pain of forfeiting and losing the Sum of Fifty Pounds. And so all future Malsters.

And whereas by a Clause in an Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for granting to Her Majesty Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and thirteen; and for making forth Duplicates of Lottery Tickets lost, burnt, or destroyed; and for enlarging the Time for adjusting Claims in several Lottery Acts, and to punish the counterfeiting or forging of Lottery Orders; and for explaining a late Act in relation to Stamp Duties on Customary Estates which pass by Deed and Copy; it was enacted, That if any Malster, or Maker of Malt for Sale, during the Continuance of the Duties on Malt by the said Act granted, should tread, ram, or otherwise force together in the Cistern, Uting-fat, or Couch, any Corn steeping or steeped in order to the making into Malt, every such Malster or Maker of Malt for Sale should, for every such Offence, forfeit and lose the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence for every Clauses in Act 12 *Annæ*,

Bushel of Corn steeping or steeped that should be so pressed,
& 6 Geo. I. trodden, rammed, or forced: And whereas by One other Clause in an Act of Parliament passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in the publick Revenues of Excise, Customs, Stamp Duties, Post Office, and House Money; it was enacted and declared, That if, from and after the Four and twentieth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty, any Corn in any Cistern or Uting-fat steeping or steeped in order to the making thereof into Malt by any Maltster or Maker of Malt (other than Compounders for the Duty on Malt) was or should be found so hard, close, and compact, as it could not be, unless the same had by some Means or other been forced together to prevent the Rising and Swelling thereof, every Maltster and Maker of Malt (other than Compounders for the Duty on Malt) where the same should be so found, should, in every such Case, forfeit and lose the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence per Bushel for every Bushel of such Corn steeping or steeped which should be found so hard, close, and compact, as aforesaid; which said recited Clauses have been duly continued, and are still in Force: And whereas by the last-recited Clause no Penalty is provided where Corn steeped, in order to the making thereof into Malt, shall be found in the Couch so hard, close, and compact, as it could not be, unless the same had by some Means or other been forced together to prevent the Rising and Swelling thereof; and the Penalties provided by the forementioned Clauses have, by Experience, been found ineffectual to prevent the fraudulent Practice of pressing, treading, ramming, or otherwise forcing together in the Cistern, Uting-fat, or Couch, the Corn or Grain steeping or steeped in order to the making thereof into Malt, to the Prejudice of His Majesty's Revenue, and Discouragement of the fair Traders; be it therefore enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, if any Corn or Grain in any Cistern, Uting-fat, or Couch, steeping or steeped, in order to the making thereof into Malt by any Maltster or Maker of Malt (other than Compounders for the Duty on Malt) is or shall be found so hard, close, and compact, as it could not be, unless the same had by some Means or other been forced together to prevent the Rising and Swelling thereof, every Maltster and Maker of Malt (other than Compounders for

5 s. *per* Bushel Penalty on all Corn steeping, or steeped for Malt, which shall be found in the Cistern or Couch, so hard and compact as it could not be, unless the same had been forced together to prevent the Rising.

for the Duty on Malt) where the same shall be so found, shall, in every such Case, forfeit and lose the Sum of Five Shillings for every Bushel of such Corn or Grain steeping or steeped, which shall be found so hard, close, and compact, as aforesaid; and Proof being made thereof, the same shall be deemed conclusive Evidence of the Fact, and shall subject the Maltster or Maker of Malt to the aforesaid Penalty of Five Shillings per Bushel.

And whereas many Maltsters or Makers of Malt, do fraudulently convey away from the Cistern, Uting-fat, or other Wetting Place or Utensils, Steepings, or Part of Steepings of Corn or Grain, making into Malt, and mix such Corn or Grain, so conveyed away, with and amongst Couches or Floors of other Corn or Grain making into Malt, which are then depending and in Operation, that have been gauged or charged with the Duty in the Couch; and in case the Officer has taken his Gauge of the Corn or Grain, steeping in the Cistern, Uting-fat, or other Wetting Place or Utensil, such Maltsters or Makers of Malt, supply the Deficiency with fresh Barley or other Corn or Grain, in the Absence and without the Privity of the Officer, in order to prevent a Discovery of such Corn or Grain having been conveyed away; and such Corn or Grain so conveyed away and mixt, by an artful and fraudulent Manner of working, seldom is charged with any Duty in the Floor; which Practice is greatly detrimental to the Revenue and fair Traders: For Remedy thereof, it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall fraudulently convey away, or cause or procure, or permit or suffer to be conveyed away from the Cistern, Uting-fat, or other Wetting Place or Utensil, any Steeping, or Part of any Steeping of Corn or Grain making into Malt, and shall mix such Corn or Grain so conveyed away with and amongst any such Couch or Couches, Floor or Floors, of other Corn or Grain making into Malt, which are then depending and in Operation, and which have been gauged or charged with the Duty in the Couch; or if any Maltster or Maker of Malt, shall fraudulently convey away, or cause or procure, or permit or suffer to be conveyed away, from the Cistern, Uting-fat, or other Wetting Place or Utensil, any Steeping or Part of any Steeping of Corn or Grain making into Malt, so that no Gauge of such Corn or Grain so conveyed away can be taken in the Couch by the Officer; then, and in each of the

100 *l.* Penalty on fraudulently conveying from the Cistern, any Steeping of Corn, and mixing the same with other Corn charged with the Duty in the Couch;

or fraudulently conveying the same away, so that no Gauge of such Corn can be taken in the Couch.

the said Cases, every such Maltster and Maker of Malt so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Penalties how to be recovered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, for any Offences against this Act, shall be sued for, levied, and recovered, or mitigated, by the same Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Penalty or Forfeiture given by any of the Laws of Excise upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, can or may be sued for, levied, recovered, or mitigated, or by any Law or Laws of Excise, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and that One Moiety of such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them that shall discover, inform, or sue for the same.

