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CAP. X.

An Act for granting Bounties on the Importation of Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, and Indian Corn, and of Barley, Rye, Oat and Indian Meal, and Wheaten Flour and Rice.

[15th *December* 1800.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement ſhould be given, for a limited Time, to the Importation into this Kingdom of Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, and Indian Corn, and of Barley, Rye, Oat and Indian Meal, and of Wheaten Flour and Rice: 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, from and after the Firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred, and until the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, there ſhall be paid and allowed upon all Foreign Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, and Indian Corn and Meal, of any ſuch Corn or Grain, and upon all Peaſe and Beans, and Wheaten Flour and Rice, imported or brought into this Kingdom before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, in Britiſh Ships or Veſſels, or in Ships or Veſſels belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, however the ſame may be navigated, the ſeveral

Bounties ſhall be paid, until *Oct.* 1, 1801, on Foreign Wheat, *etc.* imported in *Britiſh* Veſſels, or Veſſels belonging to States in Amity with His Majeſty.

and reſpective Bounties herein-after mentioned, and ſuch reſpective Bounties ſhall be payable and paid upon the ſeveral Terms and Conditions herein-after particularly and reſpectively ſet forth as to each of ſuch Articles.

Bounties to be regulated according to the Average Prices in the *Gazette*, the Third Week after Entry of the Articles.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral and reſpective Bounties granted by this Act upon Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, and Beans, and upon the Meal of Barley, Rye, and Oats reſpectively, ſhall be regulated and paid according to the reſpective Average Prices, aſcertained according to the Proviſions of this Act, of Foreign Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, and Beans, in *London*, which ſhall be publiſhed in the *London Gazette* in the Third Week after the Entry of the Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, or Beans, or any ſuch Meal as aforeſaid, upon which any Bounty is claimed under this Act.

Bounties on Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, and Beans.

III. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *December*, there ſhall be paid and allowed on every Quarter of Foreign Wheat, weighing Four hundred and twenty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupois or upwards, which ſhall be imported into *Great Britain*, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the ſaid Average Price of Foreign Wheat in *London*, publiſhed in the *London Gazette* in the Third Week after the Importation of ſuch Wheat, ſhall be leſs than One hundred Shillings *per* Quarter; on every Quarter of Foreign Barley, weighing Three hundred and fifty-two Pounds Weight Avoirdupois or upwards, which ſhall be imported as aforeſaid, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the Average Price of Foreign Barley in *London*, publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Fifty Shillings *per* Quarter; on every Quarter of Foreign Rye, weighing Four hundred and eight Pounds Weight Avoirdupois, which ſhall be imported as aforeſaid, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the Average Price of Foreign Rye in *London*, publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Sixty-five Shillings *per* Quarter; on every Quarter of Foreign Oats, weighing Two hundred and ſixty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupois or upwards, which ſhall be imported as aforeſaid, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the Average Price of Foreign Oats in *London*, publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Forty Shillings *per* Quarter; on every Quarter of Foreign Peaſe which ſhall be imported as aforeſaid, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the Average Price of Foreign Peaſe in *London*, publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Seventy-five Shillings *per* Quarter; and on every Quarter of Foreign Beans which ſhall be imported as aforeſaid, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the Average Price of Foreign Beans in *London*, publiſhed as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than Fifty Shillings *per* Quarter.

Bounties on Wheaten Flour, (except *American*), Barley Meal, Rye Meal, and Oat Meal.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred, there ſhall be paid and allowed upon all Foreign Wheaten Flour, (other than and except *American* Flour), and upon all Foreign Barley Meal, Rye Meal, and Oat Meal, imported as aforeſaid, ſuch and the like Bounties in every Reſpect as are by this Act before granted on Foreign Wheat, Barley, Rye, and Oats reſpectively; and that for the Purpoſe of aſcertaining and eſtimating the ſaid Bounties, Two hundred and eighty Pounds Weight Avoirdupois of all Foreign Flour, upon which any Bounty is payable under this Act, (other than and except *American* as aforeſaid), ſhall be deemed equal to

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One Quarter of Wheat, and One hundred and ninety-ſix Pounds Weight Avoirdupois of ſuch Barley Meal ſhall be deemed equal to One Quarter of Barley, and Two hundred and twenty four Pounds Weight Avoirdupois of ſuch Rye Meal ſhall be deemed equal to One Quarter of Rye, and One hundred and ſeventy ſix Pounds Weight Avoirdupois of Oat Meal ſhall be deemed equal to One Quarter of Oats.

