Anno quarto

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act to continue an Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, for continuing an Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the First, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty of Two Pennies* Scots, *or One Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the Town of* Dunbar, *for improving and preſerving the Harbour, and repairing the Town Houſe, and building a School, and other publick Buildings there, and for ſupplying the ſaid Town with freſh Water.*



WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the First, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty of Two Pennies *Scots*, or One Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, upon every Pint of Ale or Beer that ſhall be vended or ſold within the Town of *Dunbar*, for improving and preſerving the Harbour, and repairing the Town Houſe, and building a School, and other publick Buildings there, and for ſupplying the ſaid Town with freſh Water; it was enacted, That from and after the First Day of June, One

Preamble, reciting Clauſes in Act 5 *Geo. I.*

thousand seven hundred and nineteen, for the Term of Nineteen Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, there should be laid an Imposition or a Duty of Two Pennies Scots, or One Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, over and above the Duty of Excise paid or payable to His then Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, upon every Scots Pint of Ale and Beer that should be for Sale, either brewed, brought in, vended, tapped, or sold, within the said Town and Priviledges thereof; and that the said Imposition or Duty should be paid and made payable by the Brewers, Vintners, Sellers, and Tapsters of the said Ale and Beer, for and during the said Term, to the Magistrates and Town Council, and their Successors in Office for the time being, and their Assigns or Collectors, for the Uses and Purposes mentioned in the said Act: And whereas by another Act of Parliament passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, the said Duty or Imposition was further continued for the Term of Twenty five Years, to be computed from the Expiration of the Term granted by the said former Act, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it appears that the Revenue arising from the said Duty so granted by the said Acts, has been applied to the Purposes thereby directed, and that considerable Progress has been made towards executing the same; but that from the Smallness of the Fund arising from the said Duty, not only the said Duty, but also the Town Revenues, are very much incumbered and burthened by the Works already done: And whereas the said Acts will expire this present Session of Parliament, and several of the Works directed to be done for the Service of the Town and the publick Good, remain still unfinished; and what has been already done must go to Decay, as it will be impossible to finish the same, and discharge the Debt already contracted upon the Credit of the said Duty, without a farther Continuation of the Term already granted for collecting the same: To the end therefore that the said necessary Works may be compleated, and the said Debt discharged, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates and Council of the Town of Dunbar, 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 the said Duty or Imposition of Two Pennies

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Scots, or One Sixth Part of a Penny Sterling, so granted by the said Acts passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the First, and in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, shall be, and the same is hereby continued and made payable, over and above the Duties of Excise to be paid or payable to His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, for and during the further Term of Twenty five Years, to be computed from the Expiration of the Term granted by the said former Act, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and that the said Imposition or Duty shall be paid and made payable by the Brewers for Sale, or Venders and Sellers of all such Ale and Beer, for and during the said additional Term, to the Magistrates and Town Council of the said Town of Dunbar, and their Successors in Office for the time being, or to such Collectors or Receivers as shall at any Time during the Continuance of this present Act be by them appointed, for the Uses and Purposes mentioned and expressed in the said Two several recited Acts.

The former Duties further continued for 25 Years;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Imposition or Duty shall, during the said additional Term hereby granted and continued, be raised, levied, collected, accounted for, paid, and applied, in such Manner, and by the same Ways, Means, and Methods, and by and under and subject to the same Rules, Provisoes, and Directions, Penalties and Forfeitures, as in the said recited Acts are mentioned, declared, continued, prescribed, and provided, and not otherwise; and that every Article, Clause, Matter, and Thing, in the said former Acts and this present Act contained (except the Clause in the said former Acts relating to the Overseers) shall, during the said additional Term, be in Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were particularly and at large repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

and to be levied, accounted for, and applied, as in the recited Acts is prescribed;

and all the Articles therein to be in Force, except the Clause relating to Overseers;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Sir John Hall of Dunglass Baronet, Alexander Home of Jerdenfield, William Hay of Lawfield, William Sandilands, Esquires; Sir John Warrender of Lochend Baronet, Patrick Warrender, Thomas Allan of Bourhouses, John Hay of Belton, Esquires; Sir Hew Dalrymple Baronet, the Right Honourable Andrew Fletcher of Salton Lord Milton, Andrew Fletcher, Alexander Hay of Drumeleer, James Hamilton of Bangour, William Hay junior of Drumeleer, John Syderserff of Rochlaw, Esquires; Sir John Sinclair of Stevenson Baronet, George Hepburn of

in whose Room new Overseers are appointed;

Smeaton Esquire, Sir George Suttie of Balgone Baronet, the Honourable James Hamilton of Freerland, shall, from and immediately after the passing of this present Act, be, and they are hereby appointed, Overseers of the said Duty, in the Place and Stead of the Overseers nominated and appointed in and by the said recited Acts, and shall have, and hereby are invested with, the same Powers, and under the same Regulations, as are by the said recited Acts granted and given to the former Overseers; any thing in the said former Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

with the same Powers as under the former Acts.

Publick Act. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this present Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

FINIS.