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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXI.

An Act for allowing, until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and one, the Use of Salt, Duty free, in the preserving of Fish in Bulk or in Barrels; for protecting Persons, engaged in such Fisheries, from being impressed into His Majesty's Service; for discontinuing the Bounty payable on White Herrings exported; and for allowing a Bounty on Pilchards now cured, whether exported or sold for Home Consumption.

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WHEREAS in order to procure a large Supply of good and wholesome Fish, it is expedient to allow Salt to be used, Duty free, for a limited Time, for the Purpose of curing or preserving Herrings, Pilchards, Mackarel, and all other Kinds or Species of wholesome Fish, either in Bulk or in Barrels; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assem- Preamble.

Salt may be taken on board, Duty free, for curing Fish, in the Proportion of 10 Bushels for every Ton Burthen of the Vessel.

bled, and by the Authority of the same, That, during the Continuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall catch or take, or purchase and cure or preserve any Herrings, Pilchards, Mackarel, or any other Kind or Species of wholesome Fish, or who shall fit out any Vessel for such Purpose, to take and ship on board his or their Vessel, from his or their own Stock of Salt, or from the Stock of Salt of any other Fish Curer, of whom such Person or Persons shall purchase, or with whom he or they shall contract for Salt, any Quantity of Salt, Duty free, that shall be deemed necessary for curing or preserving the Fish which may be expected to be taken or purchased in the Trip or Voyage in or upon which he or they shall immediately intend to dispatch or employ his or their Vessel: Provided always, That no Person or Persons shall be allowed to ship or have on board any Vessel, at any Time, any greater or larger Quantity of Salt, than in the Proportion of Ten Bushels for every Ton Burthen, by Admeasurement of the Vessel in or on board of which such Salt shall be taken or shipped: Provided also, That before any Person or Persons whatever shall receive into his or their Custody or Possession, or take or ship on board any Vessel or Vessels, any Quantity of Salt, free of Duty, for the Purpose of salting, curing, or preserving Fish, such Person or Persons shall make Entry in Writing at the next Office of Excise, of his or their Name or Names, and Place or Places of Abode, and of the Number and Situation of every Warehouse, which he or they shall intend to make use of for the keeping or storing of Salt, and shall also give Bond or Security to be approved by the Commissioners of Excise, or the Person or Persons who shall be appointed or employed by them for that Purpose, in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, that he or they will duly account with the proper Officer or Officers of Excise, according to the Directions of this Act, for all the Salt which he or they shall at any Time take, ship, receive, or have on board his or their Vessel or Vessels, for the Purpose of salting, curing, or preserving of Fish, and that such Salt, and every Part thereof, shall be fairly and *bonâ fide* employed, spent, and consumed, in salting, curing, or preserving of Fish as aforesaid, or shall be returned into the Warehouse entered for the keeping or storing of Salt, Duty-free, from whence the same was taken; and that no Part of such Salt, so taken, shipped, received, or had on board any such Vessel or Vessels as aforesaid, shall be fraudulently sold or disposed of, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Before Salt is received, Duty free, an Entry shall be made at the Excise Office of the Name of the Party, &c. and Bond given for duly accounting for the Salt.

Persons intending to ship Salt, to give Notice to the Excise Officer of certain Particulars.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons or Person intending to ship any such Salt for the Purpose aforesaid, shall give to the proper Officer of Excise of the Port or Place from whence such Salt shall be taken and shipped, a Notice in Writing specifying his or their Name or Names, the Name of the Vessel on board which the Salt is intended to be shipped, the Name of the Master thereof, the Burthen or Tonnage of such Vessel, the Place to which such Vessel is bound, the particular Sorts or Species of Fish expected to be taken or purchased and cured, and the exact and true Quantity and Species of Salt intended to be shipped or put on board such Vessel.