Buyers of Cyder or Perry for their private Use, not to be charged.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to charge any Person or Persons with the Duty upon Cyder or Perry, such Person or Persons buying the same for his or their private Use only, and not being a Dealer or Dealers in Cyder or Perry, or a Retailer or Retailers thereof.

Persons selling less than 20 Gallons to be deemed Retailers.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person or Persons whatsoever, who shall, after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, sell any Quantity of Cyder or Perry, or either of them, in less Quantity than Twenty Gallons at a Time, whether the same be made from Fruit of his, her, or their own Growth, or from bought Fruit, shall be deemed and taken to be a Dealer in Cyder and Perry, and a Retailer thereof, and shall be subject and liable to the Duty of Four Shillings per Hogshead for such Quantity of Cyder and Perry so sold, over and above all other Duties payable for Cyder and Perry sold by Retail; and that every Dealer in, and Retailer of, Cyder and Perry, and other Person and Persons receiving into his, her, or their Custody or Custodies, any Quantity of Cyder and Perry, or either of them, for Sale, and every Person and Persons who shall buy any Fruit to make into Cyder or Perry, or either of them, for Sale, shall make a true and particular Entry in Writing of the several and respective Storehouses, Rooms, Cellars, Vaults, and other Place and Places by him, her, or them, respectively made use of

for the making and keeping of Cyder and Perry, or either of them, at the Office of Excise, within the Compass or Limits whereof such respective Storehouses, Rooms, Cellars, Vaults, and other Place or Places shall be situated, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Storehouse, Room, Cellar, Vault, or other Place, which from and after the said Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, shall be made use of by any such Dealer or Retailer, Receiver or Maker respectively, without making such Entry thereof as aforesaid; and that all Duties, Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, by this Act imposed, shall be sued for, levied, recovered, or mitigated, by such Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Duty, Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, is or may be recovered or mitigated by any Law or Laws of Excise, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and that One Moiety of every such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, shall be to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to him, her, or them, that shall discover, inform, or sue for the same; and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time be sued for any Thing done by him, her, or them, in pursuance of this Act, he and they shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act for his or their Defence; and if upon the Trial a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuited, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs to him, her, or them awarded, against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

And it is hereby also enacted, That there shall be provided and kept in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer One Book or Register, in which all the Orders for Money payable by this Act shall be entered and registered; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, to advance or lend to His Majesty at the said Receipt, upon Credit of the said Duties upon Malt, Rum, Cyder, and Perry, by this Act granted, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds; which Lenders shall have Interest for their Forbearance of their respective Loans, not exceeding the Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, so as such Loans be allowed to be made by the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or by the High Treasurer, or any Three

Clause of Loan at 4 *l. per Cent.*

or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, who are hereby authorized to issue their Warrants for that Purpose, as fast as such Loans shall be wanted for the Publick Service; the said Interest to be paid every Three Months from the making of such Loans, until Satisfaction of the Principal Sums respectively; and that no Money so to be lent, shall be rated or assessed to any Tax or Assessment whatsoever; and that every such Lender shall immediately have a Tally of Loan struck for the Money by him, her, or them lent, and an Order of the same Date for Repayment thereof, with such Interest as aforesaid; and that all such Orders shall be registered in Course according to their Dates; and all Persons thereupon shall be paid in Course as their Orders shall stand registered, so as the Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, whose Orders shall be first registered, shall be accounted the Person or Persons to be first paid, and so successively in Course; and that the Monies to come in by this Act, of the said Duties, shall be in the same Order liable to the Satisfaction of the said respective Persons, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns successively, without undue Preference of one before another, and not otherwise; and shall not be diverted or divertible to any other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; and that no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, directly or indirectly, be demanded or taken for providing or making any such Books or Registers, or any Entries, Views, or Searches, in or for Payment of Money lent, or the Interest thereof, as aforesaid, by any of His Majesty's Officer or Officers, their Clerks or Deputies, on Pain of Payment of Treble Damages to the Party grieved, by the Party offending, with Full Costs of Suit; or if the Officer himself take or demand any such Fee or Reward, then to forfeit his Place also; and if any undue Preference of one before another shall be made in Point of Registry or Payment, contrary to the true Meaning of this Act, by any such Officer or Officers, then the Party offending shall be liable by Action of Debt, or on the Case, to pay the Value of the Debt, with Full Costs of Suit, to the Party aggrieved, and be forejudged of his Place or Office; and if such Preference be unduly made by any his Deputy or Clerk, without Direction or Privity of his Master, then such Deputy or Clerk only shall be liable to such Action, Debt, Damages, and Costs, and shall be for ever incapable of his Place or Office; and in case the Auditor of the Receipt shall not direct,

Tallies of Loan to be struck, &c.

Orders registered and paid in Course.

No Fee for registering, &c.

direct, or the Clerk of the Pells record, or the Tellers make Payment, according to each Person's due Place and Order, as before directed; then he or they shall be adjudged to forfeit, and the respective Deputies or Clerks, therein offending, to be liable to such Action, Debt, Damages, and Costs, in such Manner as aforesaid: All which said Penalties, Forfeitures, Damages, and Costs, to be incurred by any the Officers of the Exchequer, or any their Deputies or Clerks, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint, shall be in any wise granted or allowed. Penalty for undue Preference.

Provided always, That if it shall happen that several Tallies of Loan, or Orders for Payment, as aforesaid, bear Date, or be brought the same Day to the Auditor of the Receipt to be registered, then it shall be interpreted no undue Preference, which of those be entered first, so as he enters them all the same Day. No undue Preference, where Tallies are dated or brought the same Day:

Provided also, That it shall not be interpreted any undue Preference, to incur any Penalty in point of Payment, if the Auditor direct, and the Clerk of the Pells record, and the Tellers do pay subsequent Orders to Persons that come and demand their Monies, and bring their Orders, before other Persons who did not come to take their Monies, and bring their Orders in Course; so as there be so much Money reserved as will satisfy precedent Orders; which shall not be otherwise disposed of, but kept for them; Interest upon Loan being to cease from the Time the Money is so reserved and kept in Bank for them. Nor if subsequent Orders be paid before such as were not demanded in Course.