No Bounties to be allowed, unleſs the Articles are imported, where there is a Collector, *etc.*

V. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall be entitled to any of the Bounties allowed by this Act on any Corn, Grain, Pulſe, Meal, Flour, or Rice, unleſs the ſame ſhall be imported or brought reſpectively into ſome Port where there is a Collector and Comptroller of the Cuſtoms, or into any other Port that ſhall be approved of by His Majeſty with the Advice of His Privy Council.

Every Corn Factor in *London*, or the Suburbs, to make the following Declaration,

VI. And, in order that the Average Prices of Foreign Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, and Beans, may be aſcertained and publiſhed, for the Purpoſes of this Act, in the City and Port of *London*; be it further enacted, That every Corn Factor, or Importer of Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, carrying on his Trade or Buſineſs in the City of *London*, or in the Suburbs thereof, ſhall, within Seven Days after the paſſing of this Act, or after that Time, within Three Days from the Time he ſhall begin to deal in the Sale of Foreign Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, make Declaration in the Form following; (that is to ſay),

'I *A. B.* do hereby declare, That the Returns of the Quantities and Prices of Foreign Corn, Grain, and Pulſe, which ſhall have been examined and certified as merchantable, and of the reſpective Weights *per* Quarter mentioned in an Act of the Forty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, [*here inſert the Title of the Act*], and which henceforward ſhall be by or for me ſold and delivered during the Continuance of the ſaid Act, ſhall, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Belief, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the ſaid Foreign Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, *bonâ fide* ſold and delivered by or for me, within the Period to which they ſhall refer, with the Prices of ſuch Corn, and the Names of the Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees thereof, and Buyers thereof reſpectively; and alſo the Names of the Perſons who ſhall have certified the ſame together with the Date of ſuch Certificate; and that I will not in any Caſe return any Prices or Quantities more than once for the ſame Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Judgement, conformable to the Directions of the ſaid Act.'

which is to be delivered to the Lord Mayor, to be regiſtered by the Inſpector of Corn Returns.

Penalty for not making the Declaration.

Which Declaration ſhall be in Writing, and ſhall be ſubſcribed with the Hand of ſuch Corn Factor, or Importer of Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, and ſhall be by him or his Agent forthwith delivered to the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being, who is hereby required to grant a Certificate thereof, without any Fee being paid or payable for the ſame, to be regiſtered by the Inſpector of Corn Returns; and in caſe any Perſon ſhall carry on the Trade or Buſineſs of a Corn Factor or Importer without making the ſaid Declaration agreeably to the Directions of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Corn Factors to make Weekly Returns to the

VII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Corn Factor and Importer ſhall and he is hereby required to return or cauſe to be returned,

Inſpector, of the Quantities of Foreign Corn ſold, *etc.*

turned, on the *Wedneſday* Morning, before the Hour of Twelve in the Forenoon, in each and every Week, to the ſaid Inſpector of Corn Returns, at his Office, an Account in Writing, in the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed, ſigned with his own Name, or the Name of his known Agent, of the Quantities of each reſpective Sort of Foreign Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, that ſhall have been ſo examined and certified as aforeſaid, and by him ſold and delivered during the Week immediately preceding ſuch *Wedneſday*, reckoning ſuch Week from *Sunday* to *Sunday*, with the Prices thereof, and the Amount of every Parcel, with the total Quantity and Value of each Sort of Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, with the Names of the Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees thereof, and Buyers thereof, and the Names of the Perſons who ſhall have certified the ſame, together with the Date of ſuch Certificate; and every ſuch Corn Factor or Importer ſhall, for every ſuch Neglect therein, and every Omiſſion in any ſuch Return, and every falſe Particular in any ſuch Return, either as to Quantities, Prices, or Names of Buyers, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty for Neglect.