Fish Curers may deliver any Part of

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any known and entered Fish Curer or Fish Curers, to deliver any Part of his Stock of Salt,

Salt, Duty free, into the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have made Entry and given Bond or Security, in purſuance of and according to the Directions of this Act, for taking, or purchaſing and curing or preſerving Fiſh: Provided always, That ſuch Salt ſhall be delivered under, ſubject, and according to the Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions provided and preſcribed by an Act paſſed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for transferring the Management of the Salt Duties to the Commiſſioners of Excife, and for other Purpoſes.

their Stock of Salt, Duty free, to Perſons who have made Entry and given Bond as required.
Such Salt ſhall be delivered under the Rules of 38 *Geo.* III, Cap. 89.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when and ſo ſoon as any Salt ſhall have been ſhipped or taken on board any Veſſel for the Purpoſe of curing or preſerving Fiſh as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the proper Officer of Excife to whom the Notice of ſhipping ſuch Salt ſhall have been delivered as aforeſaid, and ſuch Officer is hereby authorized and required to give and grant to the Owner, Proprietor, or Maſter of ſuch Veſſel, a Certificate ſpecifying the Name of the Veſſel and of the Maſter thereof, the Tonnage or Burthen of ſuch Veſſel, the Quantity and Species of Salt taken, had, or received on board ſuch Veſſel, and the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons from whoſe Stock of Salt the ſame was taken and ſhipped, the Place from whence taken and ſhipped, the Time when ſhipped, and the Place to which the Veſſel on board which the ſame ſhall be ſo ſhipped is bound.

When Salt is ſhipt, the Excife Officer to give a Certificate ſpecifying certain Particulars.

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Maſter of any Veſſel, on board which any Salt ſhall be ſo taken or ſhipped as aforeſaid, ſhall unſhip or unlade, or cauſe or procure to be unſhipped or unladen, or wilfully or knowingly permit or ſuffer to be unſhipped or unladen, any Part of any Cargo of ſalted or cured Fiſh, except at ſome lawful Quay within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, he, ſhe, or they, ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Penalty of 100 *l.* for unſhipping cured Fiſh, except at a lawful Quay.

VI. And be it further enacted, That within Twenty-four Hours after any ſuch Veſſel on board of which any Salt ſhall have been taken or ſhipped as aforeſaid, ſhall arrive at the Port of which the Cargo of ſuch Veſſel is to be unladen or delivered, the Maſter of ſuch Veſſel ſhall make Entry in Writing with the proper Officer of Excife of ſuch Port, ſpecifying the Quantity and Kinds or Species of ſalted or cured Fiſh of which the Cargo of ſuch Veſſel ſhall conſiſt; that is to ſay, if Herrings, the Quantity, according to the exact and true Number of Crans of Thirty-four Gallons each, Engliſh Wine Meaſure, of freſh Herrings, which were taken or received on board his Veſſel; if Pilchards or Mackarel, the exact and true Number of Barrels, conſiſting of Fifty Gallons each of the like Meaſure, which were taken or received on board freſh; and if any other Kind or Species of Fiſh, the exact and true Number of Barrels of Two hundred Pounds Weight each, or the exact and true Weight of ſuch Fiſh; and alſo the exact and true Quantity of Salt actually employed and ſpent in curing and preſerving ſuch Fiſh reſpectively, and likewiſe the true Quantity of Salt which ſhall be then remaining, in or on board his Veſſel, unuſed; and thereupon the proper Officer of Excife ſhall go on board and inſpect and examine all ſuch Fiſh and Salt, and ſhall grant

Within 24 Hours after Arrival at the Port of unſhipping the Cargo of any Veſſel on board of which Salt ſhall have been taken, the Maſter ſhall make an Entry of certain Particulars with the Excife Officer, who ſhall go on board and examine, and grant Permiſſion for unloading the Fiſh, and if he require it, in his Preſence.