And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons to whom any Money shall be due for Loans to be registered by virtue of this Act, after Order entered in the Book of Register aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, by proper Words of Assignment to be indorsed on his, her, or their Order, may assign and transfer his, her, or their Right, Title, Interest, and Benefit of such Order, or any Part thereof, to any other; which being notified in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt aforesaid, and an Entry or Memorial thereof also made in the Book of Registry as aforesaid, for Orders (which the Officers shall upon Request, without Fee or Charge, accordingly make) shall intitle such Assignee, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, to the Benefit thereof, and Payment thereon; Orders assignable.

thereon; and such Assignee may, in like Manner, assign again, and so toties quoties; and afterwards it shall not be in the Power of such Person or Persons who have or hath made such Assignment, to make void, release, or discharge the same, or any the Monies thereby due, or any Part thereof.

And, to the end there may be no Want or Failure of a certain Sum, not to exceed in the whole Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, to be raised, either by such Loans as aforesaid, or by issuing Exchequer Bills, as is herein after mentioned, or by both or either of those Ways or Means, for the Publick Service; be it further provided and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall judge it more advisable to raise the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, by Exchequer Bills, instead of such Loans as aforesaid, that then they respectively are hereby authorized and impowered at any Time or Times, at once, or by such Proportions at a Time as they respectively shall find to be most for the Advantage of the Publick, to prepare and make, or cause to be prepared and made, at the Exchequer, in such Method and Form as they or he shall think most safe and convenient, any Number of new Exchequer Bills, containing One common Sum, or different Sums, in the Principal Monies, so that in case there shall be no Loans made, then all the Principal Sums to be contained in the said Bills to be made forth by this Act, shall not exceed Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds; and in case any such Loans shall be made as aforesaid, then all the Principal Sums to be contained in the said Bills to be made forth by this Act, together with such Loans so made, shall not exceed the said Sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds.

Commissioners of the Treasury impowered to prepare any Number of One common Sum, or different Sums, in the Principal Monies.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Bills to be prepared and made in pursuance of this Act, shall and may bear an Interest not exceeding the Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, and proportionably for any greater or less Sum to be contained therein, and to be payable to the Bearers thereof respectively; nevertheless the said Interest shall be abated and saved upon such of the said Bills to be made forth by this Act, as shall at any Time or Times be in the Receipt of the Exchequer, or in the Hands

Bills to bear Interest at 4 *l. per Cent. per Ann.*

or

or Power of any Receivers or Collectors of any Taxes, Aids, or Revenues whatsoever, payable to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, during such Time and Times respectively, as such Bills shall be or remain in the said Receipt, or in such Hands or Power as aforesaid.

And it is hereby enacted, That all the said Bills, so to be prepared and made, shall be numbered arithmetically, beginning with N° I. and so proceeding in an arithmetical Progression ascending, wherein the common Excess or Difference shall always be One, and shall be registered accordingly, so that the Principal Sum to be contained in every such Bill (after Repayment of the Loans which shall have been made as aforesaid, if any such be, with the Interest thereof, or reserving Money sufficient for that Purpose) may regularly be paid off, and discharged in Course, according to the Number of every such Bill, as it shall stand in the said Register; and that the Interest upon all and every the said Bills shall be payable every Three Months, according to the Purport and true Meaning of this Act; and that upon every such Bill there shall be indorsed, printed, or written, in Words at Length, or in Figures, the Sum after which the Principal to be contained therein shall be payable in such Course, as aforesaid, according to the Purport and true Meaning of this Act.

These Bills to be numbered arithmetically.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, shall be raised partly by Loans, and partly by Exchequer Bills, according to the Powers before given by this Act; that then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, when and as often as they shall, by virtue of the said Powers, direct any such Loans to be taken, or any such Exchequer Bills to be made out, at the same Time also to direct and appoint the Course and Order in which such Loans and Exchequer Bills shall stand upon the said Register, and after what Sum they shall respectively begin to be payable in Course, out of the Monies arising by this Act, so as no subsequent Loans or Exchequer Bills be made to alter the Course at first appointed for prior Loans or Exchequer Bills, at the Time of taking in, or making

Treasury to direct the Course of Payment for Loans or Exchequer Bills,

out, such prior Loans or Exchequer Bills; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

and to appoint Cheques, &c.

And it is hereby further enacted, That all the said Bills shall be prepared and made with such Cheques, Indents, or Counterfoils, as shall be directed by the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or by the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being; and that the Person or Persons, appointed, or who shall be appointed to pay off the said Bills in Course, shall, from time to time, have the Use and Custody of One Part of all the Cheques, Indents, or Counterfoils of the said Exchequer Bills, to be prepared and made by virtue of this Act, from which the said Bills shall have been cut, to prevent his or their being imposed upon by counterfeit or forged Bills; and that the Undertakers or Contractors for exchanging or circulating the said Bills, or such of them as shall be current, shall, from time to time, have the Use and Custody of One other Part of all the said Cheques, Indents, or Counterfoils of the said Exchequer Bills, from which the same shall have been cut off, as aforesaid, in order to prevent their being imposed upon by any counterfeit or forged Bills; and that all the said Parts of the said Cheques, Indents, or Counterfoils, shall be delivered back into the Exchequer when the said Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act shall be paid off, cancelled, and discharged.