Inſpector to enter the Accounts, which ſhall not be made publick without Authority, on Penalty of 10*l.*

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Inſpector of Corn Returns ſhall duly and regularly enter into a Book or Books, to be provided and kept for that Purpoſe, the ſeveral Accounts of Quantities and Prices of Foreign Corn, Grain, and Pulſe, received by him from the reſpective Corn Factors or Importers, and the ſame ſhall not be made publick or ſhewn by the ſaid Inſpector, or with his Privity or Conſent, to any Perſon whatſoever, unleſs the ſame ſhall be called for or required by the Receiver of Corn Returns, or ſhall be required by any Order in Writing under the Hand of the Lord Mayor, or any Two of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, or any Two or more of them, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Inſpector to make up Weekly Accounts of the aggregate Quantity and Price of each Sort returned, and keep diſtinct Entries of Returns as certified for Bounties, *&c.* and tranſmit the Average Prices every *Friday* to the Receiver of Corn Returns, who is to tranſmit a Certificate thereof to the Collector of the Cuſtoms in *London*.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Inſpector of Corn Returns ſhall, and he is hereby required, every Week, to make up, compute, and diſtinguiſh, from the Returns by him received purſuant to the Directions of this Act, in that Week, the general aggregate Quantity and the Price of each reſpective Sort of Foreign Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, that ſhall have been returned as examined and certified, and ſold and delivered in and during the Week for which ſuch Returns ſhall have been made as aforeſaid, in the City of *London* and Suburbs thereof; and ſhall keep in a diſtinct Book the Entries of all Returns of Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, that ſhall have been returned as certified for the Purpoſe of Bounties being paid thereon under this Act, from all other Foreign Corn returned to ſuch Inſpector, under an Act paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign; and the ſaid Inſpector of Corn Returns ſhall make up and compute the Average Prices of each reſpective Sort of ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, ſold and delivered during ſuch Week, from ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe only as ſhall have been certified for the Purpoſe of Bounties being paid thereon, purſuant to the Proviſions of this Act; and he is hereby directed, on the *Friday* in every Week, to tranſmit a Copy of the Account of the ſaid Average Prices to the Receiver of Corn Returns, who is hereby required to enter the ſame in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, and forthwith to tranſmit a Certificate of ſuch Average Prices of each reſpective Sort of

Foreign Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, ſigned by him, to His Majeſty's Collector or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms of the Port of *London*, and cauſe a Copy thereof to be hung up in ſome publick Place in the Cuſtom Houſe, to which all Perſons may reſort; and the Payment of the Bounties herein-before granted ſhall be governed and regulated by ſuch Average Prices, in the Manner herein-before directed, until new Average Prices ſhall be made up and computed in Manner by this Act directed; and ſuch Receiver of Corn Returns ſhall alſo cauſe the ſame to be publiſhed in the *London Gazette* on every *Saturday* Night, and ſhall alſo tranſmit the ſame to the ſeveral and reſpective Collectors or other chief Officers of the Cuſtoms at the ſeveral Ports in this Act deſcribed, and the ſaid reſpective Collectors and other chief Officers are hereby required to receive and enter the ſame in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, and to cauſe a Copy thereof to be hung up in ſome public Place in the Cuſtom Houſe thereto belonging, to which all Perſons may reſort; and the Payment of the ſaid Bounties, at every ſuch Port, ſhall be governed and regulated by ſuch Average Prices, in Manner herein-before directed, until new Average Prices ſhall in like Manner be made up and computed, and a Certificate thereof ſhall be tranſmitted to ſuch Collectors or chief Officers reſpectively, and be by them received.

Such Certificate to be publiſhed in the *Gazette* every *Saturday*, and tranſmitted to the Collectors at the Ports in this Act deſcribed.

X. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Wheaten Flour imported into this Kingdom from *America* before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, being of the uſual Quality of Superfine Wheaten Flour, ſhall not, upon the Firſt publick Sale thereof by Auction in this Kingdom, made purſuant to the Regulations of this Act, produce the Sum of Seventy Shillings *per* Barrel, containing One hundred and ninety-ſix Pounds Weight Avoirdupois, there ſhall be paid and allowed, upon every ſuch Barrel, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the actual Price of each Barrel of ſuch Flour ſo ſold ſhall be leſs than Seventy Shillings, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity; and where any ſuch Wheaten Flour as aforeſaid, being of the Quality of Fine Wheaten Flour, ſhall not, in ſuch publick Sale by Auction as aforeſaid, produce the Sum of Sixty-eight Shillings *per* Barrel as aforeſaid, there ſhall be paid and allowed, upon every ſuch Barrel, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the actual Price of each Barrel of ſuch Flour ſo ſold ſhall be leſs than Sixty-eight Shillings, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity.