Permiſſion, in Writing under his Hand, for unloading and landing all ſuch Fiſh, which, if required by ſuch Officer, ſhall be unladen (and if in Bulk, meaſured or weighed) by ſuch Maſter, in the Preſence of the proper Officer of Exciſe; and if any ſuch Maſter ſhall neglect or refuſe to make ſuch Entry as aforeſaid, or make any falſe Entry, or ſhall refuſe to unlade the ſalted Fiſh of which his Cargo ſhall conſiſt, and to meaſure or weigh ſuch Part thereof as ſhall be imported in Bulk, in the Preſence of the proper Officer of Exciſe, he ſhall forfeit, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Penalty of 100*l.* on Maſters for Neglect.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Certificate which ſhall have been received by any ſuch Maſter for or in reſpect of any ſuch Salt as aforeſaid, ſhall be produced to the proper Officer of Exciſe by whom the Cargo of the Veſſel on board which the Salt, for or in reſpect of which ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid ſhall have been granted, ſhall be inſpected, examined, and taken account of; and if ſuch Officer ſhall be ſatisfied that the Salt ſpecified in ſuch Entry to have been uſed, ſhall have been fairly and *bonâ fide* ſpent and conſumed in preſerving or curing the ſalted Fiſh of which the Cargo ſhall conſiſt, according to the Directions of this Act, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Officer ſhall indorſe on ſuch Certificate the true Quantity of Fiſh cured or preſerved, and landed out of ſuch Veſſel, and the exact Quantity of Salt remaining on board; which Certificate, being produced to and left with the proper Officer of Exciſe of the Port or Place at which or from whence the Salt to which ſuch Certificate may have Reference ſhall have been ſhipped or taken on board ſuch Veſſel, ſuch laſt-mentioned Officer ſhall give Credit for or write off from the Account of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſtand charged in the Books or Accounts of the Exciſe with ſuch Salt, ſo much Salt as ſhall appear by the Indorſement of the proper Officer of Exciſe on ſuch Certificate to have been actually uſed, ſpent, and conſumed, in curing and preſerving Fiſh, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and ſhall permit and allow all the Salt remaining unuſed in or on board ſuch Veſſel, to be returned into the Warehouſe from whence the ſame was taken, and ſhall write off or give Credit for the Quantity of Salt actually ſo returned, or ſhall permit the ſame to be taken out, by and at the Option of the Maſter or Owner of the Veſſel, for curing or preſerving Fiſh on his next ſubſequent Trip or Voyage, either with or without any additional Quantity of Salt, (not exceeding in the Whole the Proportion herein-before mentioned), as he or they ſhall deem neceſſary; and every ſuch Officer of Exciſe ſhall, upon ſuch ſubſequent Trip or Voyage, and upon ſuch Notice as is herein-before required, give to the Maſter of of ſuch Veſſel, ſuch and the like Certificate as is by this Act before directed.

Certificates received in reſpect of Salt, ſhall be produced to the Exciſe Officer by whom the Cargo ſhall be inſpected, who ſhall, if ſatisfied, indorſe thereon the Quantity of Fiſh cured and landed, and the Quantity of Salt remaining; and the Officer of the Port from which the Salt was taken, ſhall give Credit for ſuch Salt as ſhall appear to have been uſed, and ſhall permit the Remainder to be warehouſed, *etc.*

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That immediately upon the Delivery to the proper Officer of Exciſe of any ſuch Entry as is herein-before directed, the Maſter of the Veſſel making or giving the ſame ſhall make Oath before the proper Officer of Exciſe (which Oath ſuch Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to adminiſter) to the Truth of ſuch Entry, and every Part thereof, and that he has not taken or received on board his Veſſel, or included in his Entry, any Fiſh whatever,

Maſters ſhall make Oath of the Truth of Entries, and that they have not included therein any Fiſh but what have been fairly cured on board, *etc.*

ever, ſave and except ſuch Fiſh only as hath been fairly and *bonâ fide* ſalted, cured, and preſerved, on board the Veſſel of which he is the Maſter, nor any Fiſh which he has any Reaſon to know or believe have been imported on board any other Veſſel whatever; that he has not directly or indirectly ſold, embezzled, or fraudulently diſpoſed of, or concealed, or conveyed away, or ſuffered any other Perſon or Perſons to ſell, embezzle, diſpoſe of, or conceal or convey away, any Part of the Salt taken, ſhipped, or laden on board his Veſſel, for ſalting, curing, or preſerving Fiſh.

