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CAP. XII.

An Act to amend an Act made in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to permit Bakers to make and sell certain Sorts of Bread.* [24th *March* 1801.]

Preamble. 36 *Geo.* III, Cap. 22.

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to permit Bakers to make and sell certain Sorts of Bread*, all Persons are allowed to make and sell in any Place, under certain Provisions and Restrictions, the several Sorts of Loaves in the said Act particularly described, made of the whole Produce of the Wheat, deducting only Five Pounds Weight of Bran *per* Bushel; or made of any Sort of Wheaten Flour, mixed with Meal or Flour of Barley, Rye, Oats, Buck Wheat, Indian Corn, Pease, Beans, Rice, or any other Kind of Grain whatsoever, or with Potatoes, in such Proportions and at such Prices, for the said Loaves respectively, as the Maker and Seller thereof shall deem proper and reasonable, whether any Assize of Bread shall be set in such Place or not: And whereas it is desireable to encourage the making of good and wholesome Bread, containing a larger Proportion of the Produce of Wheat than is contained in the Bread upon which the Assize is usually set, and for that Purpose to extend the Provisions of the said Act, so far as the same relate to the making and selling of Wheaten Bread: And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Act, so far as the same relates to the marking of any such Wheaten Bread or any Mixed Bread, and to selling such Mixed Bread; and for that Purpose to repeal certain Provisions of the said Act, and to enact other

Provisions in lieu 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, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whatever, in any Place whatever, and whether any Assize or Price of Bread shall be set in such Place or not, to make, bake, sell, and expose to Sale, Peck Loaves, Half Peck Loaves, Quartern Loaves, and Half Quartern Loaves, made of Wheaten Meal or Flour of the whole Produce of the Wheat, or with the Bran only, or the Bran and Pollards, or any Proportion of the Bran and Pollards, or any other Part of the Produce of such Wheat taken therefrom, at any Price at which any Person may be willing to purchase the same: Provided always, That the Price at which any Bread allowed to be sold by the said Act, or by this Act, shall in all Cases be less than the Price of the Wheaten Bread upon which an Assize or Price shall be set, in pursuance of any Act or Acts of Parliament, in the Place where such other Wheaten Bread shall be made or sold, or exposed to Sale, any Act or Acts, or Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Any Person may make and sell Loaves made of Flour of the whole Produce of the Wheat, or with the Bran, &c. taken therefrom, at any Price willing to be given; provided it be less than the Assize Price of the Place.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, so much of the said recited Act as relates to the marking of any Wheaten Bread, or any Mixed Bread, or to the affixing, in a conspicuous Part of any Shop or Window, any Specification of the Proportion of any Mixtures composing any Bread, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of recited Act as relates to marking of Wheaten or Mixed Bread, *etc.* repealed.

III. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, every Person who shall make or bake for Sale any Wheaten Bread, made of any Meal or Flour of an inferior Quality to the Flour used for the Bread on which an Assize or Price shall be set pursuant to any Act or Acts of Parliament, or any Mixed Bread, shall imprint, or distinctly mark upon every Loaf of such Wheaten Bread, a large Roman H, and upon every Loaf of such Mixed Bread a large Roman X.

Persons making Bread of an inferior Quality to the Assize Bread, or Mixed Bread, shall mark every Loaf as he. ein directed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall omit to imprint or distinctly mark any such Wheaten or Mixed Bread pursuant to the Directions of this Act, or shall not well make any such Wheaten or Mixed Bread, or shall adulterate the same with any Mixture or Ingredient, not allowed to be used in the making of Bread; or shall make or bake for Sale, or sell or expose to Sale, any such Peck Loaves, Half Peck Loaves, Quartern Loaves, or Half Quartern Loaves, or any other Loaves deficient in Weight, according to the Assize of Loaves of such Denominations, respectively contained in any Act or Acts in force relating to the Assize and Price of Bread, or according to any Assize that shall be set in pursuance of any such Act or Acts, all and every Person and Persons offending therein shall be liable to the same or the like Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Punishments, as any Bakers or Makers of Bread for Sale are liable to, for any the like or similar Misdemeanors, Offences, or Neglects, in making, selling, or exposing to or for Sale any Bread.

If any Person shall not mark his Bread, or not well make it, or adulterate it, or make it deficient in Weight, he shall be liable to Penalty.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Proviſions, Regulations, Clauſes, Matters, and Things, Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, in any Act or Acts now in force contained, relating to the weighing any Bread made for Sale, or expoſed to Sale, or ſearching for any Ingredient wherewith any Meal, Flour, or Bread may be adulterated, ſhall be, and are hereby extended and made applicable to, and ſhall be applied in the enforcing of the Proviſions of this Act, in as full and ample a Manner as if the ſame had been ſeverally and ſeparately re-enacted in this Act. Acts in force relating to weighing of Bread, or ſearching for Ingredients, to extend to this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for every Baker and Maker of Bread for Sale, and every Seller of Bread, to make, bake, and ſell Loaves, called *Half Quarter of a Peck Loaves*, which ſhall weigh Two Pounds Two Ounces Twelve Drachms, and on which an Aſſize and Price ſhall be ſet as near as can be in Proportion to other Bread, according to the Rules and Regulations now in force by any Act or Acts for ſetting and regulating the Price and Aſſize of Bread; and all and every the Clauſes, Matters, and Things in the ſaid Acts, or any other Acts contained relating to ſetting and aſcertaining any Aſſize or Price of Bread, and alſo to the weighing any Bread made for Sale or expoſed to Sale, or adulterating any Bread, or ſelling any Bread before it has been baked a certain Time, ſhall be, and are hereby extended and made applicable to the ſetting and aſcertaining of ſuch Aſſize and Price, and to the Bakers, Makers, and Sellers of ſuch Loaves, called *Half Quarter of a Peck Loaves*, in as full and ample a Manner, as if the ſame were repeated, and ſeverally re-enacted in this Act. Half Quartern Loaves may be made, on which an Aſſize and Price ſhall be ſet.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, ſhall in any ways affect or infringe upon the Rights and Privileges of the City of *London*, or of the Worſhipful Company of Bakers of the ſaid City. Act not to infringe the Rights of *London*, or the Bakers' Company.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament. Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion

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