Bounty upon Wheaten Flour imported from *America*.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Indian Corn or Maize, weighing Four hundred and eight Pounds Avoirdupois *per* Quarter, ſhall not, upon the firſt publick Sale thereof by Auction in this Kingdom, made purſuant to the Regulations of this Act, produce the Sum of Fifty-five Shillings *per* Quarter, there ſhall be paid and allowed, upon every ſuch Quarter, a Sum equal to the Sum by which the actual Price of each Quarter of ſuch Indian Corn or Maize ſo ſold ſhall be leſs than Fifty-five Shillings: Provided always, That Three hundred and ſixty-four Pounds Weight Avoirdupois of Indian Meal ſhall be deemed equal to One Quarter of Indian Corn or Maize.

Bounty upon Indian Corn.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Rice which ſhall be imported into this Kingdom from *America* before the Firſt Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſhall not, upon the

Bounty upon Rice imported from *America*.

firſt publick Sale thereof by Auction in this Kingdom, made purſuant to the Regulations of this Act, produce the Sum of Thirty-five Shillings *per* Hundred Weight, there ſhall be paid and allowed, upon every Hundred Weight of ſuch Rice, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the actual Price of each Hundred Weight of ſuch Rice ſo ſold ſhall be leſs than Thirty-five Shillings.

Bounty upon Rice imported from the *Eaſt Indies*.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Rice imported into this Kingdom, in any Ship which ſhall have cleared out from any Port in the *Eaſt Indies* before the Firſt Day of *September* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſhall not, upon the firſt publick Sale thereof by Auction in this Kingdom, at the Sales of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt Indies*, made purſuant to the Regulations of this Act, produce the Sum of Thiry-five Shillings *per* Hundred Weight, there ſhall be paid and allowed, upon every One hundred Weight of ſuch Rice, a Bounty equal to the Sum by which the actual Price of each Hundred Weight of ſuch Rice ſo ſold ſhall be leſs than Thirty-five Shillings.

No Bounty to be paid on *American* Wheaten Flour, &c. unleſs ſold within a limited Time.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Bounty ſhall be paid or payable under this Act, on any *American* Wheaten Flour, or any Rice or Indian Corn or Meal, unleſs the ſame ſhall be ſold at publick Sale by Auction in this Kingdom, purſuant to the Directions of this Act, or at the Sales of the ſaid United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt Indies*, within Two Months after the Entry thereof at the Port of Importation, unleſs longer Time ſhall, under particular Circumſtances, be allowed by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms for *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively for the Time being, or any Two or more of them.

American Wheaten Flour, &c. exempt from Auction Duty.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all *American* Wheaten Flour, or any Rice, or Indian Corn or Maize, ſold at any publick Auction purſuant to the Directions of this Act, ſhall be exempt from any Duty payable on Sales by Auction.

Importers of Wheaten Flour and Rice to give Fourteen Days previous publick Notice of Sales, and like Notice to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, &c. who ſhall appoint a Perſon to attend to certify the Prices, *etc.*

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Importer or Importers, or Perſon or Perſons acting in his or her Behalf, on the Importation of any ſuch Wheaten Flour and Rice reſpectively, ſhall, within Forty-two Days after the Importation thereof, give or cauſe to be given, Notice by publick Advertiſement, Fourteen Days at the leaſt previous to the Day of Sale of ſuch Wheaten Flour and Rice reſpectively, ſpecifying the Time and Place of Sale, and the Quantity intended to be ſold, and ſhall alſo give or cauſe to be given a ſimilar Notice in Writing, Fourteen Days at the leaſt previous to the Day of Sale of ſuch Wheaten Flour and Rice reſpectively, to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, if in *London*, or if not in *London*, to the Collector and Comptroller of the Port into which the ſame ſhall have been imported; and ſuch Commiſſioners, Collector, or Comptroller reſpectively, are hereby reſpectively required to appoint ſome Officer or other Perſon to attend ſuch Sale, in order that ſuch Officer or other Perſon may certify to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or Collector and Comptroller, the Prices at which ſuch Wheaten Flour and Rice reſpectively ſhall be *bonâ fide* publicly ſold, and the Quantities thereof, together with the State and Condition of the Whole, according to the Cer-

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tificate of the Perſons who ſhall be appointed to inſpect the ſame under the Authority of this Act.