Exciſe Officers may go on board, and take Account of Salt and ſalted Fiſh.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Officer of Exciſe, at all Times, to go and remain on board any ſuch Veſſel as aforeſaid, and to inſpect, examine, and take Account of all Salt, and ſalted Fiſh, and other Articles or Commodities whatſoever, in or on board ſuch Veſſel.

If the Fiſh unladed ſhall be ſhort 1-5th Part of the Quantity entered, the Maſter ſhall forfeit 100*l.*

X. And be it further enacted, That if the Quantity of ſalted or cured Fiſh actually unladed or delivered from on board any ſuch Veſſel as aforeſaid in the Preſence of the proper Officer of Exciſe, ſhall fall ſhort of the Quantity ſpecified in ſuch Entry as aforeſaid, in the Proportion of One Part in Five of the whole Quantity ſpecified in ſuch Entry, that then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Entry ſhall be deemed and taken to be a falſe and untrue Entry, and the Maſter making the ſame ſhall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Credit for Salt uſed in curing Fiſh ſhall not exceed the Quantities herein ſpecified,

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Credit or Allowance for Salt uſed in the ſalting, curing, or preſerving Fiſh, under the Directions or Authority of this Act, ſhall, at any Time or in any Caſe, be made or given beyond the Quantity of Salt actually and *bonâ fide* employed and ſpent in the ſalting, curing, and preſerving the Fiſh, for which ſuch Credit or Allowance ſhall be claimed; nor ſhall any ſuch Credit or Allowance exceed the following Proportions, that is to ſay, for every Cran conſiſting of Thirty-four Gallons, *Engliſh* Wine Meaſure, of Herrings, actually ſalted, cured, preſerved, and produced to the proper Officer of Exciſe in a good, wholeſome, and merchantable State, Sixty-five Pounds Weight of Salt; for every Barrel of Fifty Gallons, of the like Meaſure, of Pilchards or Mackarel, ſo ſalted, cured, preſerved, and produced as aforeſaid, Ninety-five Pounds Weight of Salt; for every One hundred Weight of all other Fiſh, ſo ſalted, cured, preſerved, and produced as aforeſaid, Twenty-two Pounds Weight of Salt; any Thing in this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

and no further Allowance ſhall be granted.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no further or other Credit or Allowance for Salt ſhall be made, given, or granted, for or in reſpect of any Fiſh for which the Credit or Allowance of Salt, by this Act given or granted, ſhall be claimed, ſet off, or allowed.

No Bounty ſhall be given for Fiſh cured under this

XIII. And be it further enacted, That no Bounty ſhall be given, granted, allowed, or paid for or in reſpect of any Fiſh whatever, ſalted, cured, or preſerved, under the Authority, Directions, or Proviſions of this Act,

Act, except Red Herrings.

other than and except ſuch Herrings as ſhall be cured and legally packed as Red Herrings.

Maſters of Veſſels importing ſalted Fiſh into the Port of *London* ſhall make Entry and Oath with the Exciſe Officer at *Graveſend*, and unlade into Boats the Cargo in his Preſence.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Maſter of every Veſſel in or on board of which any ſalted Fiſh taken and cured under the Authority and Direction of this Act, ſhall be imported or brought into the Port of *London*, ſhall make the Entry and Oath herein-before directed, with and before the proper Officer of Exciſe at *Graveſend*, and ſhall then and there take out and unlade into proper Boats or Lighters, all his Cargo of ſalted Fiſh, in the Preſence of the proper Officer of Exciſe, in the Manner, according to the Directions, and ſubject to the Penalty in caſe of Neglect, Refuſal, or falſe Entry, which is herein-before directed, in reſpect of Veſſels arriving with and unlading ſalted Fiſh at any lawful Quay in *Great Britain*.

