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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XLIII.

An Act to amend and enforce the Acts of the Eighteenth, Twenty firſt, and Thirty ſecond Years of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, for the more effectual preventing the fraudulent Importation and Wearing of Cambricks and *French* Lawns.

WHEREAS an Act paſſed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for prohibiting the Wearing and Importation of Cambricks and *French* Lawns; and alſo One other Act paſſed in the Twenty firſt Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty, intituled, An Act for explaining, amending, and enforcing, an Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for prohibiting the Wearing and Importation of Cambricks and* French *Lawns*; and another Act made in the Thirty ſecond Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty King George the Second, intituled, Preamble, reciting A. s 18 *Geo.* II, 21 *Geo.* II,

and 32 *Geo.* II. An Act for the more effectual preventing the fraudulent Importation of Cambricks and *French* Lawns, have been found ineffectual: 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 July, One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, no Cambrick or French Lawn shall be imported into any Part of Great Britain, except into the Port of London only.

No Cambrick or *French* Lawn to be imported into any Part of *Great Britain*, except into the Port of *London*, after 1 *July*, 1767;

and in *British* Ships navigated according to Law;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no such Cambrick or French Lawn shall be allowed to be imported into the Port of London from any Parts beyond the Seas, except in British Ships navigated according to Law; and except Notice be first given to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs of the Species, and Quantity, and Marks of the Packages, of such Cambricks and French Lawns, and the Name of the Ship in which the same are intended to be imported; and a Licence given under the Hands of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England for the time being, or any Three of them, for the Landing thereof, within Thirty Days from the Date of such Licence; which Licence they are hereby authorized and required to grant without any Fee or Reward, or any other Charge to the Person demanding the same: And if any Cambricks or French Lawns shall be imported into Great Britain contrary to the Intention of this Act, or without such Licence as is herein before directed, such Goods, with the Package containing the same, together with the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall be imported, shall be forfeited and lost, and shall and may be seized and prosecuted as herein after mentioned; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Notice thereof also being first given to the Commissioners of the Customs,

and a Licence obtained for the Landing;

otherwise they are liable to Forfeiture, together with the Vessel.

Provided always, That no such Licence shall be granted for the Importation or Landing of any Cambricks or French Lawns in any other Package, or in any less Quantity, than is directed and allowed by the last recited Act of the Thirty second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second.

Licence to be restrained to the Package, and Quantity, prescribed by Act 32 *Geo.* II;

And it is hereby further enacted, That such Licence shall be produced and delivered up by the Master or Person taking charge of the Ship wherein such Cambricks or French Lawns shall be imported, together with the Marks, Numbers, and Contents of each Package, endorsed

and to be delivered up by the Master, &c.

boꝛſed on the Back thereof, to the Collectoꝛ and Comptroller of the Cuſtoms, at the Time of entering and repoꝛting ſuch Ship, on the Foꝛfeiture of One hundꝛed Pounds; and ſuch Cambꝛicks and French Lawns ſhall, upon Landing, be warebouſed under the like Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions; and ſhall not be afterwards delivered out of ſuch Warebouſe, but on Condition to be expoꝛted to ſome of the Britiſh Colonies oꝛ Plantations in America, under the like Securities and Reſtrictions as are expꝛeſſed and directed in the ſaid laſt recited Act of the Thirty ſecond Yeaꝛ of the Reign of King George the Second, and upon Payment of the ſame Duties as they are now liable to by Law.

at the Time of entering and reporting the Veſſel; and the Goods to be wareboufed;

and delivered out for Exportation only.

And be it further enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundꝛed and ſixty eight, no Cambꝛick oꝛ Lawn whatſoever ſhall be impoꝛted from the Kingdom of Ireland, into any Part of Great Britain, until the Impoꝛtation of Cambꝛicks and French Lawns into the Kingdom of Ireland ſhall be pꝛohibited by Law, upon Pain of foꝛfeiting the ſaid Goods, and the further penal Sum of Five Pounds foꝛ every Piece of Cambꝛick oꝛ Lawn ſo impoꝛted.

No Cambrick or Lawn to be imported from *Ireland*, till the Importation of Cambricks and *French* Lawns into that Kingdom be prohibited by Law.

