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CAP. XII.

An Act to continue ſeveral Laws for the better regulating of Pilots for the conducting of Ships and Veſſels from *Dover*, *Deal*, and *Iſle of Thanet*, up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*; relating to the Landing of Rum or Spirits of the *Britiſh* Sugar Plantations before the Duties of Exciſe are paid thereon; and to the further Puniſhment of Perſons going armed or diſguiſed, in Defiance of the Laws of Cuſtoms or Exciſe; and to the Relief of the Officers of the Cuſtoms in Informations upon Seizures; and for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture, of any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies, directly into Foreign Parts, in Ships built in *Great Britain*, and navigated according to Law; and for puniſhing Perſons who ſhall damage or deſtroy any Banks, Flood-gates, Sluices, or other Works, belonging to the Rivers and Streams made navigable by Act of Parliament.

Preamble.



WHEREAS the Laws herein after-mentioned have, by Experience, been found useful and beneficial, and are near expiring; May it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled, An Act for the better regulating of Pilots for the conducting of Ships and Vessels from *Dover, Deal,* and the *Isle of Thanet,* up the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway,* which was to continue in Force for Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and also a Clause for further regulating the Pilots of Dover, Deal, and the Isle of Thanet, in an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign, which was to be in Force during the Continuance of the said Act of the Third Year of His said Majesty's Reign; which said Act, together with the said Clause, were, by several subsequent Acts, made in the Tenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, and of the Eighth and Twenty third Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, further continued until the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; shall be, and the same are hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Act 3 *Geo.* I. for regulating Pilots of Vessels from *Dover,* &c. up the *Thames* and *Medway*;

and Clause in Act 7 *Geo.* I. for further regulating the Pilots of *Dover, Deal,* and *Thanet,* &c.

further continued to 25 *March,* 1778.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of an Act made in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act to impower the Importers or Proprietors of Rum or Spirits of the *British* Sugar Plantations, to land the same before Payment of the Duties of Excise charged thereon, and to lodge the same in Warehouses at their own Expence; and for the Relief of *Ralph Barrow,* in respect to the Duty on some Rock Salt, lost by the Overflowing of the Rivers *Weaver* and *Dane*; as relates to the Landing of Rum or Spirits of the British Sugar Plantations before Payment of the

So much of Act 15 & 16 *Geo.* II. as relates to the landing of Rum or Spirits, of the *British* Sugar Plantations, before Duties paid,

Duties of Excise, and to the Lodging of the same in Warehouses at the Expence of the Importers or Proprietors thereof; which was to continue in Force until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which, by an Act made in the Twenty third Year of his said late Majesty's Reign, was further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which, by an Act made in the Thirty first Year of his said late Majesty's Reign, was amended, and further continued until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy one, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

further continued to 29 *Sept.* 1771.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of an Act made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for the further Punishment of Persons going armed or disguised in Defiance of the Laws of Customs or Excise; and for indemnifying Offenders against those Laws upon the Terms therein mentioned; and for Relief of Officers of the Customs in Informations upon Seizures; as relates to the further Punishment of Persons going armed or disguised in Defiance of the Laws of Customs or Excise, and to the Relief of Officers of the Customs in Informations upon Seizures; which Act was to continue in Force for the Space of Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which, by several subsequent Acts, made in the Twenty sixth and Thirty second Years of his said Majesty's Reign, was further continued until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy one, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

So much of Act 19 *Geo.* II. as relates to Persons going armed or disguised in Defiance of the Laws of Customs and Excise;

and to the Relief of Officers of the Customs in Informations upon Seizures;

further continued to 29 *Sept.* 1771.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign

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Act 12 *Geo.* II. granting Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth of the *British* Plantations in *America*, directly to Foreign Parts, &c.

of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for granting a Liberty to carry Sugars of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture, of any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in *America*, from the said Colonies directly to Foreign Parts, in Ships built in *Great Britain*, and navigated according to Law; which was to continue in Force for Five Years from the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and thirty nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which, by several subsequent Acts made in the Seventeenth, Twenty fourth, and Thirty first Years of His said Majesty's Reign, was further continued until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby further continued, from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy one, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

further continued to 29 *Sept.* 1771.

And whereas the Laws now in being are not sufficient for the Preservation of the Banks, Flood-gates, Sluices, and other Works, belonging to Rivers and Streams made navigable by Act of Parliament, and for the maintaining the Navigation on such Rivers and Streams; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break, throw down, damage, or destroy, any Banks, Flood-gates, Sluices, or other Works, or open or draw up any Flood-gate or Flood-gates, or do any other wilful Hurt or Mischief to any such Navigation, so as to obstruct, hinder, or prevent, the carrying on, compleating, supporting, or maintaining, such Navigation; every such Person or Persons shall be adjudged guilty of Felony; and the Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried and convicted, shall and hereby have Power and Authority to order such Person or Persons to be transported for Seven Years.

Persons who shall damage any Banks, Flood-gates, or other Works belonging to Rivers, &c. made navigable by Act of Parliament,

shall be adjudged guilty of Felony,

and be transported for 7 Years.

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