The Bills to be placed as Cash in the Exchequer,

And it is hereby enacted, That the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall, and they are hereby respectively authorized and impowered to cause such Bills as shall be prepared by virtue of this Act, to be placed as so much Cash in the respective Offices of the Tellers of the said Receipt of Exchequer, each and every of which Tellers shall be severally charged with a Proportion of the said Bills, which shall be so placed in his Office respectively.

and to be issuable thereout in common with other Monies,

And it is hereby also enacted and declared, That the said Bills in the Hands of the said Tellers shall be locked up and secured as Cash, according to the Course of the Exchequer; and shall be taken and esteemed as so much in Part of the Remains in Real Money wherewith each of the said Tellers shall, from time to time, stand charged, and shall, in common with other the Monies in the said Exchequer, be issuable and re-issuable thereout,

thereout, to any Perſon or Perſons deſiring to receive the ſame, for and in lieu of ſo much Money as the Principal Sums contained in the ſaid Bills, with the Intereſt due thereon at the Time of ſuch iſſuing or re-iſſuing thereof, ſhall amount unto; any Law or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

and to be current in the Revenue.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the ſaid Exchequer Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, or ſo many of them as ſhall, from time to time, remain undiſcharged and uncancelled, ſhall and may be received and taken, and ſhall paſs and be current to all and every the Receivers and Collectors in Great Britain of the Cuſtoms, Exciſe, or any Revenue, Supply, Aid, or Tax whatſoever, already granted, due or payable, or which ſhall or may hereafter be granted, due, or payable, to His Majeſty, his Heirs, and Succeſſors, and alſo at the Receipt of the Exchequer, from the ſaid Receivers or Collectors, or from any other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate whatſoever, making any Payments or Loans there to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, for or upon any Account, Cauſe, or Occaſion whatſoever, according to the Purport and true Meaning of this Act; and that ſuch of the ſame Bills as ſhall be received at the Exchequer, ſhall and may be locked up and ſecured as Caſh, according to the Courſe of the Exchequer, ſettled and eſtabliſhed by Law, for locking up and ſecuring Monies received in Specie there; and that all and every the Receivers and Collectors in Great Britain of the Cuſtoms, Exciſe, or any Revenue, Aid, Tax, or Supply whatſoever, already granted, due, or payable, or which ſhall or may hereafter be granted, due or payable, to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, ſhall, and they are hereby directed and required, out of any current coined Money, as ſhall then be in his or their Hands, of ſuch Revenue, Aid, Tax, or Supply, to pay ſuch of the ſame Bills as ſhall be brought to them reſpectively, by any Perſon or Perſons deſiring to have Money for the ſame: And in caſe any ſuch Receiver or Collector ſhall refuſe or neglect to exchange ſuch Bill or Bills for ready Money, for the Space of Twenty four Hours, then the Perſon or Perſons demanding the ſame, ſhall and may bring an Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, for the Principal and Intereſt Monies due upon ſuch Bill or Bills, againſt ſuch Receiver or Collector, having Money in his Hands, as aforeſaid; in which Action the Plaintiff ſhall or may declare, that ſuch Receiver or Collector is indebted to the Plaintiff in the

Receivers to exchange Bills for ready Money.

Money

Money demanded upon every such Bill, according to the Form of the Statute, and hath not paid the same, which shall be sufficient; and the Plaintiff in every such Action shall recover against the Receiver or Collector not only the Monies so neglected or refused to be paid, but also his Full Costs of Suit; and such Receiver and Collector shall be subject or liable thereunto; and in such Action no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, or more than One Imparlance; and upon Payment of the Monies so to be recovered, the Plaintiff, his Executors, or Assigns, shall deliver up such Bills to the Defendant, his Executors, or Assigns.

Tallies to be levied for Bills lent into the Exchequer.

And be it further enacted, That if any of the said Bills shall at any Time or Times hereafter within the respective Times, during which they shall be current pursuant to this Act, be paid or lent into the Exchequer, by any of His Majesty's Receivers, or other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, making any Payments or Loans at that Receipt, the Officers there shall cause Tallies to be levied, and delivered to the Payers or Lenders, as amply and effectually, to all Intents or Purposes, as if they had made such Payments or Loans in Specie.

Interest to continue till Payment.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Interest which shall, from time to time, be due upon any of the Bills to be current as aforesaid, shall be allowed to all Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, paying the same to any Receiver or Collector, Receivers or Collectors, of any of His Majesty's Revenues, Aids, Taxes, or Supplies, or by way of Exchange, as aforesaid, to the respective Days whereupon such Bill or Bills shall be so paid, exchanged, or lent.

Interest to cease whilst the Bills are in the Hands of Receivers, &c.

Provided always, That no Interest shall run, or be paid upon or for any such Bill or Bills, during the Time any such Bill or Bills so paid, exchanged, or lent, shall remain in the Hands of any of the said Receivers or Collectors, or in the Hands of any Teller or Tellers of the Exchequer; but for such Time the Interest on every such Bill shall cease.

Bills paid to Receivers, &c. to be signed and dated.

And, to the end it may be known for what Time such Bills bearing Interest shall, from time to time, remain in the Hands of such Receivers or Collectors, or in the Exchequer as aforesaid; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Person or Persons who shall pay any such Bill or Bills so bearing Interest, to any Receivers or Collectors of any of His Majesty's Revenues, Aids, Taxes, and Supplies, by way

way of Exchange, or otherwise; or shall pay or lend such Bill or Bills, so bearing Interest, into the Exchequer, as aforesaid, shall, at the Time of making such Payment, Exchange, or Loan, on each Bill bearing Interest, and so paid, exchanged, or lent, put his or their Name or Names, and write thereupon, in Words at Length, the Day of the Month and Year, in which he, she, or they so paid, exchanged, or lent such Bill or Bills bearing Interest; all which the said Receivers and Collectors respectively, and also the respective Tellers in the Exchequer, shall take Care to see done and performed accordingly; to which respective Days the said Receivers and Collectors shall be allowed again the Interest, which he, she, or they shall have allowed or paid upon such respective Bill or Bills, upon his or their paying the same into the Receipt of Exchequer as aforesaid.

Interest to be allowed to the said Days.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Bills, or any of them, may be reissued and paid again out of His Majesty's Exchequer; and when the same shall be reissued and paid again out of His Majesty's Exchequer, the respective Teller there, from whose Office such Bill or Bills bearing Interest shall be so reissued, or again paid out, shall indorse on the same Bill or Bills so reissued, in Words at Length, the Day of the Month and Year, in which the same were reissued or repaid out of the Exchequer, and also on what Account the same were last received into the Exchequer, and sign the same; from which Time the Interest of such Bill or Bills so reissued or paid again shall revive; and such Bill or Bills shall revive, run, and pass at Interest, as the same did before they were paid unto, or received by the said Receivers or Collectors, or before the same were paid or lent into the Exchequer, as aforesaid.