And be it further enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundꝛed and ſixty ſeven, where any Ship oꝛ Veſſel whatſoever coming oꝛ arriving from Foꝛeign Parts, and having on board any Cambꝛick oꝛ French Lawns, without ſuch Licence as is herein befoꝛe directed, ſhall be found at Anchoꝛ, oꝛ hovering within the Limits of any of the Poꝛts of Great Britain, oꝛ within Two Leagues of the Shoꝛe, oꝛ ſhall be diſcovered to have been within the Limits of any Poꝛt, and not pꝛoceeding on her Voyage, Wind and Weather permitting, (unleſs in caſe of unavoidable Neceſſity and Diſtreſs of Weather, of which Neceſſity and Diſtreſs the Maſter, Purſer, oꝛ other Perſon, having oꝛ taking the Charge oꝛ Command of ſuch Ship oꝛ Veſſel, ſhall give Notice to, and make Pꝛoof of befoꝛe, the Collectoꝛ oꝛ other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms of ſuch Poꝛt as afoꝛeſaid, immediately after the Arrival of ſuch Ship oꝛ Veſſel into the ſaid Poꝛt) all ſuch Cambꝛick oꝛ French Lawn, together with the Cheſts, Boxes, and other Package whatſoever, containing the ſame Goods, and the Ship oꝛ Veſſel on board which the ſame ſhall be found, oꝛ the Value thereof, ſhall be foꝛfeited and loſt (whether Bulk ſhall have been then bꝛoken oꝛ not) and the ſame Goods and Package, ſhall and may be ſeized and pꝛoſecuted, oꝛ

Veſſels from Foreign Parts found hovering on the Coaſt, &c. having on Board any Cambrick or *French* Lawns, not licenſed,

are liable to Forfeiture, together with the Goods.

the Value thereof be recovered by any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe, in Manner herein after mentioned; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Foreign Cambrick, or *French* Lawn, found in Poſſeſſion of any Hawker or Pedler, are liable to Forfeiture, with all the other Goods in the Pack.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the Firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, if any Foreign Cambrick or French Lawn ſhall be found in the Poſſeſſion of any Hawker, Pedler, or Petty Chapman, ſuch Hawker, Pedler, or Petty Chapman, ſhall not only forfeit ſuch Foreign Cambricks and French Lawn, but alſo all the other Goods contained in the Pack where ſuch Goods ſhall be found; and ſhall alſo be adjudged to have forfeited his Licence.

Goods ſeized to be depoſited in the King's Warehouſes, and to be free to Inſpection;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That forthwith, after the Sizure of any ſuch Cambricks or French Lawns, or as ſoon after as conveniently may be, the ſame ſhall be ſent to, and depoſited in, One of the King's Warehouſes belonging to the Cuſtom-houſe in London; and all and every ſuch Cambricks and French Lawns may, from time to time, be viewed and inſpected by any Perſon or Perſons on Behalf of the Proſecutor or Proſecutors, or of the Perſon or Perſons intereſted in, or claiming the ſaid Cambricks or French Lawns; and the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms are hereby required to make and give ſufficient Orders from time to time for that Purpoſe; and after Condemnation thereof, in due Courſe of Law, all and every ſuch Cambricks or Fench Lawns ſhall be ſtamped or marked in ſuch Manner as the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England, or any Three or more of them, ſhall direct; and ſhall be publickly ſold, to the beſt Advantage, for Exportation to the Britiſh Colonies or Plantations in America only; and One Moiety of the Produce or Money ariſing by the Sale of ſuch Cambricks and French Lawns ſhall be to the Uſe of his Majeſty, his Heirs, and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Uſe of the Officer or Officers who ſhall ſeize and ſecure the ſame: And no ſuch Cambricks or French Lawns ſhall be ſold otherwiſe than on Condition to be exported as aforeſaid; and ſhall not be delivered out of the Warehouſe or Place wherein the ſame ſhall have been ſecured, until ſufficient Security, by Bond, ſhall be firſt given to the King's Majeſty, his Heirs, and Succeſſors, which the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms are hereby impowered and required to take, that the ſame, and every Part thereof, ſhall be exported as aforeſaid, and not landed again in any Place except the ſaid Colonies or Plantations; which Bonds ſhall

and, after Condemnation, to be ſtamped,

and ſold for Exportation.