Perſons concealing, &c. Salt ſhipt for curing Fiſh, to forfeit 50 *l.* & the Salt ſhall be forfeited.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatever ſhall clandeſtinely or fraudulently conceal, embezzle, ſell, diſpoſe of, or carry or convey away, any Salt that ſhall be taken or ſhipped on board any Veſſel, for the ſalting, curing, or preſerving of Fiſh, under the Powers and Authorities by this Act given or granted, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and all Salt ſo concealed, embezzled, ſold, diſpoſed of, or carried or conveyed away, together with the Package containing the ſame, ſhall be forfeited, and the ſame ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe.

For Herrings in Bulk cured as Red Herrings, or for Exportation to *Ireland*, the like Quantity of Salt ſhall be allowed as for Herrings in Bulk for Home Conſumption, on the Maſter's complying with the Rules of this Act, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to take, purchaſe, and ſalt and preſerve Herrings in Bulk, either for the Purpoſe of curing the ſame as Red Herrings, or for immediate Exportation to *Ireland*; and ſuch Perſon ſhall be allowed ſuch and the like Quantity of Salt for every Cran (conſiſting of Thirty-four Gallons of ſuch Herrings) as is allowed for curing and preſerving Herrings in Bulk for Home Conſumption; provided the Maſter of ſuch Veſſel ſhall comply with and conform to the ſeveral Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions by this Act directed; and provided alſo, that the Maſter of every Veſſel intending to export Herrings in Bulk to *Ireland*, ſhall make a like Entry and Oath, with the Officer of Exciſe, at the Port neareſt to which the Herrings on board his Veſſel ſhall have been taken, as is required by this Act to be made for or in reſpect of Veſſels arriving with ſalted Fiſh to be landed at any Port in *Great Britain*, and ſhall permit and allow the proper Officer of Exciſe, to inſpect, examine, and take Account of all ſuch Herrings accordingly.

Exciſe Officers may take an Account of Pilchards cured and packed in the Cuſtody of any entered Fiſh Curer, and at the Expiration of a Month ſhall

XVII. And whereas it is expedient to encourage the Sale of ſuch Pilchards for Home Conſumption as may be now in Store, be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the proper Officer or Officers of Exciſe, to take an immediate and true Account of all Pilchards which, at the Time of taking ſuch Account, ſhall be well and perfectly cured and packed in Barrels, and which ſhall be or remain in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any regular and entered Fiſh Curer; and ſuch Officer or Officers, at and after the Expiration of One Month after he or they ſhall have taken

such Account, and ascertained the true Number of Barrels of such Pilchards, shall give to the Proprietor or Owner thereof a Debenture specifying the exact and true Number of Barrels of such Pilchards so cured and packed as aforesaid: Provided always, That before the proper Officer or Officers of Excise shall take any such Account as aforesaid, the Owner or Proprietor of such Pilchards shall, upon being thereunto required by the proper Officer of Excise, forthwith deliver to such Officer a Declaration in Writing, specifying the exact and true Number of Barrels of Pilchards in his Custody or Possession, and whether any Debenture has been made out or granted, or any Bounty allowed or paid for any, and if for any, for how many Barrels of such Pilchards, on Pain of forfeiting, for every Neglect or Refusal to make such Declaration, or for any false or untrue Declaration, the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

give him a Debenture of the Number of Barrels.