The Bills may be reissued,

And it is hereby enacted, That the same Bills to be reissued, from time to time, or at any Time, at the Exchequer, as aforesaid, shall be so reissued for the Principal Money to be contained therein, and for so much Interest as was due thereon, and allowed by the Teller at the respective Time and Times, when such Bill and Bills were last paid into the Exchequer.

both for Principal and Interest.

And be it enacted, That every Receiver General of any the Revenues, Aids, Taxes, or Supplies, belonging or to belong to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, shall keep a fair Book or Books of Account in Writing of all the Monies by him received; in which he, or his Deputy or Deputies, shall truly enter all the Sums which

Receivers to keep a Book.

shall have been received by him or them, for every such Revenue, Aid, Tax, or Supply, together with the Names of the several Collectors from whom the same, or any Part thereof, was received, the Days when, and the Sums paid; how much thereof in Money, and how much thereof in such Exchequer Bills, and what Exchequer Bills shall have been exchanged by every such Receiver General pursuant to this Act; to which Account every Person concerned shall have free Access at all seasonable Times, without Fee or Charge; and the said Accounts shall lie constantly open at One certain Place within the Limits of his Receipt for that Purpose; and if such Receiver shall neglect to keep such Book or Books, or enter therein any Sum or Sums of Money by him received and paid as aforesaid, by the Space of Three Days after his Receipt or Payment of the same, or shall refuse any Person or Persons concerned to inspect such Book or Books without Fee or Reward, as aforesaid; every such Receiver, for every such Offence, shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who will sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt, or upon the Case, Bill, Suit, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, or more than One Imparlance.

Bills filled up by Indorsements, or defaced, to be exchanged.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any of the Exchequer Bills which shall be current as aforesaid, shall be filled up by Writing or Indorsement made thereon as aforesaid, or shall by any Accident be defaced, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the time being, and he and they are hereby authorized and impowered, by his or their Discretion, from time to time, to cause new Bills to be made forth at the Receipt of Exchequer, in lieu of such Bills which shall be so filled up or defaced; which Bills so filled up or defaced shall be cancelled at the Receipt of Exchequer, and kept there on a File or Files for that Purpose; and such Bills so to be made forth in lieu thereof, shall have a like Currency, and shall in all Respects be subject to the same Rules, Methods, and Continuance, as the Bils so filled up were intended to have been by this Act, and shall bear the same Numbers, Dates, and Principal Sums, and carry the like Interest, as was borne and carried by the Bills so cancelled respectively.

And

And it is hereby enacted, That, for the greater Ease and Dispatch of publick Business at the Exchequer, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the time being, and he and they are hereby authorized and enabled, in case he or they shall so think fit, to cause Exchequer Bills for any large Sums, not exceeding Five thousand Pounds each, to be made forth at the Receipt of the Exchequer, and to be placed as Cash in the said Receipt, in lieu of the like Value of the Principal contained in the said Exchequer Bills made forth for lesser Sums, which at the Time of making such large Bills shall happen to be in the same Receipt, which shall be at the same Time cancelled and discharged, and be kept there on a File for that Purpose; and such new Bills for such large Sums shall and may be issued at the said Receipt, and have the same Currency, and be in all Respects subject to the same Rules, Methods, and Continuance, and carry the like Interest, and have the same Security, Benefits, and Advantages; and the same Pains of Death, and other Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, for any Crime or Offence relating thereunto, shall be inflicted, incurred, and put in Execution, as if they had been originally issued by virtue of this Act for the said lesser Bills; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Bills not exceeding 5000 *l.* each, to be made forth at the Exchequer.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall forge or counterfeit any Exchequer Bill which shall have been made forth by virtue of this Act, before the same shall be paid off and cancelled; or any Exchequer Bills to be renewed or made forth in pursuance of this Act, or any Indorsement or Writing thereupon or therein, or tender in Payment any such forged or counterfeit Bill, or any Exchequer Bill with such counterfeit Indorsement or Writing thereon, or shall demand to have such counterfeit Bill, or any such Exchequer Bill, with such counterfeit Indorsement or Writing thereupon or therein, exchanged for ready Money, by any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, who shall be obliged or required to exchange the same, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever, knowing the Bill so tendered in Payment, or demanded to be exchanged, or the Indorsement or Writing thereupon or therein, to be forged or counterfeit, and with Intent to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, or the Persons to be appointed to pay off the same, or any of them, or to pay any Interest thereupon, or the Person or Persons, Forging Exchequer Bills, Felony.

Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, who shall contract to circulate or exchange the same, or any of them, or any other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate; then every such Person or Persons so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

And to the End, Intent, and Purpose, that all the Monies to be lent at the Exchequer, on the Credit of this Act, within the Time before limited in that Behalf, not exceeding as aforesaid, may be duly repaid, and the Interest thereof justly satisfied at the said Receipt, and that all the Exchequer Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, not exceeding as aforesaid, may likewise be paid off and discharged in their due Course and Order at such Publick Office, as is hereafter in and by this Act appointed in that Behalf; and to the End the same Bills, or so many of them as shall from time to time remain undischarged, may the better obtain a Currency for such Time as they or any of them are hereby intended to be current; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money which shall from time to time arise at the Receipt of the Exchequer, of or for the Rates and Duties by this Act granted, shall, from time to time, as the same shall arise at the said Receipt, be issued and applied at the same Receipt either for or towards paying off and discharging the Orders of Loan, for the Money which shall have been lent at the said Receipt, within the Time herein before limited in that Behalf, and for satisfying the Interest thereof, in such Course, Manner, and Form, as are before in this Act prescribed and appointed for that Purpose, or be issued to such Paymaster as is herein after mentioned, by way of Imprest and upon Account, for or towards paying off and discharging the Exchequer Bills which shall have been made forth by virtue of this Act, in such Course as aforesaid, and for and towards the paying the Interest quarterly to become due on the said Bills, and for or towards the Charge of exchanging and circulating the same Bills, or any of them, and for or towards such other Payments as are in and by this Act directed or allowed to be made or discharged out of the same, and for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