The Money ariſing by the Sale to be divided between the Crown and the Officer.

Bond to be given for the due Exportation thereof;

and

and may be diſcharged without Fee or Reward, upon Certificate returned, ſigned by the Collector or other proper Officer of ſuch Colony or Plantation, that the Goods were there landed; or upon Proof by Two credible Perſons that ſuch Goods were taken by the Enemies, or periſhed in the Seas, the Examination and Proof thereof being hereby left to the Judgement of the ſaid Commiſſioners; which Commiſſioners are hereby impowered and required, from time to time, to call upon the Perſon or Perſons who have entered into ſuch Security to produce ſuch Certificate or Proof as aforeſaid; and in Default of producing ſuch Certificate or Proof, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſuch Bonds ſhall and may be put in Suit, and proſecuted by Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners, againſt the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſo make Default, in ſuch Manner as Offences of the like Kind are ſued or proſecuted by any Law or Statute of this Realm.

to be diſcharged upon Certificate according thereto, on Proof of the Goods having been taken by the Enemy, or loſt at Sea;

otherwiſe to be put in Suit;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Officer or Officers ſhall neglect or refuſe, for the Space of One Month after the Condemnation of ſuch Goods, to proſecute to Effect any Perſon or Perſons for any Penalty or Forfeiture by this Act inflicted upon Offenders againſt the ſame; that then, and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever to ſue for, proſecute, and recover the reſpective Penalties or Forfeitures by this Act inflicted, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, or Court of Exchequer in Scotland, together with Coſts of Suit; wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed; and that One Moiety of ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures ſhall be to the Uſe of the King's Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall ſue for, and recover the ſame.

Where, after Condemnation, Officer ſhall neglect to ſue for the Penalty,

any Perſon may ſue for, and recover the ſame;

to be divided between the Crown and Proſecutor.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Cambricks, or Goods of the Kind uſually known under that Denomination, which from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, ſhall be woven or fabricated in Great Britain, ſhall be marked or ſtamped at each End of every Piece with ſuch Mark or Stamp, and by ſuch Officer or Officers, as the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe in that Part of Great Britain called England, and that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, ſhall reſpectively direct and appoint for that Purpoſe.

Cambricks fabricated in *Great Britain* to be ſtamped at each End.

And

Commiſſioners of Exciſe, upon Requeſt made to them by the Maker or Proprietor of Cambricks, may order Stamps to be made;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners of Exciſe for the time being, or the major Part of them, from time to time, upon Requeſt made to them by any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and at the Expence of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, to provide ſuch Marks or Stamps as to the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, ſhall ſeem proper; or to direct and appoint One or more Superviſor or other Officer or Officers of the Exciſe, of the Diſtrict or Diviſion in which any ſuch Manufacture ſhall be carried on, to mark or ſtamp each and every Piece of ſuch Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known under that Denomination, which ſhall be made, wove, or fabricated, by ſuch Perſon or Perſons applying as aforeſaid, with ſuch Mark or Stamp, or Marks or Stamps, in Manner herein after mentioned and directed; and the Officer or Officers of Exciſe who ſhall be ſo appointed to mark or ſtamp ſuch Goods, ſhall, by the Fabricator, Maker, Weaver, or Proprietor of ſuch Goods, be paid, for every Piece of ſuch Goods which he or they ſhall mark or ſtamp in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Sum as the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, for the time being, or the major Part of them, ſhall direct and appoint.

or direct and appoint Officers to ſtamp the Pieces,

for which they are to be paid as the Commiſſioners ſhall direct.

