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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXVI.

An Act for enabling the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, to prohibit for a limited Time, ſo as ſuch Prohibition ſhall not endure beyond the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, the Exportation from *Ireland* of Corn or Potatoes, and of all Proviſions whatſoever; and to permit for ſuch limited Time the Importation into *Ireland* of Corn and Fiſh, and all Proviſions whatſoever, without Payment of Duty; and for indemnifying ſuch Perſons as have acted for the Service of the Publick, in adviſing or carrying into Execution certain Proclamations of the Lord Lieutenant and Council of *Ireland*.

[21ſt *May* 1801.]

WHEREAS

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Power ſhould be given in Manner herein mentioned, to prohibit the Exportation of any Sort of Corn or Grain, or any Potatoes from *Ireland*, and of all Proviſions whatſoever, and to permit the Importation into *Ireland* of any Sort of Corn or Grain or Potatoes, and of any Kind of Fiſh, and all Proviſions whatſoever, whenever Circumſtances ſhould ſo require; 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 the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, and he and they is and are hereby authorized, with the Advice of His Majeſty's Privy Council of *Ireland*, to prohibit generally, for a limited Time, the Exportation from *Ireland* (but ſo as ſuch Prohibition ſhall not endure beyond the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament) of any *Iriſh* or Foreign Wheat, Rye, Barley, Beer, or Big, Peaſe, Beans, Oats, or any Meal or Flour, or Bread, Biſcuit, or Malt made thereof, or any *Indian* Corn or Maize, or Meal or Flour made thereof, or any Potatoes or any Kind of Proviſions whatſoever; and to permit generally the Importation into *Ireland*, for ſuch limited Time as aforeſaid, of any Foreign Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, or any Kind of Fiſh, or any Kind of Proviſions whatſoever, in any *Britiſh* or *Iriſh* Ship or Veſſel, or in any other Ship or Veſſel belonging to Perſons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, and navigated in any Manner whatever, without Payment of any Duty whatever; and in like Manner to recal ſuch Prohibition or Permiſſion, either in Part or in the Whole, if Circumſtances ſhall appear ſo to require; any Thing in any Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, &c. may prohibit the Exportation of *Iriſh* or Foreign Wheat, *etc.* and permit the Importation of Foreign Corn, Fiſh, or other Proviſions, for a limited Time.

Perſons exporting or importing ſuch Corn or other Articles, contrary hereto, ſhall forfeit 100 *l*, beſides the Forfeiture of the Corn, &c. with the Veſſel employed.

II. And be it enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall export from *Ireland*, or ſhall load or lay on board any Ship or other Veſſel, with Intent ſo to export, or if any Perſon ſhall import into *Ireland*, any Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, contrary to ſuch Prohibition, or without the Permiſſion of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, by and with the Advice of His Majeſty's Privy Council of *Ireland*, every Perſon ſo exporting or loading, or laying on board with Intent to export, and every Perſon ſo importing, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and all ſuch Articles as aforeſaid reſpectively, and the Ship or Veſſel in which the ſame ſhall be ſo exported or loaded, or laid on board with Intent to export, or in which the ſame ſhall be ſo imported, ſhall be forfeited, and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Revenue of Cuſtoms or Exciſe in *Ireland*.

Entry of Corn, *etc.* ſhall be made at the Port of Importation, on Penalty of Forfeiture.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That a due Entry be made with the proper Officers of the Port into which any ſuch Corn or other Articles, or Fiſh, ſhall be imported; and in Default thereof, the ſame ſhall be forfeited, and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms or Exciſe.

Corn, *etc.* may be carried Coaſtwiſe, according to the

IV. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to authorize the preventing of

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any Perſon from loading or laying on board in any Ship or Veſſel, in order to be carried Coaſtwiſe, or from carrying Coaſtwiſe from any Part of *Ireland* to any other Part thereof, any Corn or other Articles as aforeſaid, ſo that the ſame be ſo carried according to ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions, and ſubject to ſuch Securities and Conditions, as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, with the Advice of His Majeſty's Privy Council of *Ireland*, ſhall direct and appoint.