Before such Account is taken, the Owner, upon being required, shall deliver a Declaration of the Number of Barrels of Pilchards in his Custody, and whether any Debenture has been made out, or Bounty allowed, on Penalty of 100*l.*

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That upon any such Debenture as aforesaid being produced to the Collector of Excise, of the Collection in which the Fish Curer to whom the same was given or granted shall reside, such Collector shall, and he is hereby authorized and required, out of any Money in his Hands arising from the Duty on Salt, to pay to such Fish Curer such Bounty as he would have been entitled unto in case such Pilchards had been duly and truly exported; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament, or in this Act, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

On Production of the Debenture to the Collector of Excise, he shall pay the same Bounty as on Pilchards exported.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as any Officer or Officers of Excise, shall have taken account of and ascertained the true Number of Barrels of Pilchards in the Custody or Possession of any such entered Fish Curer as aforesaid, such Officer or Officers shall forthwith burn or brand distinctly on each Barrel the Letters B. A. to denote that the same has been taken account of, and the Bounty allowed thereon.

Officer shall brand Barrels of which an Account shall have been taken.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Fish Curer or other Person whatever shall alter or deface any Mark burnt or branded upon any Barrel of Pilchards, or shall repack any Pilchards upon which any Bounty shall have been allowed, or otherwise attempt or endeavour to obtain Credit for or Payment of any Bounty upon any Pilchards for which a Bounty had been before allowed or paid, or for the Payment of which Bounty any Debenture shall have been made out or granted, every Fish Curer or other Person, so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Penalty of 200 *l.* for altering Marks on Barrels, &c.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That before the Bounty on any Debenture shall be paid by any Collector of Excise, the Owner or Proprietor of the Pilchards, by whom such Bounty shall be claimed, shall make Oath that no Bounty whatever has been paid, recovered, or allowed, nor any Debenture made out or granted for or in respect of the Pilchards, or any Part thereof, which are or shall be mentioned or specified in such Debenture, and that all such Pilchards are well and perfectly cured and packed, and are good and merchantable Fish; which Oath such Collector is hereby authorized and empowered to administer.

Before any Bounty shall be paid on Pilchards, the Owner shall make Oath that no Bounty has been paid, and that they are merchantable Fish.

XXII. And

Such Pilchards may be ſold for Home Conſumption, or for Exportation, but only in the original Barrels, unleſs ſold by Retail, in leſs Quantity than a Barrel.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Proprietor or Owner of ſuch Pilchards, or to and for any other Perſon or Perſons who may be legally entitled to the ſame, to ſell or diſpoſe of ſuch Pilchards, or any Part thereof, either for Home Conſumption or for Exportation, ſubject nevertheleſs, if exported, to the Rules, Regulations, and Proviſions, to which the Exportation of Pilchards is now liable: Provided always, That no ſuch Pilchards ſhall at any Time be ſold or diſpoſed of, ſave and except in the original Barrels, marked and branded by the proper Officer or Officers of the Revenue, unleſs ſuch Pilchards ſhall be ſold by Retail in leſs Quantity than One Barrel, and in caſe any Fiſh Curer, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall ſell or diſpoſe of any Pilchards contrary to the Directions of this Act, he, ſhe, or they ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

No other Bounty than that given by this Act ſhall be paid for ſuch Pilchards exported.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no further or other Bounty than that which is given and granted by this Act, ſhall be claimed, paid, or allowed, for or in reſpect of any Pilchards for which a Debenture for the Bounty granted by this Act has been made out, for or on Account of any ſuch Pilchards being exported; any Thing in this, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

No Bond or Certificate to be ſubject to Stamp Duty.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Bond or Security given or taken for Salt to be uſed or employed in curing or preſerving Fiſh, nor any Certificate made out in relation to any ſuch Salt, ſhall be ſubject to any Stamp Duties; any Thing in this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

No Fee ſhall be taken by any Officer of the Revenue on Penalty of 5 *l.*

XXV. And be it further enacted, That no Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, ſhall be taken or received by any Officer or Officers of the Revenue, for or on Pretence of preparing or making out any Bond, Certificate, or Permiſſion required by this Act, or for or under any other Account or Pretence whatever, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds.

Penalty of 500 *l.* for forging Certificates, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall counterfeit, forge, or alter, or cauſe to be counterfeited, forged, or altered, any Certificate in any Caſe in which a Certificate is by this Act required to be uſed, given, or granted, or ſhall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or cauſe to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, any Indorſement or any ſuch Certificate, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit Five hundred Pounds.