Notice for the Purpoſe to be given to the Officers, and the Goods to be ſtampt before they are cut out of the Loom,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall weave, fabricate, or make, any ſuch Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by that Denomination, ſhall, before the ſame ſhall be taken or cut out of the Loom, give Notice in Writing of finiſhing of every or any Piece or Pieces of ſuch Goods, to ſuch Superviſor or other Officer as aforeſaid; who, before any ſuch Piece of Goods ſhall be cut out of the Loom, ſhall mark or ſtamp both Ends of ſuch Piece of Goods with ſuch Mark or Stamp as ſhall be provided and appointed for that Purpoſe in Manner aforeſaid; upon Pain that every Perſon who ſhall weave, make, or fabricate, ſuch Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by that Denomination, and ſhall cut or take any Piece of ſuch Goods out of the Loom after the ſame ſhall have been finiſhed, or permit the ſame to be done without having firſt given ſuch Notice in Writing, and having ſuch Piece marked or ſtamped as aforeſaid, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds; and the Goods ſo cut out of the Loom, without ſuch Notice being given, and ſuch Marks or Stamps being ſet thereon, in Manner herein before directed, ſhall be

on Penalty of 5 l.

and Forfeiture of the Goods.

forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe.

Officer to attend, on reaſonable Notice given him,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Surveyor, or other Officer of the Exciſe of the Diſtrict in which any ſuch Manufacture of Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under that Denomination, ſhall be carried on, who ſhall be ſo as aforeſaid appointed by the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, or the major Part of them, to mark or ſtamp ſuch Goods, upon reaſonable Notice given to him or them by any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make, weave, or fabricate, any ſuch Goods, that any Piece of ſuch Goods is finiſhed, ſhall forthwith, or as ſoon as conveniently may be, conſiſtent with other the Duty and Buſineſs of his Office, in Manner herein before directed, mark or ſtamp both Ends of ſuch Piece of Goods with ſuch Mark or Stamp as ſhall be ſo appointed and provided for that Purpoſe; and alſo fix or ſet a diſtinct and ſeparate Number to every Piece of ſuch Goods, before the ſame ſhall be taken out of the Loom; and alſo make a juſt and true Entry in Writing, in proper Books to be provided for that Purpoſe at the Expence of the Manufacturer of ſuch Goods, of the Number ſet to each Piece of ſuch Goods, and the Number of Yards which each Piece of ſuch Goods ſhall contain in Length; and alſo the Number of Threads contained in the Warp of each Piece of ſuch Goods; upon Pain that every Surveyor, or other Officer ſo appointed as aforeſaid, who ſhall, upon reaſonable Notice given as aforeſaid of the Finiſhing of any Piece of ſuch Goods, neglect or refuſe to mark or ſtamp any Piece of ſuch Goods in Manner herein before directed, or to fix or ſet a diſtinct and ſeparate Number on each Piece of ſuch Goods, or to make a true and juſt Entry in Manner aforeſaid of the Number ſet or affixed to each Piece of ſuch Goods, and of the Number of Yards which each Piece thereof ſhall contain in Length, and alſo the Number of Threads contained in the Warp of each Piece of ſuch Goods; ſhall, for every ſuch Refuſal or Neglect, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling Money.

in order to affix the Stamps;

and he is to make Entry of the No ſet to each Piece, and the No of Yards it contains, and the No of Threads in the Warp;

on Forfeiture of 5*l.*

Officers fraudulently ſtamping, or permitting to be ſo done, any Goods not fabricated in *Great Britain*,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any ſuch Surveyor, or other Officer or Officers of the Exciſe, who ſhall be ſo appointed to ſeal or ſtamp ſuch Cambricks, or who ſhall have the Cuſtody of any Mark or Stamp which ſhall be ſo provided and appointed to mark or ſtamp ſuch Goods, ſhall therewith mark or ſtamp any Cambricks or Lawns, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under thoſe Denominations,

which ſhall not have been made, wove, or fabricated in Great Britain, or ſhall knowingly permit it to be done; or ſhall mark or ſtamp any Piece of ſuch Goods, after the ſame ſhall be taken out of the Loom; every ſuch Superviſor, or other Officer or Officers, ſo marking or ſtamping any ſuch Cambricks or Lawns, or Goods of the Kind uſually known under either of thoſe Denominations, or wilfully or knowingly permitting the ſame to be done, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every Piece of ſuch Goods which he or they ſhall ſo mark or ſtamp, or permit or ſuffer to be marked or ſtamped, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and ſuch Superviſor, or other Officer or Officers, upon being convicted of either or any of the Offences aforeſaid, ſhall loſe his or their Office or Offices and Employments, and is and are hereby declared and rendered ever after incapable of having, uſing, or enjoying, any Office or Place of Truſt under his Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors.