How the Monies arising by this Act shall be applied.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, or within Ten Days after,

Treasury on 29 *Sept.* 1765, to take an Account of all Monies raised and discharged.

after, the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall cause a true and perfect Account in Writing to be taken and attested by the proper Officers, of all the Monies which shall have been raised by Loans, or by Exchequer Bills, or by any or either of those Ways or Means, for or towards the said Sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, by this Act intended to be raised, as aforesaid, and how much thereof shall before that Time have been paid off or discharged, and how much thereof shall then remain undischarged, upon the said Orders of Loan and Exchequer Bills respectively, or upon any or either of them; which Account shall be publickly assured in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt in the said Exchequer.

Unsatisfied Monies to be paid out of the next Aid,

And it is hereby enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Monies so remaining unsatisfied, or not discharged, with the Interest due or to grow due for the same, shall be paid and satisfied out of the next Aid or Aids to be granted in Parliament, after the said Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, and shall be transferred thereunto, as soon as such Aid or Aids shall be granted; and if no such Aid or Aids shall be granted, whereunto such unsatisfied Monies shall be transferred, before the Twenty fourth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, then the Monies so remaining unsatisfied and undischarged, with the Interest due or to grow due for the same, shall be and are hereby charged and chargeable upon such Monies, as at any Time or Times shall be and remain in the same Receipt of the Surplusses, Excesses, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues composing the Sinking Fund (except such Monies of the said Sinking Fund as are appropriated to any particular Use or Uses, by any former Act or Acts of Parliament in that Behalf) and such Monies of the said Sinking Fund shall and may be issued for the paying off and discharging the said Orders of Loan, and for satisfying the Interest thereof, and for supplying Money to the said Paymaster, for discharging the said unsatisfied Exchequer Bills in Course, with Interest remaining due thereupon, as the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall direct, until all the Principal and Interest, which shall be or remain due upon the said Loans or Exchequer Bills, or any of them, shall be fully cleared and paid off, or Money sufficient shall be reserved

or out of the Sinking Fund.

for that Purpose; and if at any Time or Times before or after any of the said Rates and Duties hereby granted shall be brought into the Exchequer as aforesaid, there shall happen to be a Want of Money for paying Interest, which shall be actually incurred and grown due upon the said Loans or Exchequer Bills, or any of them, or for Payment of any Premium or Rate, which shall be incurred and grown due by any Contract or Contracts to be made by virtue of this Act, for circulating and exchanging the same Bills; that then, and in every such Case, the Money so wanted shall and may be supplied out of the Monies of the said Fund, commonly called The Sinking Fund (except before excepted) and be issued accordingly.

Commissioners to appoint Persons to pay off Principal Sums, which shall from time to time be in Course of Payment upon Exchequer Bills.

And whereas by reason of the Multiplicity of Payments, which are to be made in paying off such Exchequer Bills as shall be made forth by virtue of this Act, and otherwise in relation to the same, it will be difficult, if not impossible, that every particular Payment should be directed, recorded, paid, and accounted for, by the several Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer, in the ordinary Course of Payments there used; therefore, and to the end the Exchequer may regularly be discharged of all the Monies required by this Act to be applied for paying off the said Exchequer Bills, and other Charges attending the same, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, and the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall and may, from time to time, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, constitute and appoint such Person and Persons as he or they shall think fit, to be the Paymaster to pay off and discharge the Principal Sums which shall, from time to time, be in Course of Payment upon the said Exchequer Bills, or any of them, and to pay the Interest quarterly to become due thereupon, until they shall be paid off and discharged; and to pay the Premium or Premiums, Rate or Rates, which, according to any Contract or Contracts to be made, as is herein after mentioned, for exchanging and circulating the said Bills, or any of them, shall be due or payable to such Contractors; and to take in and put upon a File, from time to time, all such of the said Bills, as shall be paid off to be cancelled, as the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall direct; and to do and perform,

perform, or cause and procure to be done and performed, such other Matters and Things in relation to the said Bills, or the Principal and Interest therein to be contained, as to the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or to the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall seem meet, and be directed to be done and performed by such Paymaster for the time being; all which Payments shall be paid by such Paymaster, from time to time, at an Office to be kept in or near the Receipt of the Exchequer at Westminster for that Purpose; and that the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, and the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall take, or cause to be taken, Security, according to the best of his or their Judgements, from all and every such Person and Persons so constituted, or to be constituted, for his or their due paying, answering, and accounting for all the said Monies which he or they shall receive, and for his and their true and faithful Performance of his or their Office or Offices, Trust or Trusts, before-mentioned.

Money, as brought in, to be paid to the Paymasters.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, and the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, once in every Week, or oftener, as any of the Money by this Act appointed or intended to be applied for or towards paying off the said Exchequer Bills, or discharging any other the Payments relating thereunto, according to the Purport and true Meaning of this Act, shall be, or be brought into the Exchequer, or be or remain there, shall, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained from His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in that Behalf, issue, or cause to be issued, the same to such Paymaster or Paymasters already constituted or to be constituted as aforesaid, by way of Imprest and upon Account for or towards the paying off and discharging the said Exchequer Bills in such Course as aforesaid, and such other Payments relating to the said Exchequer Bills as are to be made by such Paymaster or Paymasters as aforesaid; and that he or they shall, from time to time, apply all the Monies by him or them so to be received as he or they shall receive the same, from time to time, towards discharging the said Bills in Course, and other

Payments hereby directed and allowed, according to the Purport and true Meaning of this present Act, and not otherwise.

