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An Act for the indemnifying of Perſons injured by the forcible pulling down and demoliſhing of Mills, or of Works thereunto belonging, by Perſons unlawfully and riotouſly aſſembled.

[18th *April* 1801.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Puniſhment of ſuch Perſons as ſhall demoliſh or pull down, burn, or otherwiſe deſtroy or ſpoil, any Mill or Mills; and for preventing the deſtroying or damaging of Engines for draining Collieries and Mines; or Bridges, Waggon Ways, or other Things uſed in conveying Coals, Lead, Tin, or other Minerals, from Mines; or Fences for incloſing Lands, in purſuance of Acts of Parliament*, it was amongſt other Things recited, That by an Act paſſed in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, intituled, *An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*, it was among other Things enacted, That if any Perſons unlawfully, riotouſly, and tumultuouſly aſſembled together, to the Diſturbance of the publick Peace, ſhould unlawfully and with force demoliſh or pull down, or begin to demoliſh or pull down any Church or Chapel, or any Building for religious Worſhip, certified and regiſtered according to the Statute made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of the late King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for exempting their Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects, diſſenting from the Church of England, from the Penalties of certain Laws*, or any Dwelling Houſe, Barn, Stable, or other Outhouſe, that then every ſuch demoliſhing or pulling down, or beginning to demoliſh or pull down, ſhould be adjudged Felony without Benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein ſhould be

Preamble. 9 Geo. III, Cap. 29.

1 Geo. I, Cap. 5.

1 Gul. & Mar. Cap. 18.

adjudged Felons, and ſhould ſuffer Death as in Caſes of Felony without Benefit of Clergy: And it was alſo further recited, That ſome Doubts had ariſen whether the ſaid Act extended to the pulling down and demoliſhing of Mills: Wherefore, for remedying the Miſchiefs which might enſue therefrom, and for the more effectual Puniſhment of ſuch Offenders, it was by the ſaid Act enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons unlawfully, riotouſly, and tumultuouſly aſſembled together to the Diſturbance of the publick Peace, ſhould at any Time after the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-nine, unlawfully and with force demoliſh or pull down, or begin to demoliſh or pull down, any Wind Saw Mill or other Wind Mill, or any Water Mill or other Mill, which ſhould have been or ſhall be erected, or any of the Works thereto reſpectively belonging, that then every ſuch demoliſhing or pulling down, or beginning to demoliſh or pull down, ſhould be adjudged Felony without Benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein ſhould be adjudged Felons, and ſhould ſuffer Death as in caſe of Felony without Benefit of Clergy: And whereas no Proviſion is made in and by the ſaid recited Act for the Indemnification of the Perſons damnified and injured by ſuch pulling down and demoliſhing of the above mentioned Mills and Works thereunto belonging: And whereas it is expedient that the like Remedy and Means of Indemnification ſhould be extended to the Perſons damnified and injured by the pulling down and demoliſhing ſuch Mills and Works thereunto belonging, as are by the ſaid Act, paſſed in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, intituled, *An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*, now afforded and given to the Perſons damnified and injured by the demoliſhing and pulling down wholly or in Part any Church, Chapel, Building for religious Worſhip, Dwelling Houſe, Barn, Stable, or Outhouſe, as in the ſaid laſt mentioned Act is mentioned: 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 if after the paſſing of this Act, any Wind Saw Mill or other Windmill, or any Water Mill or other Mill, or any of the Works thereunto belonging, ſhall be demoliſhed or pulled down, wholly or in Part by any Perſons ſo unlawfully, riotouſly, and tumultuouſly aſſembled, that then the Damages ſuſtained by the Perſon or Perſons injured and damnified by ſuch demoliſhing or pulling down wholly or in Part, ſhall and may be ſued for, recovered, levied, raiſed, and reimburſed in ſuch Manner and Form and by ſuch Ways and Means as are particularly provided in and by the ſaid Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, in reſpect to the ſeveral Deſcriptions of Buildings therein mentioned.

Damages occaſioned by the demoliſhing of Mills, &c. by Perſons unlawfully aſſembled, may be ſued for and recovered in the Manner provided by the recited Act of 1 *Geo.* I, Cap. 5.

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