or after their being taken out of the Loom, forfeits 50*l.* *per* Piece,

and is incapacitated;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, by Bribery, Fraud, Covin, Deceit, or Impoſition, or in any other Manner whatſoever, prevail on, or procure any Officer of Officers of the Exciſe, or other Perſon who ſhall be appointed to mark or ſtamp any Cambricks, or who ſhall have the Cuſtody of any Mark or Stamp, to mark or ſtamp any Piece or Pieces of Cambrick or Lawn, or of Goods of the Kind uſually known under either of thoſe Denominations, which ſhall not have been actually and bona fide made, wove, or fabricated, in Great Britain; or after the ſame ſhall have been cut or taken out of the Loom, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; all and every ſuch Offender and Offenders, and his and their Aiders, Abettors, and Aſſiſtants, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and loſe the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and be adjudged to ſtand in the Pillory Two Hours: And if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall give, pay, or ſecure, or offer to give, pay, or ſecure, to any ſuch Officer or Officers, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, any Bribe, Recompence, or Reward, of any Kind whatſoever, in order to corrupt, perſuade, or prevail on, ſuch Officer or Officers, or other Perſon, to ſet or affix ſuch Mark or Stamp as aforeſaid to any Piece or Pieces of Cambrick, directed by this Act to be marked or ſtamped, which ſhall not have been actually and bona fide made, wove, and fabricated, in Great Britain, or after the ſame ſhall have been taken out of the Loom; ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending

and the Perſons concerned in procuring ſuch Fraud to be committed;

their Aiders and Abettors, forfeit 100*l.* and to ſtand in the Pillory;

and Perſons attempting by Bribery, or otherwiſe, to corrupt Officers, to affix the Stamps falſly to any Piece,

offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and loſe the Sum of Fifty Pounds. forfeit 50*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Surveyor, or other Officer or Officers of Exciſe, who ſhall in manner aforeſaid be appointed to mark or ſtamp any Cambricks in purſuance of this Act, ſhall yearly and every Year (while ſuch Officers ſhall have the Cuſtody of any ſuch Stamp provided and appointed for that Purpoſe in manner aforeſaid) in the Month of June, tranſmit and ſend to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in London or Edinburgh reſpectively, a full, true, and juſt, Account, in Writing, of all and every Piece and Pieces of ſuch Goods which he or they ſhall mark or ſtamp in purſuance of this Act; and alſo a true Copy of all and every Entry or Entries, of any Kind whatſoever, which he or they ſhall make in any ſuch Book or Books provided for that Purpoſe, in any wiſe relating thereto, for and during the Twelve Calendar Months next preceding the ſaid Month of June; diſtinguiſhing in ſuch Accounts the ſeveral Manufacturers or Proprietors, if there ſhall be more than One ſuch in ſuch Officer's Diſtrict, who ſhall have made or be Owners of ſuch Goods; upon Pain of being diſmiſſed from his or their Employ as an Officer or Officers of the Exciſe: And all and every ſuch Officer or Officers having the Cuſtody of any ſuch Mark or Stamp as aforeſaid, his or their Executors or Adminiſtrators, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Power the ſame ſhall fall or come by the Death of ſuch Officer or Officers, or in any other Manner, ſhall, upon Demand or Order from or by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or the major Part of them, deliver up to ſuch Commiſſioners, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, all and every ſuch Mark or Stamp which ſhall have been delivered to ſuch Officer or Officers, or by any other Means come or fallen into the Hands, Cuſtody, or Power, of ſuch Officer or Officers, or other Perſons whatſoever; upon Pain that any ſuch Officer or Officers, or other Perſons, refuſing or neglecting ſo to do, upon any ſuch Order or Demand as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and loſe the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; to be recovered and applied in Manner herein after mentioned.