Bills to be registered in Course.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the said Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, shall be registered in Course, according to their Numbers, as aforesaid; and that the said Registers shall lie open in the publick Office of the said Paymaster for the time being; and a Table, to shew how far the said Bills shall be in Course of Payment, from time to time, shall be publickly affixed in the said Office; and that such Register and Table, or either of them, shall or may be viewed or inspected, at any seasonable Time or Times, by any Person or Persons desiring to view or inspect the same, without Fee or Charge; and that the said Bills shall be paid off and discharged in Course, according as their Numbers shall stand in the said Register; and the Monies by this Act appointed for Payment of the same, shall in the same Order be liable thereunto, without giving any undue Preference, in paying any Bill or Bills of any subsequent Number or Numbers, before any Bill or Bills of any antecedent Number or Numbers, and shall not be diverted or divertible to any Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever, other than the Uses and Purposes by this Act appointed for Application of the same: Nevertheless, in case it shall happen that several Bills in Course of Payment shall on the same Day be brought, and demanded to be paid off, it shall not be interpreted an undue Preference which of them the Paymaster or Paymasters do pay first, so as he or they do pay them all the same Day; and it shall not be interpreted an undue Preference to incur any Penalty in Point of Payment, if the Paymaster or Paymasters do pay off the Bills to the Persons that bring their Bills, and demand their Money in Course, before others that do not bring their Bills, and demand their Money in Course, so as such Money be reserved as will satisfy precedent Bills, which shall not be otherwise disposed of, but kept for them.

When Interest to cease.

And it is hereby enacted, That the Interest upon the said Bills shall cease from the respective Times that Money shall be reserved and kept in Bank for discharging the same.

Paymasters liable to the Controul of the Treasury.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Paymaster or Paymasters shall be subject and liable to such Inspection, Examination, Controul, and Audit, and to such Rules in respect to paying, accounting, and

other Matters relating to the Execution of the said Office or Trust of Paymaster, as the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall think fit or reasonable to establish or appoint, from time to time, for the better Execution of the Intent and End of this Act, and the Satisfaction of the Proprietors of the said Bills.

Treasury to settle Salaries of Clerks, &c.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as well the Person or Persons constituted or to be constituted to the said Office of Paymaster, as also the Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed to examine and controul the Receipts, Payments, and Doings of such Paymaster or Paymasters, shall respectively have and receive for the Services of themselves respectively and of the Clerks and Substitutes to be employed under them respectively, and for such Charges as shall be necessarily incident to the Execution of their respective Offices, such Salaries, Rewards, and Allowances, as the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall judge to be reasonable, and direct in that Behalf, and to be allowed upon the proper Account or Accounts of the said Paymaster or Paymasters.

and to contract with Persons to circulate Bills, &c.

And, for the better supporting the Currency of the said Bills to be made forth by this Act, and to the End a sufficient Provision may be made for circulating and exchanging for ready Money, from time to time, the said Bills, or such of them as shall, from time to time, remain undischarged, during such Time as they, or any of them, are to be current, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, on His Majesty's Behalf, shall and may, from time to time, enter into any Contract or Contracts, for obliging any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, who will voluntarily undertake this Service, at his or their own Costs or Charges, to circulate and exchange, at some Publick Office in London or Westminster, for ready Money, from time to time, all such of the said Bills, which shall have been made forth by virtue of this Act, as shall be demanded at such Publick Office, during the Time or respective Times of such Contract or Contracts, by pay-

ing in ready Money, at their own Costs and Charges, upon every such Demand, or within Twenty four Hours after, all the principal Monies contained in every such Bill to be demanded, and the Interest which shall then be due thereupon, and so toties quoties, as often as any such Bill shall be demanded; the said Contractors or Undertakers from time to time, upon exchanging every such Bill, taking in the Bill so exchanged for their own Use, and being allowed a Rate, or several Rates, not exceeding Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, as well for paying the said Interest, at their own Costs, as also in reward for their Service, upon all the said Bills so undertaken to be circulated; which said respective Rate or Rates shall be paid as is herein after mentioned; and the said Contract or Contracts shall be made in Writing, and registered in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, and shall be made to endure for such Time and Times respectively, as shall be agreed by the Contractors.

Contractors not disabled from being Members of Parliament:

And it is hereby enacted, That such Contractors, or any of them, shall not, for that Cause only, be disabled from being a Member or Members of Parliament, or be adjudged liable to be a Bankrupt or Bankrupts, within the Intent and Meaning of all or any the Statutes made against or concerning Bankrupts; any Law, Statute, or Provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

May lower or raise the Interest with Consent of Treasury.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Contractors (with the Consent and Approbation of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, and not otherwise) may, at any Time or Times after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, by Writing to be affixed upon the Exchange of London, and by Publication in the London Gazette, declare and direct, if they shall see so Cause and think fit, the said Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, or any Number or Part of them, to carry a lower or higher Rate of Interest, than the said Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, for such Time or Times as shall be mentioned in such Writing and Publication, as aforesaid: And for the greater Accommodation and Ease of paying the said Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, or any of them, to the Receivers and Collectors of the Publick Revenues, and into the Receipt of the Exchequer, the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or

or the High Treaſurer for the time being, have hereby Power, at the Requeſt of ſuch Contractors, to make forth, or cauſe to be made forth, any of the ſaid Exchequer Bills without bearing any Intereſt; yet nevertheleſs thoſe Bills ſo to be made forth without bearing any Intereſt, may, from time to time, be made to carry ſuch Intereſt as the ſaid Contractors ſhall, by Writing to be affixed on the Exchange of London, and publiſhed in the London Gazette, ſignify and declare in that Behalf.

