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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to enable His Majeſty to put the Cuſtoms, and other Duties, in the *Britiſh* Dominions in *America*, and the Execution of the Laws relating to Trade there, under the Management of Commiſſioners to be appointed for that Purpoſe, and to be reſident in the ſaid Dominions.

Preamble, reciting Act 25 *Car.* II.



WHEREAS in purſuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the *Greenland* and *Eaſtland* Trades, and for the better ſecuring the Plantation Trade, the Rates and Duties impoſed by that, and ſeveral ſubſequent Acts of Parliament, upon various Goods imported into, or exported from, the Britiſh Colonies and Plantations in America, have been put under the Management of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England for the time being, by and under the Authority and Directions of the High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being: And whereas the Officers appointed for the Collection of the ſaid Rates and Duties, in America, are obliged to apply to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England for their Special Inſtructions and Directions, upon every particular Doubt and Difficulty which ariſes in relation to the Payment of the ſaid Rates and Duties; whereby all Perſons concerned in the Commerce and Trade of the ſaid Colonies and Plantations, are greatly obſtructed and delayed in the carrying on and tranſacting of their Buſineſs: And whereas the appointing of Commiſſioners to be reſident in ſome convenient Part of His Majeſty's Dominions in America, and to be inveſted with ſuch Powers as are now exerciſed by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England by virtue of the Laws in being, would relieve the ſaid Merchants and Traders from the ſaid Inconveniencies, tend to the Encouragement of Commerce, and to the better ſecuring of the ſaid Rates and Duties, by the more ſpeedy and effectual Collection

lection thereof: 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 the Cuſtoms and other Duties impoſed, by any Act or Acts of Parliament, upon any Goods or Merchandizes brought or imported into, or exported or carried from, any Britiſh Colony or Plantation in America, may, from time to time, be put under the Management and Direction of ſuch Commiſſioners, to reſide in the ſaid Plantations, as His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, by His or Their Commiſſion or Commiſſions under the Great Seal of Great Britain, ſhall judge to be moſt for the Advantage of Trade, and Security of the Revenue of the ſaid Britiſh Colonies; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

His Majeſty authorized to put the Cuſtoms, and other Duties in the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*, under the Management of Commiſſioners to be reſident there:

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo to be appointed, or any Three or more of them, ſhall have the ſame Powers and Authorities for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Laws relating to the Revenues and Trade of the ſaid Britiſh Colonies in America, as were, before the paſſing of this Act, exerciſed by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England, by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force: And it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, in ſuch Commiſſion or Commiſſions, to make Proviſion for putting in Execution the ſeveral Laws relating to the Cuſtoms and Trade of the ſaid Britiſh Colonies; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Their Power, with regard to carrying into Execution the Laws relating to the Revenues and Trade of the ſaid Colonies.

The Crown impowered, in ſuch Commiſſions, to make Proviſion for the Execution of the ſaid Laws there.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Deputations, and other Authorities, granted by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England before the paſſing of this Act, or which may be granted by them before any Commiſ-

Deputations, *&c.* granted by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England*,

ſion or Commiſſions ſhall iſſue in purſuance of this Act, to any Officer or Officers acting in the ſaid Colonies or Plantations, ſhall continue in force as fully, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if this Act had not been made, until the Deputations, or other Authorities, ſo granted to ſuch Officer or Officers reſpectively, ſhall be revoked, annulled, or made void, by the High Treaſurer of Great Britain, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being.

to be in Force there, till revoked by the Treaſury.

FINIS.