Officer to tranſmit to the Commiſſioners of Exciſe an Account yearly of the No of Pieces ſtampt by him;

and a Copy of his Entries;

diſtinguiſhing the Manufactures;

on Penalty of Diſmiſſion.

The Stamps to be delivered up on Demand, or Order of the Commiſſioners,

on Forfeiture of 200*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under that Denomination, made, wove, or fabricated, in Great Britain, after the ſaid Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and

Goods found not legally ſtamped,

and ſixty ſeven, ſhall be found in any Place whatſoever in Great Britain, without being marked or ſtamped at each End of every Whole and Intire Peace, and at One End of every Remnant of ſuch Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under that Denomination, all ſuch Goods ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer of the Exciſe or Cuſtoms; and ſuch Officer or Officers is and are hereby indemnified for ſeizing ſuch Goods; and ſuch Goods ſo ſeiſed ſhall be depoſited in the King's Warehouſe at the Cuſtom Houſe at London, or in the Exciſe Office next to the Place where the ſame ſhall be ſeiſed; and after Condemnation thereof, by due Courſe of Law, ſhall be publickly ſold to the beſt Bidder; and that One Moiety of the Produce ariſing from the Sale thereof, after deducting the Charges and Expences attending the Condemnation and Sale of ſuch Goods, ſhall be to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to ſuch Officer or Officers who ſhall ſeize or ſue for the ſame; and all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſell or expoſe to Sale, or have in his or their Cuſtody for that Purpoſe, any Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually called or known by or under that Denomination, made and fabricated in Great Britain, and not marked or ſtamped at both Ends of every Intire Piece, or at One End of every Remnant of ſuch Goods, in Manner by this Act directed, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; to be recovered and applied in Manner herein after directed.

are liable to Forfeiture, and may be ſeized,

and depoſited in the King's Warehouſes;

and after Condemnation, publickly ſold.

Money ariſing by the Sale, after deducting all Charges,

to be divided between the Crown and the Officer.

Perſons expoſing to Sale unſtampt Goods, forfeit 200 *l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, at any Time or Times hereafter, forge or counterfeit any Mark or Stamp, to reſemble any Mark or Stamp which ſhall be provided or uſed in purſuance of this Act; or ſhall forge, reſemble, or counterfeit, the Impreſſion of any ſuch Mark or Stamp, upon any Goods required by this Act to be marked or ſtamped; or ſhall import or bring into Great Britain any Foreign Cambricks or Lawns, or Goods of the Kind uſually called or known by or under either of thoſe Denominations, having any ſuch counterfeit Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion thereon; or ſell or expoſe to Sale any Cambricks or Lawns, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under either of thoſe Denominations, with ſuch counterfeit Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion thereon, knowing ſuch Mark or Stamp to be counterfeited; every ſuch Perſon ſo offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be judged guilty

Penalty of forging or counterfeiting any Stamp;

or importing, or expoſing to Sale, any Goods with a counterfeit Stamp thereon,

is Felony.

guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer as in Caſes of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in England, for the time being, or the major Part of them, at any Time within Two Months next after the Commencement of this Act, to order and direct all ſuch Cambrick, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under that Denomination, which ſhall have been made, or begun to be made, wove, and fabricated in Great Britain or Ireland, at any Time before the Commencement of this Act, to be marked or ſtamped at both Ends of every Piece thereof, with ſuch Mark or Stamp which ſhall be provided and appointed as aforeſaid, notwithſtanding the ſame ſhall have been taken out of the Loom (Proof being made to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, that all ſuch Goods were really and bona fide made, or begun to be made, wove, and fabricated in Great Britain or Ireland, before the Commencement of this Act) which Goods ſo marked or ſtamped, and numbered, in purſuance of ſuch Directions, ſhall and may be ſold, diſpoſed of, and uſed, in like Manner as if the ſame had been made or wrought after the Commencement of this Act, and all the Directions thereof fully complied with; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding: And the Superviſor, or other Officer or Officers of the Exciſe, who ſhall be directed to mark or ſtamp, and number ſuch Goods, ſhall make the like Entry of the Number of Yards in Length of each Piece of ſuch Goods, and the Number ſet thereon, in like Manner, and under the like Penalties, as herein before directed, with reſpect to Cambricks made after the Commencement of this Act.

