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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. LVIII.

An Act for granting to His Majeſty additional Duties on certain Foreign Linens imported into this Kingdom; and for eſtabliſhing a Fund for the encouraging of the raiſing and dreſſing of Hemp and Flax.

WHEREAS the Conſumption of Linens within Great Britain, and the Britiſh Dominions in America, is greatly increaſed: And whereas the eſtabliſhing a proper Fund for the Encouragement of raiſing and dreſſing of Hemp and Flax, would be a great Advantage to the Linen Manufactures within this Kingdom; therefore, we Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons Preamble.

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mons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, do give and grant to Your Majesty, Your Heirs, and Successors, such additional Duties on Foreign Linens to be imported into Great Britain, as are herein after mentioned; and do most humbly beseech 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 August, One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, the several additional Rates and Duties following; that is to say,

After 1 *Aug.* 1767, the several additional Rates and Duties following are to take Place;

viz. on Foreign Canvas;

For every Ell of Foreign Linen, commonly called Packing Canvas, Spruce Elbing, or Queensborough Canvas, which shall be imported into Great Britain, the Sum of One Farthing.

And for every Ell of Foreign Linen, commonly called Dutch-Barras, and Hessin-Canvas, which shall be imported into Great Britain, the Sum of One Halfpenny.

And after those Rates for any greater or less Quantity of such Goods respectively, over and above all other Duties imposed thereon by any former Act or Acts of Parliament.

on Foreign Lawns, which are to be entered, and pay Duty, as *Silesia* Lawns;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, all Foreign Lawns, imported into Great Britain, shall be rated and entered as Silesia Lawns, and shall pay Duty accordingly; and that from and after the said First Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, there shall also be raised, levied, collected, and paid,

For every Yard of Foreign Lawn bleached in Holland, commonly

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monly called Holland-whited Lawn, which ſhall be imported into Great Britain, the Sum of One Penny. on Holland-whited Lawn.

And after that Rate for any greater or leſs Quantity, over and above all other Duties impoſed thereon by any former Act or Acts of Parliament.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Duties, granted by this Act, ſhall be paid down in ready Money, without any Diſcount or Allowance; and ſhall be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid, in the ſame Manner and Form, and by ſuch Rules, Ways, and Means, and under ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, as are preſcribed and appointed for raiſing, levying, collecting, and paying the former Duties, upon the like Goods imported into this Kingdom, by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force, as fully, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſeveral Clauſes, Powers, Directions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, reſpectively relating thereto, were particularly repeated and again enacted in the Body of this preſent Act. Duties to be paid in ready Money, without any Diſcount; and to be levied, &c. as the former Duties.

Provided always, and be it hereby enacted and declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That in all Caſes where any Goods or Merchandizes that have paid the Duties hereby granted ſhall, at any Time or Times, be again exported by any Merchant or Merchants within Three Years from the Importation thereof, the Duty by this Act granted, and which ſhall have been actually paid for ſuch Goods or Merchandizes, ſhall, without Delay or Reward, be repaid unto ſuch Merchant or Merchants who ſhall export the ſame; under the ſame Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are preſcribed and directed by any Act or Acts of Parliament with reſpect to any former Drawback upon ſuch Goods. Duty to be repaid on Exportation of the ſaid Goods, if exported within Three Years.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Money ariſing by the ſeveral Rates and Duties herein before granted (except the neceſſary Charges of raiſing, collecting, recovering, and paying, the ſame) Money ariſing by theſe Duties

to be paid apart into the Exchequer;

and a Sum thereout, not exceeding £5,000 *l. per Ann* to be kept as a Fund for encouraging the raiſing and dreſſing Hemp and Flax.

Remainder to be reſerved for Diſpoſition of Parliament.

ſhall, from time to time, be reſpectively paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer diſtinctly and apart from all other Branches of the Public Revenue; and that a Sum, not exceeding Fifteen thouſand Pounds per Annum, ariſing from the ſaid Duties, ſhall be kept apart in the ſaid Receipt, as a Fund for the Encouragement of raiſing and dreſſing Hemp and Flax in this Kingdom, in ſuch Way and Manner as Parliament ſhall hereafter direct; and that the Remainder of the ſaid ſeveral Duties ſhall be reſerved in the ſaid Receipt for the future Diſpoſition of Parliament. 8

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