Contractors how to be paid.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treaſurer, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being, ſhall cauſe the Monies which ſhall, from time to time, be incurred and grown due to ſuch Contractors, upon ſuch reſpective Rates or Premiums, not exceeding as aforeſaid, to be paid out of the Monies which ſhall, from time to time, be iſſued to the ſaid Paymaſter or Paymaſters, as aforeſaid; any former Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

No Fee to be taken.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, ſhall be demanded or taken, directly or indirectly, by any of his Majeſty's Officers in the Exchequer, or by any of their Clerks or Subſtitutes, or by any ſuch Paymaſter or Comptroller, or by their or either of their Clerks or Subſtitutes, from any of his Majeſty's Subjects, for any Matter or Thing to be done by the ſaid Officers, in the Exchequer, or by the ſaid Paymaſter or Comptroller, or any of them, their, or any of their Clerks or Subſtitutes reſpectively, in purſuance of this Act; and that no ſuch Officer in the Exchequer, Paymaſter, or Comptroller, or any ſuch Clerk or Subſtitute, ſhall divert or miſapply, or cauſe or procure to be diverted or miſapplied, any of the Monies by this Act intended for the exchanging, circulating, and paying off the ſaid Bills, or any of them, under ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures to be incurred by, and inflicted on them reſpectively, as by this Act are preſcribed and enacted for diverting and miſapplying any the Monies of the ſaid Rates and Duties hereby granted, or for taking or demanding any Fee, Reward, or Gratuity concerning the ſame.

No Intereſt for leſs than One Penny.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That as often as any Intereſt upon any Exchequer Bill or Bills to be made forth by this Act, ſhall be demanded to be paid, the ſaid Contractors or Paymaſters ſhall not be obliged to pay for ſuch Intereſt, to any leſſer Sum than

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One Penny upon such Bill, in case a single Bill be produced, or for the Total of the Interest of such Bills, where Two or more shall be offered at One Time by the same Person; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Charges to be paid out of the Sinking Fund.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall have Power, and he or they are hereby enabled to pay and allow, or cause to be paid and allowed, out of the Monies to arise of or for the said Rates and Duties hereby granted, or of or for the said Surplusses, Excesses, or Overplus Monies, and other Revenues composing the Sinking Fund, from time to time, the necessary Charges of making forth the new Exchequer Bills hereby authorized to be made forth, and such other Charges as shall be necessarily incident in or for the Execution of this Act, or any Part thereof, in relation to the said Bills; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

To be replaced out of the first Supplies.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatever Monies shall be issued out of the said Surplusses, Excesses, or Overplus Monies, and other Revenues composing the Sinking Fund, shall, from time to time, be replaced by and out of the first Supplies to be then after granted in Parliament; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Clause of Relief for Bills lost or destroyed.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted, That in case Proof shall be made on Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before the Lord Chief Baron and other the Barons of the Coif of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, or any of them, that any of the Bills, which shall have been made forth by virtue of this Act, were by Casualty or Mischance lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, before the coming thereof in Course of Payment; and if by the Party's Oath the Numbers and Sums of such Bill or Bills shall be ascertained; and if thereupon the said Chief Baron, and other the said Barons, or any of them, before whom such Oaths were made, shall certify that he or they are satisfied in such Proof; then, and in every such Case, the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, are hereby authorized to cause the Money due upon such Bill or Bills, so lost, burnt,

burnt, or destroyed, to be satisfied by the said Paymaster or Paymasters, as if the original Bill or Bills were brought in to be paid off; provided that the Person or Persons so receiving the Money do give Security to the King, to the good Liking of the Person or Persons who shall be appointed, as aforesaid, to pay off and take in the said Bills, to pay into the Exchequer, for the Use of the Publick, so much Money as shall be paid upon such Certificate or Certificates, if the Bill or Bills so certified to be lost, burnt, or destroyed, be hereafter produced.

Bills discharged to be cancelled.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Bills to be made forth by virtue of this Act, which shall, from time to time, be discharged and paid off, shall be taken in and filed, and shall be cancelled and made void, according to such Rules and Directions as the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall by any Warrant or Warrants under their Hands direct or appoint.

Sinking Fund appropriated to discharge National Debts incurred before 25 *Dec.* 1716.

Provided always, and it is hereby likewise enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies arisen or to arise into the Exchequer of or for the said Surplusses, Excesses, or Overplus Monies, and other Revenues, composing the Sinking Fund (except such Monies thereof, as are by this, or any other Act or Acts of this or any former Session or Sessions of Parliament, especially charged upon the said Sinking Fund, or to be paid out of the same, or out of any Revenues or Branches composing the said Sinking Fund) shall be appropriated, reserved, and employed to and for the discharging the Principal and Interest of such National Debts and Incumbrances, as were incurred before the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixteen, and are declared to be such National Debts, as may be redeemed, and are provided for by Act of Parliament, in such Manner and Form, as shall be directed and appointed by any future Act or Acts of Parliament to be discharged therewith, or out of the same, and to none other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas several Orders of Loan or Exchequer Bills, made upon and in pursuance of an Act of Parliament of the Second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Rum, Cyder, and Perry, still remain undischarged for want of sufficient Money arising by the said Duties being come into

the Exchequer, to satisfy and discharge the same, and it is uncertain how much thereof the Monies arising by the said Act will be able to answer and discharge; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Money arisen or to arise into the Exchequer, for or on account of the said Duties, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of March, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, shall not be sufficient to discharge the whole Principal and Interest due or to grow due, upon the several Orders of Loan or Exchequer Bills, made upon and in pursuance of the said Act, that then so much Money as shall then appear to be wanting and deficient for answering the Purposes aforesaid, shall and may be supplied and made good out of any the Monies arising into the Exchequer, by or from the Loans or Exchequer Bills on this Act, or any other Monies or Loans that are or shall be appropriated for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty four; and the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall direct and apply the same accordingly; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Deficiency of Malt Tax, 2 *Geo.* III. how to be supplied.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That all the Monies which, from and after the said Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, shall and may happen to come and be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, for Arrears upon the said Duties upon Malt, Rum, Cyder, and Perry, granted for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty two (after satisfying all Interest, Premiums, or Rates then due on the said Orders of Loan or Exchequer Bills as aforesaid) shall be issued and applied in Aid of the Supplies that shall be granted to His Majesty, for the said Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty four; any thing in the Act by which the said Duties were granted to the contrary notwithstanding. 8

Arrears of former Duties to be applied in Aid of the Supplies granted for the Year 1764.

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