Regulations appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, *etc.*

V. And be it enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, ſhall and may be ſued for, recovered, levied, and applied in ſuch Manner and Form, and by ſuch Ways and Means, and with ſuch Powers and Authorities, as by an Act of Parliament made in *Ireland* in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the ſettling of the Exciſe or new Impoſt upon His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, according to the Book of Rates therein inſerted*, or any other Law or Laws in *Ireland* relating to His Majeſty's Revenue of Exciſe, as fully as if the ſame were enacted in this Act, with like Remedy of Appeal to and for the Party or Parties who ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved, as in and by the ſaid recited Act, or any other Act as aforeſaid, is provided.

Penalties and Forfeitures ſhall be levied and applied in the Manner directed by the Laws of Exciſe in *Ireland*.

VI. And whereas the Lord Lieutenant and Council of *Ireland*, by a Proclamation on the Twenty-eighth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred, did, amongſt other Things, prohibit the Exportation of any Rice or Potatoes to foreign Parts from any Port in *Ireland*, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and one, or further Order to the contrary; and by a further Proclamation on the Seventeenth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and one, did order and direct, that all and every the Prohibitions, Orders, and Directions contained in the ſaid Proclamation ſhould continue to be and have Effect until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and one, or further Order to the contrary: And whereas the ſaid Lord Lieutenant and Council of *Ireland* by Two other Proclamations on the Twentieth Day of *January* and Seventeenth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and one reſpectively, did charge and command all Cuſtomers, Collectors, or other Officers of or belonging to the Cuſtoms and Revenues, to admit to free Entry, diſcharged from all Manner of Duty whatever, into all and every the Ports of *Ireland*, all Rice, *Indian* Corn, and all Kind of Foreign Flour, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and one, or further Order to the contrary; and by a further Proclamation on the Seventeenth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and one, did order and direct, that all and every the Orders and Directions contained in the ſaid Two laſt-recited Proclamations ſhould continue to be in Force and have Effect, until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and one, or further Order to the contrary; which Proclamations as to the Matters aforeſaid, were for the Service of the Publick, and ſhould receive the Sanction and Confirmation of Law, and all Perſons adviſing and acting in Obedience to the ſame ſhould be indemnified; be it therefore enacted, That all perſonal Actions and Suits, and all Indictments, Informations, and all Proſecutions and Proceedings whatſoever, which have been or ſhall be proſecuted or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for or by Reaſon

Proclamations by the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, dated *Oct.* 28, 1800, and *Mar.* 17, 1801, prohibiting the Exportation of Rice and Potatoes; and Proclamations dated *Jan.* 20, *Feb.* 17, and *Mar.* 17, 1801, admitting to Entry Rice, *Indian* Corn, *etc.* Duty free, recited;

and Perſons adviſing and carrying the ſame into Execution, indemnified.

ſon of any Act, Matter, or Thing adviſed, commanded, appointed, or done in Relation to the Premiſes, or of any Contract or Agreement not performed by Means of or in Obedience to the ſaid Proclamations or any of them, be and are, and ſhall be diſcharged and made void by virtue of this Act; and that every Perſon in anywiſe concerned in adviſing or iſſuing the ſaid Proclamations, or any of them, or in anywiſe acting therein, or in purſuance thereof, ſhall be, and is hereby acquitted, diſcharged, and indemnified, of and from the ſame; and that if any Action or Suit ſhall be proſecuted or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing ſo adviſed, commanded, appointed, or done, or ſuch Contract or Agreement not performed, he, ſhe, or they may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in any Action or Suit proſecuted or commenced after the Date of the Proclamations reſpectively commanding or appointing the ſame to be done, ſhall become nonſuited, or forbear further Proſecution, or ſuffer Diſcontinuance, or if a Verdict paſs againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover his, her, or their Double Coſts, for which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have the ſame Remedy, as in Caſes where Coſts by Law are given to Defendants.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

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