Perſons taking a falſe Oath to be liable to the Penalties for Perjury.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be convicted of wilfully taking a falſe Oath in any of the Caſes in which an Oath is required to be taken by this Act, ſhall be liable to the Pains and Penalties to which Perſons are liable for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Penalty of 200 *l.* for obſtructing Officers.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatever ſhall reſiſt, oppoſe, moleſt, hinder, or obſtruct, any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe, in the due Execution of this Act, every

every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Cargoes may be unladen as the Owners ſhall judge proper (except as to Exciſe Officers).

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Owners or Conſignees of any ſuch Cargo of Fiſh, ſalted or cured under the Proviſions of this Act, or the Maſter of any ſuch Veſſel laden with any ſuch Fiſh as aforeſaid, under this Act, to diſcharge and unlade, and cauſe to be diſcharged and unladen, all ſuch Fiſh as aforeſaid, by ſuch Perſons, and in ſuch Manner, and at ſuch Times and Places, (except as is provided by this Act with reſpect to the Officers of Exciſe), as ſuch Owners, or Conſignees, or Maſters, reſpectively, ſhall judge proper; and no Perſon or Perſons employed by any ſuch Owner, Conſignee, or Maſter, in unloading any ſuch Fiſh, or diſcharging any ſuch Veſſel, ſhall be liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture, or ſubject to any Reſtriction in reſpect thereof; and no Port or other Fees or Dues ſhall be payable or paid in reſpect of the unloading of any ſuch Fiſh or diſcharging of any ſuch Veſſel; any Act or Acts, Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

No Perſon employed in taking or curing Fiſh or preparing to depart on a Voyage, or returning therefrom, ſhall be impreſſed till *October* 15, 1801, upon Certificate from the Officers of the Cuſtoms.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon engaged or employed in the taking, catching, ſalting, curing, or preſerving, any Fiſh, under the Proviſions of this Act, or who ſhall be preparing to depart on board of or with any Veſſel, and Nets for the Purpoſe of engaging in taking, catching, ſalting, curing, or preſerving Fiſh, under this Act, nor any Perſon returning therefrom, ſhall be impreſſed into His Majeſty's Service, but ſhall, and is hereby privileged and exempted therefrom, until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one: Provided always, That every ſuch Perſon preparing to proceed on any Voyage or Trip under this Act, ſhall be furniſhed with a Certificate from the Collector or Comptroller of the Cuſtoms at or near the Port or Place to which he may belong or reſide, that he is actually and *bonâ fide* preparing to proceed on ſuch Voyage or Trip, which Certificate ſuch Collector or Comptroller is hereby directed and required to deliver to every ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid applying for the ſame, without Fee or Reward.

Bounty granted by 38 *Geo.* III, Cap. 89, on White Herrings diſcontinued until *October* 15, 1801.

XXXI. And whereas by an Act, made in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for transferring the Management of the Salt Duties to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, and for repealing the Duties on Salt, and the Drawbacks, Allowances, and Bounties paid thereout, and for granting other Duties, Drawbacks, Allowances, and Bounties thereon,* a Bounty of Two Shillings and Eight-pence was granted on every Barrel of White Herrings, containing Thirty-two Gallons, which ſhould be duly exported to Parts beyond the Seas: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Bounty ſhould be diſcontinued for a limited Time; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid Bounty ſhall be diſcontinued until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſave and except any Arrears of Bounty that may be due before the paſſing of this Act.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, impoſed by this Act, ſhall be ſued for, recovered, levied, or

mitigated, by such Ways, Means, or Methods, as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture may be sued for, recovered, levied, 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*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* respectively; and that one Moiety of any such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, shall be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him, or them, who will inform, discover, or sue for the same.

Continuance of Act.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from the Day on which the same shall receive the Royal Assent, and shall remain and continue in force until the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and one.

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