Anno ſexto

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XIII.

An Act to remove a Doubt concerning ſuch Part of an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, as relates to the aſcertaining of the Duties upon the Importation of certain Linen Cloth of the Manufacture of *Ruſſia*; and to obviate all Doubts with reſpect to the Importation of Tea, under certain Licences authorized to be granted by an Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty.



WHEREAS by an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better ſecuring and further Improvement of the Revenues of Cuſtoms, Exciſe, Inland, and Salt Duties; and for encouraging the Linen Manufacture of the Iſle of *Man*; and for allowing the Importation of ſeveral Goods, the Produce and Manufacture of the ſaid Iſland, under certain Reſtrictions and Regulations; it is amongſt other Things enacted, That from and after the Firſt Day of June, One

Preamble, reciting Clauſe in an Act of the laſt Seſſion.

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One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five, the Duties payable upon the Importation of unrated Linen Cloth, of the Manufacture of Ruſſia, ſhall ceaſe and determine; and that all the Proviſions and Clauſes contained in any former Act or Acts of Parliament, ſo far as the ſame relate to the aſcertaining the Value of ſuch unrated Linens, according to the Oaths or Affirmations of the Importers, ſhall be repealed and made void; and that in lieu of the ſaid Duties thereby repealed, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five, all Linen Cloth or Diaper of Ruſſia, not otherwiſe rated, which ſhall be imported into Great Britain, ſhall be rated to pay the Old Subſidy, and all other Subſidies or Duties due for the ſame, according to the ſeveral Rates and Values in the ſaid recited Act mentioned; that is to ſay, all Linnen Cloth and Diaper of Ruſſia, not otherwiſe rated, exceeding Thirty one Inches and One Half of an Inch in Breadth, and not exceeding Forty five Inches in Breadth, for every One hundred and twenty Engliſh Ells, Six Pounds; and for all Linen Cloth and Diaper of Ruſſia, not otherwiſe rated, exceeding Forty five Inches in Breadth, for every One hundred and twenty Engliſh Ells, Ten Pounds; and in that Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity of any of the ſaid Goods: And whereas ſeveral Quantities of Linen Cloth and Diaper of Ruſſia, exceeding Twenty two Inches and One Half of an Inch, and not exceeding Thirty one Inches and One Half of an Inch in Breadth, have, ſince the ſaid Firſt Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five, been imported into Great Britain, which Sort of Linen formerly paid Duty ad Valorem; and the ſame being omitted to be expreſsly rated in the ſaid recited Act, Doubts have ariſen, whether the Duties upon ſuch Linen are to be aſcertained according to the former Method, by the Oath of the Importer, or in Proportion to the Rates aſſixed by the ſaid recited Act upon Ruſſia Linen not otherwiſe rated, exceeding in Breadth Thirty one Inches and One Half of an Inch: And whereas the Proportion of ſuch Rates, when applied to Ruſſia Linen, exceeding Twenty two Inches and One Half of an Inch, and under Thirty one Inches and One Half of an Inch in Breadth, is Four Pounds for every One hundred and twenty Engliſh Ells: Now to obviate thoſe Doubts, and for ſupplying ſuch Omiſſion, May it pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be declared and enacted; and be it declared and 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 all Linen Cloth and Diaper of Russia, not otherwise rated, exceeding Twenty two Inches and One Half of an Inch, and not exceeding Thirty one Inches and One Half of an Inch in Breadth, which have been, or shall be, imported into any Port or Place within Great Britain, from and after the said First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, shall be rated to pay the Old Subsidy granted by the Act of Tonnage and Poundage, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, and all other Subsidies, Imposts, and Duties whatsoever, payable for the same, according to the Rate and Value of Four Pounds for every One hundred and twenty English Ells of such Linen, in the same Manner, and by such Rules, Ways, and Means, as if the same had been particularly and expressly so rated and valued in the said recited Act, made the last Session of Parliament; any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Russia Cloth not otherwise rated, and exceeding 22 1-half Inches in Breadth, but not more than 31 1-half Inches, imported after 1 *June*, 1765, to pay as here rated.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for making more effectual the Laws prohibiting the Importation of Spirituous Liquors in Casks or Vessels not containing Sixty Gallons, and of Tea above the Quantity of Six Pounds, found on Board any *British* Ship or Vessel, not belonging to, or employed by, the *East India* Company; reciting, amongst other Things, that, notwithstanding the several Provisions made for preventing Frauds, Ships and Vessels arriving from foreign Parts frequently had on Board Tea, which Tea was intended to be run on Shore, without Payment of the Duties thereof; but in order to prevent the Seizure and Forfeiture thereof, was brought into Port, under Pretence that it was designed for Exportation, and was frequently reported for Exportation to foreign Parts, and nevertheless was afterwards run on Shore; it was therefore enacted, that from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty five, all Tea above the Quantity of Six Pounds, which should be found in any British Ship or Vessel arriving in Great Britain from foreign Parts, excepting those belonging to, or employed by, the East India Company, should be forfeited and lost, whether such Tea should be intended or reported for Exportation or not: And whereas Doubts have arisen, whether the Powers contained in an Act made

Act 28 *Geo.* II.

Act 18 *Geo.* II. in the Eighteenth Year of His ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for repealing the preſent Inland Duty of Four Shillings *per* Pound Weight upon all Tea ſold in *Great Britain*, and for granting to His Majeſty certain other Inland Duties in lieu thereof; and for better ſecuring the Duty upon Tea, and other Duties of Exciſe; and for purſuing Offenders out of one County into another; to grant Licences to any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate (other than the Eaſt India Company) for the Importation of Tea into this Kingdom from any Part of Europe, were not repealed by the ſaid Act made in the Twenty eighth Year of His ſaid Majeſty's Reign; now for obviating ſuch Doubts, be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Act, made in the Twenty eighth Year of His ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, was not intended to extend, and doth not extend, to hinder or prevent the granting of any Licence whatſoever, for the Importation of Tea into this Kingdom from any Parts of Europe, in purſuance of the Powers contained in the ſaid Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty; or to hinder or prevent any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, other than the Eaſt India Company, from importing any Quantities of Tea, not exceeding the Quantities for which any ſuch Licence hath been or ſhall be granted, in any Britiſh Ship whatſoever, navigated according to Law, or to make Tea ſo imported liable to Forfeiture; any thing in the ſaid Act notwithſtanding. 7

The Act of 28 *Geo.* II. declared not intended to prevent the granting Licences for the Importation of Tea from any Parts of *Europe*; or to hinder any Perſons, other than the *Eaſt India* Company, from duly importing any Quantities of Tea, ſo as not to exceed the Quantities licenſed.

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