Perſons claiming Bounties to make Proof on Oath that the Sales were *bonâ fide* Sales.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That before any Bounty ſhall be paid on any Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, Indian Corn, or any Meal, or any Wheaten Flour or Rice, under the Regulations of this Act, the Perſon or Perſons claiming Bounty thereon ſhall make Proof on Oath before the principal Officers of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Importation, of the Day of the Sale of ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Indian Corn, or Meal thereof, or of ſuch Peaſe or Beans, and that the Sale of ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, and Indian Corn and Maize, and Wheaten Flour and Rice reſpectively, was a fair and *bonâ fide* Sale, and that there was not any Fraud or Colluſion in the Sale of any ſuch Articles reſpectively, for the Purpoſes of obtaining the Bounties thereon.

How Bounty on Rice imported from the *Eaſt Indies* ſhall be paid.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Bounty by this Act granted upon Rice imported into this Kingdom from the *Eaſt Indies* ſhall be paid to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt Indies*, for the Purpoſe of being paid over by the ſaid Company to ſuch Importer or Importers of ſuch Rice, as ſhall be entitled thereto.

Bounties to be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Bounties ſhall be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, and ſhall be paid out of any Monies in their Hands ariſing by any of the Duties or Revenues under their Management reſpectively, to the reſpective Importers or Conſignees of ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, or Indian Corn, or of ſuch Meal or Wheaten Flour and Rice reſpectively: Provided always, That a due Entry ſhall be made with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms at the Port into which ſuch Articles ſhall be imported; Provided alſo, That the Collector or other proper Officer of the Cuſtoms of the Port where ſuch Articles ſhall be imported, do receive full and ſatisfactory Proof that the Articles for which any Bounty herein allowed is claimed is wholly and entirely without Mixture of any other Corn or Grain; and that in Default thereof, the ſaid Bounties on any of them ſhall not, nor ſhall any of them be allowed or paid.

Entry to be made at the Port of Importation, and Proof given that the Articles are free from Mixture.

Articles imported to be inſpected by the Officers of the Cuſtoms and Two ſkilful Perſons, who are to certify whether they are fit for making Bread, *etc.*

XX. And be it further enacted, That before any Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, Indian Corn, or Meal made of Barley, Rye, Oats, or Indian Corn, or Wheat Flour or Rice imported or brought into this Kingdom for Bounty, under the Regulations of this Act, ſhall be delivered out of the Charge of the proper Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms of the Port where the ſame ſhall be reſpectively ſo imported or brought, ſuch Articles reſpectively ſhall be carefully and attentively inſpected and examined, and ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, and Indian Corn and Maize, weighed by ſuch Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms as the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively ſhall think fit to direct for that Duty, and Two indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons, experienced in the Nature of the Article to be ſo inſpected and examined; which Two indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* for the Port of *London*, and by the Collector and Comptroller

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or other Head Officer in any other Port of Importation deſcribed in this Act, in *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, ſubject nevertheleſs in every ſuch Caſe to the Controul and Approbation, Confirmation or Removal, of any ſuch Perſon or Perſons appointed in any ſuch Port or Ports aforeſaid, by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, whenever they ſhall think fit; which ſaid Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms, and Two indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons ſo choſen as aforeſaid, ſhall, upon having viewed the ſame, and having weighed ſuch Quantities and Proportions of any Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, or Indian Corn and Maize, as they may think ſufficient for aſcertaining the Average Weight thereof, certify and declare, upon their corporal Oaths firſt adminiſtered in the Port of *London* by ſome Perſon authorized by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms for that Purpoſe, and in the Outports by the Collector, or in his Abſence, by the Comptroller or other principal Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port where ſuch Articles ſhall be imported, (who are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter the ſame), whether the ſaid Articles reſpectively are or are not merchantable, and whether any ſuch Wheaten Flour is fit for making Bread, and alſo the Weight of ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, and Indian Corn and Maize reſpectively; and ſuch Officers and Perſons reſpectively are hereby required to grant ſuch Certificate upon all Corn, Grain, Pulſe, Flour, and Meal, that ſhall by them have been deemed merchantable and in good Condition as aforeſaid, within Two Days after the ſame ſhall have been inſpected by them as aforeſaid; and if the ſame ſhall appear by ſuch Certificate to be merchantable, and of the reſpective Weights required by this Act, where ſuch Weights are in this Act ſpecified, and ſuch Wheaten Flour ſhall appear to be fit for making Bread, the Bounties reſpectively granted by this Act ſhall be paid and allowed thereon; but if the ſame ſhall appear by ſuch Certificate not to be merchantable, or ſuch Wheaten Flour not fit for making Bread, no Bounty granted by this Act ſhall be paid or allowed thereon.

