Anno ſexto

# Georgii III. Regis.

## CAP. XVII.

An Act for explaining and amending ſo much of an Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of King *James* the Second, intituled, *An additional Act for the Improvement of Tillage*, as relates to the City of *London*.

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King James the Second, intituled, An additional Improvement of Tillage, it is enacted, That from and after the Feaſt of Saint Michael the Archangel then next, and from thence forward, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all and every the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſeveral and reſpective Counties within His Ma-

Preamble, reciting Clauſe in Act 1 *Jac.* II.



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jesty's Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, wherein Foreign Corn or Grain shall or may be thereafter imported, and they, and every of them, are thereby enjoined and required, at their next respective Quarter Sessions after Michaelmas and Easter Day yearly, by the Oaths of Two or more honest and substantial Persons of the respective Counties, being neither Merchants nor Factors for the importing of Corn, nor any Ways concerned nor interested in the Corn so imported, and each of them having a Freehold Estate of Twenty Pounds per Annum, or a Leasehold Estate of Fifty Pounds per Annum, above all Charges and Reprizes, and being skilful in the Prices of Corn (which Oaths all and every the said Justices are thereby impowered to administer) and, by such other Ways and Means as to them shall seem fit, to examine and determine the Common Market Prices of middling English Corn and Grain of the respective Sorts mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in the Two and twentieth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for Improvement of Tillage and the Breed of Cattle, as the same shall be commonly bought and sold in the said respective Counties into which any Foreign Corn or Grain shall be imported; and to certify the same, with Two such Oaths made as aforesaid, in Writing annexed, unto His Majesty's Chief Officer and Collector of the Customs for the time being, residing in the said respective Ports or Havens where the said Corn and Grain shall be imported, to be hung up in some public Place in the Custom House, to which all Persons may resort for their Information: And it is thereby further enacted, That from and after the said Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel then next, the Custom and Duty of Foreign Corn and Grain imported into any of His Majesty's said Dominions of England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, appointed, by the said Act of the Twenty second of

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King Charles the Second, to be paid, ſhall be collected and paid according to the Prices contained in ſuch reſpective Certificates as aforeſaid, and not otherwiſe; any thing in the ſaid Act of King James the Second, or in any other Law or Statute, contained to the contrary notwithſtanding: And it is thereby provided and further enacted, That all that, by virtue of the ſaid Act of King James the Second, was to be done by the Juſtices of the Peace at their Quarter Seſſions in their ſeveral Counties, ſhall be done and performed in like Manner in the City of London, in the Months of October and April yearly, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Juſtices of Peace there; and that the Perſons making ſuch Oaths ſhall be no Corn Chandler, Mealman, Factor, Merchant, or other Perſon intereſted in ſuch Corn ſo to be imported, but ſhall be ſome ſubſtantial Houſekeepers living in Middleſex or Surry, qualified as aforeſaid: And whereas the Power given by the ſaid Act to the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Juſtices of Peace of the City of London, for examining and determining the common Market Prices of middling Engliſh Corn and Grain, only in the Months of October and April yearly, is found ineffectual to anſwer the good Purpoſes of the ſaid Act: 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 aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That all that by virtue of the ſaid Act is to be done by the Juſtices of the Peace at their Quarter Seſſions in their ſeveral Counties, ſhall, from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September next, be done and performed in like Manner in the City of London, not only in the Months of October and April yearly, but alſo in the Months of January and July yearly, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Juſtices of Peace there; and that the Perſons making ſuch Oaths, ſhall be no Corn Chandler, Mealman, Factor, Merchant, or other Perſon intereſted

From and after 29 *Sept.* the Mayor, Aldermen, and Juſtices of *London*, are impowered to do all that by virtue of the recited Act may be done by Juſtices at the Quarter Seſſions, in the Months of *Jan.* and *July*, as well as in *October* and *April* yearly.

Perſons making Oaths to be ſubſtantial Houſekeepers in *Middleſex* or *Surry*.

in ſuch Corn to be imported, but ſhall be ſome ſubſtantial Houſekeepers living in Middleſex or Surry, qualified as aforeſaid; any thing in the ſaid Act, or in any Law or Statute contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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