The Commiſſioners may order all ſuch Goods made, or begun to be made, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, before the Commencement of the Act, to be ſtamped, tho' taken out of the Loom;

and the ſame may be lawfully ſold.

Officer to make due Entry of all ſuch Pieces.

Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall before the ſaid Firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, be poſſeſſed of any Cambricks or Clear Lawns, or Goods uſually known by either of thoſe Denominations, which have not been ſtamped in the Manner required by Law; ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall and may, on or before the Firſt Day of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, depoſit ſuch Cambricks or Clear Lawns in any Warehouſe or Warehouſes, to be appointed for that Purpoſe by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in England, for Exportation to His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in America only, upon Payment of the Half Subſidy which

Perſons poſſeſſed of Cambricks or Clear Lawns, before 1 *July*, 1767, not duly ſtampt,

may depoſit the ſame, before 1 *Auguſt* next,

in Warehouſes for Exportation;

upon Payment of the Half Subſidy.

is to remain by Law after ſuch Goods are exported, without any Oath or other Proof being required of the Place where ſuch Goods were manufactured; and no Proſecution ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for having in their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion any ſuch unſtamped Goods, between the ſaid Firſt Day of July, and the Firſt Day of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven; any thing in this or any other Act of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Goods, Penalties, and Forfeitures, in general, where not otherwiſe directed, where to be ſued and recovered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all ſuch Goods which ſhall be ſeized and condemned in purſuance of this Act, and all Penalties and Forfeitures whatſoever by this Act inflicted (unleſs otherwiſe directed to be condemned and recovered by this Act) 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 in Scotland, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in the Name of His Majeſty's Attorney General, or in the Name or Names of ſuch Surveyor, or other Officer or Officers of the Exciſe or Cuſtoms as aforeſaid; and that One Moiety of the clear Produce ariſing from the Sale of all ſuch Goods, and of all the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, after all Charges deducted, ſhall be to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Officer or Officers who ſhall ſeize, inform, or proſecute for the ſame.

Produce from the Sale, after all Charges, to be divided between the Crown and Proſecutor.

Capias to iſſue upon entering an Action, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That upon every Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, entered or filed as aforeſaid, for any Penalty impoſed by this Act, a Capias in the Firſt Proceſs ſhall and may iſſue, ſpecifying the Sum of the Penalty ſued for; and the Defendant or Defendants ſhall be obliged to give ſufficient Bail or Security by Natural born Subjects, Perſons naturalized, or Denizens, to the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Capias ſhall be directed, to appear in the Court out of which ſuch Capias ſhall iſſue, at the Day of the Return of ſuch Writ, to anſwer ſuch Suit or Proſecution; and ſhall likewiſe, at the Time of ſuch Appearance, give ſufficient Bail or Security by ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, in the ſaid Court, to anſwer and pay all the Forfeitures and Penalties incurred for ſuch Offence or Offences, in caſe he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be convicted thereof, or to yield his, her, or their Body or Bodies to Priſon.

Defendant to give ſufficient Bail thereto.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any thing done in purſuance of

of this Act, 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 that the ſame was done by the Authority of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to have been ſo done, then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants: And if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become Nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared; or if, upon Verdict or Demurrer, Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover Treble Coſts, and have ſuch Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Caſes by Law. General Iſſue. Treble Coſts.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Cambricks or Lawns, or Goods of the Kind uſually known by or under either of thoſe Denominations, ſhall be ſeized by virtue or in purſuance of this or any other Act now in Force; or if any Action ſhall be brought by the Owner or Claimer of ſuch Goods againſt any Officer of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe, or any other Perſon, for any thing done in purſuance of this or any other Act now in Force and any Doubt or Queſtion ſhall ariſe where ſuch Goods were manufactured; the Proof thereof ſhall lie upon the Owner or Claimer of ſuch Goods, and not on the Perſon who ſeized the ſame, or againſt whom ſuch Action ſhall be brought; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding. In caſe of Doubt or Queſtion, where the Goods were manufactured, the Proof to lie on the Owner or Claimer.

FINIS.