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An Act for making Provision for the Entry and Return Voyages of certain Ships which may import Rice or other Grain from the *East Indies*, and to authorize the Importation of Rice or other Grain into *Ireland*, in Ships coming directly from the *East Indies*. [21st *May* 1801.]

WHEREAS it is just and expedient that Provision should be made for the lawful Importation of Goods loaded on board certain Ships which may arrive from the *East Indies*, with Cargoes of Rice or other Grain, and for the Return Voyage of such Ships to the *East Indies*, although they may not be entitled to the Privileges of *British* Ships, and also that Provision should be made that Ships coming from the *East Indies*, laden with Rice or other Grain, may unload and dispose of such Rice and other Grain in *Ireland* in Manner herein 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for any Ship or Vessel, or Ships or Vessels, wherever built, and belonging in Part Preamble.

All Ships wherever built, &c.

clearing out from the *East Indies* by *Sept.* 1, 1801, laden with Rice and other Grain, may enter the same at the Port of *London* Duty-free; and, if Three Fourths of their Cargo consist of such Articles, the other Part of the Lading, if not prohibited, may be imported into *London* subject to the like Duties as if imported in *British* Ships.

Part or in Whole to His Majesty's Subjects, or belonging to Persons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, however the same may be navigated, which shall have cleared out from any Port in the *East Indies*, on or before the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and one, laden with Rice or other Grain, with the Licence of the *East India* Company, to import and enter all such Rice or Grain, free from all Duties whatsoever, into the Port of *London*, and also for all such Ships as aforesaid, laden with not less than Three Fourths of their measured Burthen of good merchantable Rice, or other Grain, and which (the Dangers of the Seas and Enemies excepted) shall import all such Rice or other Grain so loaden into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, or which, under the Provision herein contained, shall import all such Rice or other Grain so loaden, into that Part of the said United Kingdom called *Ireland*, to import into the Port of *London* any other Goods or Merchandizes which shall be loaden on board any such Ships or Vessels to complete their respective Ladings, and which may lawfully be imported into *Great Britain*, subject to the like Duties, and no other, as if they were imported in *British*-built Ships navigated according to Law; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any such Ships as aforesaid, at any Time before the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and three, to export from *Great Britain* to any Place in the *East Indies*, for One Voyage only, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes which may lawfully be exported from *Great Britain* to the *East Indies*, in like Manner as if such Ships respectively had been duly entitled to all the Privileges of *British* Ships navigated according to Law; any Thing in an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation*, or any other Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Such Ships may, before *Jan.* 1, 1803, export Goods to the *East Indies* for One Voyage, in the same Manner as *British* Ships.

Not to extend to authorize Ships to import or export Goods in any other Manner than licensed *British* Ships.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize any Ship or Vessel to import or export any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, or to do any other Act whatsoever, or in any other Manner, (save and except as herein-after is mentioned and provided), than any such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, may be lawfully imported or exported by, or than such Act may be done by Ships entitled to the Privilege of *British* Ships navigated according to Law, under the Licence or Authority of the *East India* Company.

Conditions on which *British* or Foreign Ships, &c. clearing out from the *East Indies* by *Sept.* 1, 1801, may import Rice and other Grain into *Ireland* Duty-free, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any *British* Ships or Vessels, or any Ships or Vessels wherever built, belonging to Persons of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, however the same may be navigated, which shall have cleared out from any Port or Place in the *East Indies* on or before the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and one, laden with Rice or other Grain as aforesaid, and which shall have the Licence of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, or the Licence of the Governor and Council of *Saint Helena*, or any other of the said United Company's Governments for that Purpose, to proceed directly to any Port in that Part of His Majesty's said United Kingdom called *Ireland*, and there to unload, sell, and dispose of all such Rice and other Grain which shall be loaded on board such Ships or Vessels respectively,

tively, free and discharged from all Duties whatsoever, so as such Ships or Vessels respectively shall proceed on as soon as Wind and Weather shall permit, with all convenient Speed, to the Port of *London*, where it shall be lawful for all such Ships or Vessels to come to an Entry, land, sell, and dispose of all such Rice or other Grain as shall not have been disposed of in *Ireland*, free from Duty, and all such other Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, as may have been loaden on Board any such Ships or Vessels, and which may lawfully be imported into this Kingdom, subject in all Cases to the like Duties, and no other, as if they were imported in *British*-built Ships, and in like Manner as they might have done if Bulk had not been broken, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall in anyways extend to authorize any Person or Boat to go to or on Board any such Ship contrary to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for continuing and amending several Laws relating to His Majesty's Revenue, and for the more effectually preventing Frauds therein; nor shall any Thing herein contained in any Manner be construed to authorize the Importation of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, without the Licence or Authority of the said United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*.

Act not to authorize Persons to go on board such Ships, contrary to an Act of the Parliament of *Ireland*, 25 *Geo.* III; nor to authorize the Importation of Goods without Licence of the *East India* Company.

IV. And be it further enacted, That such Ships as herein-before are mentioned shall not be liable to Forfeiture, nor shall any Persons whatever be liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture on account of any Importation or Exportation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or of any Act or Thing to be done in pursuance of this Act.

Such Ships not liable to Forfeiture, &c.

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