Samples may be taken in order to aſcertain the Condition of the Articles.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Officers or Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall have any Doubt as to the State and Condition of any ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, or Indian Corn or Maize, or any Meal of any ſuch Corn as aforeſaid, or of any Wheaten Flour, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Officers or Perſon or Perſons aforeſaid, to take a Sample thereof, not exceeding a Buſhel of any ſuch Corn, or a Peck of any ſuch Meal or Wheaten Flour, upon Payment of the reaſonable Value thereof, according to the laſt Average Price of ſuch Article, for the Purpoſe of grinding any ſuch Corn into Flour or Meal, and making Bread thereof, or making Bread of any ſuch Meal or Wheaten Flour, in order thereby to aſcertain the State and Condition of the ſame, and whether the ſame is fit for making Bread.

Recompence to be made to the Inſpectors.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid indifferent and diſintereſted Perſons ſo choſen by the ſaid Commiſſioners and principal Officers reſpectively to inſpect and examine the ſaid Articles, ſhall from Time to Time be paid by an Order of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* or *Scotland*, or any Three or more of them, out of any Monies in their Hands, ariſing by any of the Duties or Revenues under their Management reſpectively, the following Sums, by way of Recompence or Reward for their Trouble in ſo inſpecting, examining, and certifying,

tifying, (that is to ſay), the Sum of One Penny *per* Quarter for all Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, or Two hundred and eighty Pounds Weight Avoirdupois of Rice, inſpected, and examined and certified by them as aforeſaid, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity, and the Sum of One Penny *per* Barrel of all Wheaten Flour inſpected, and examined and certified by them as aforeſaid, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity.

Foreign Wheat, *etc.* arriving not in a merchantable State, may be warehouſed, and for ſuch as ſhall become merchantable the Bounties ſhall be paid.

XXIII. And whereas it may happen that Foreign Wheat, Barley, Rye, Oats, Peaſe, Beans, and Indian Corn and Maize, imported into this Kingdom, may arrive heated and not in a merchantable State and Condition; be it therefore enacted, That in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the Owner or Conſignee thereof, to depoſit the ſame in ſome Warehouſe to be approved of by the Collector, or in his Abſence the Controller or other Head Officer of the Cuſtoms in the Port where ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, ſhall be imported, under the Joint Locks of His Majeſty and ſuch Owner or Conſignee; and the Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in the Town or Port where any ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, ſhall be depoſited, ſhall at all ſeaſonable Times in the Day Time permit the Owner or Conſignee of ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, by his, her, or their Servants, to inſpect, examine, and turn ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, and take all proper Steps for the reſtoring the ſame to a merchantable Condition; and the Owner or Conſignee of all ſuch Corn, Grain, or Pulſe, that ſhall, after any ſuch Caſe as aforeſaid, become merchantable, and ſhall be certified as ſuch in Manner by this Act directed, ſhall be entitled to the Bounties by this Act granted, in like Manner in every Reſpect as if the ſame had arrived in good and merchantable State, and ſuch Bounty ſhall be payable and paid according to the Average Prices publiſhed in the *London Gazette* in the Third Week after the Article upon which any ſuch Bounty ſhall be claimed ſhall have been certified as aforeſaid.

Veſſels arriving at a Port where the Bounty is not allowed may ſail to one where it is.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Ship or Veſſel has arrived or ſhall arrive at any Port in Great Britain, where, according to the Regulations of this Act, the Bounty is not allowed, the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall and may lawfully depart from ſuch Port, without Moleſtation or Hindrance, with the ſeveral Articles on board, and may carry the ſame to any other Port of *Great Britain* at which the ſame may be entered for the Bounty, and there enter, land, and deliver the ſame, ſubject nevertheleſs to each and every the Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Reſtrictions of this Act.

Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms may pay Bounties on Articles imported before *October* 15, 1801, on Proof of the Veſſels having ſailed at ſuch Times that they might, in the ordinary Courſe of Voyages, have arrived before *October* 1.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any of the ſaid Articles herein enumerated and deſcribed ſhall be ſo imported or brought from any of the Ports or Places herein mentioned, into any of the reſpective Ports herein alſo enumerated, ſubſequent to the Time limited by this Act, but before the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, to order the Bounty or Bounties reſpectively to be paid thereon, in like Manner as if the ſaid Articles had been imported within the Time limited by this Act; provided Proof ſhall be made to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, that the Ships or Veſſels, on board of which reſpectively ſuch Articles ſhall be ſo imported or brought, actually and *bonâ fide* ſet Sail from ſuch reſpective

tive Ports or Places for *Great Britain*, in such Time as they might, in the ordinary Course of their Voyage, have arrived in *Great Britain* before the said First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and one, and Proof shall also be given and Entry shall be made, and the Articles inspected and examined, and certified, in like Manner as is required by this Act, to authorize the Payment of Bounty on the said Articles imported within the Time limited by this Act: Provided always, That nothing in this Clause contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Rice imported into this Kingdom, in any Ship or Vessel that shall have cleared out from any Port in the *East Indies* before the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and one, and that the Bounties by this Act granted on all such Rice shall be payable and paid upon all Rice imported in any such Ship or Vessel, in every Case where the Voyage shall have been performed according to the Regulations that shall have been entered into with the Court of Directors of the said Company in respect of such Voyage.

Bounty on Rice imported in Vessels cleared out in the *East Indies*, before *September* 1, 1801, shall be paid where the Voyage shall have been performed, according to the Agreement with the Court of Directors.

Recovery and Application of Forfeitures.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures created and Penalties inflicted by this Act, for Offences committed in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh*, respectively, in such Manner, and by such Ways, Means, and Methods, as Penalties inflicted or Forfeitures created in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, for any Offences against the Laws of Customs may now be legally sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, and the Produce disposed of in the like Manner and applied to the like Uses and Purposes, unless otherwise specially provided for by this Act.

Penalties on Cornfactors, or any Inspector of Corn Returns, may be sued for before Two Justices.

XXVII. Provided always, That any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted by this Act on any Cornfactor or Importer, or on any Inspector of Corn Returns, may be sued for and recovered before any Two Justices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Division, City, or Town, where such Cornfactor or Importer, or Inspector of Corn Returns, shall reside; and such Two Justices shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, if upon due Proof and Examination of the Matter it shall appear to them that such Cornfactor or Importer, or Inspector of Corn Returns, is guilty of the Offence against this Act then alledged against him, to convict him thereof, and by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to levy such Penalty by Distress and Sale of his Goods and Chattels; and such Penalty shall be applied in Manner herein-before mentioned.

No Bill shall be brought in any Court of Record for any Offence cognizable by Justices whose Determination shall be final.

XXVIII. Provided always, and it is hereby declared and enacted, That no Bill, Plaint, or Information, shall be brought or sued forth in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for any Offence against this Statute, in Cases where such Offences are by this Act cognizable by Justices of the Peace relating to the same Offences, or any Forfeitures or Penalties for the same, but that the Determination of the Justices of the Peace in the County where such Offence or Offences shall be committed, shall be final to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Limitation of Actions.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing by him,

him, her, or them done, by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within Three Months next after the Matter or Thing done, and ſhall be laid in the proper County, and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if afterwards a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or be nonſuited, or Judgement ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them, againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs. General Iſſue. Treble Coſts.

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To which this Act refers.

Return of CORN, GRAIN, or PULSE, that has been examined and certified for the Purpose of Bounties being paid thereon, which has been sold between *Sunday* the and *Sunday* the

Date of the Certificate.	By whom certified.	Description of Corn, Grain, or Pulse.	Quarters.	Bushels.	Consignees or Owners.	Buyers Names.	Price per Quarter.	Amount.

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