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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LIII.

An Act to explain and amend an Act, passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of King* James *the First, as prohibits the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots and Shoes, and for better preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the Flaying thereof.* [20th *June* 1801.]

Preamble. 39 & 40 *Geo.* III, Cap. 66, recited.

WHEREAS it is expedient that certain Provisions of an Act, passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of King* James *the First, as prohibits the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots and Shoes, and for better preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the Flaying thereof*, should be explained and amended; 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 be lawful for any Mayor, or other Person or Persons authorized by the said recited Act to choose and appoint any proper Place or Places for the examining and inspecting Raw Hides and Skins under the Provisions of the said recited Act, to choose and appoint any Place or Places within any District ascertained and fixed under the said recited Act or this Act, whether such Place or Places shall be within

Mayors, &c. may appoint proper Places for examining Raw Hides, whether they shall be within Cities, &c. or not.

within any City, Town Corporate, Borough, or Market Town, or not; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

So much of recited Act as requires the Recommendation of Inſpectors, and the Approbation of the Diſtribution of Penalties to be by Six Tanners, *etc.* repealed, and from *Aug.* 1, 1801, Shoemakers, *&c.* may be joined with Tanners, *etc.* for thoſe Purpoſes.

II. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as requires that any Recommendation of any Perſon or Perſons as proper to be appointed Inſpector or Inſpectors under the ſaid recited Act, or any Approbation or Conſent in relation to the Diſtribution of the Produce of any Penalties, to be by Six or more Perſons, being either Tanners, Curriers, or other Perſons manufacturing or dealing in the Manufactory of Leather, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby repealed; and that, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, it ſhall be lawful for any Shoemakers, Sadlers, or other Perſons working or dealing in Leather, not being Journeymen or Apprentices, or Perſons working with or for any Shoemaker or Worker in Leather for Hire, and who ſhall be then reſiding and carrying on ſuch Trade or Buſineſs within any City, Liberty, Borough, or Market Town, or the Diſtrict thereof reſpectively, and who ſhall, in Manner directed by the ſaid recited Act, have delivered in Writing their reſpective Names and Places of Abode, and Occupations in working or dealing in Leather, to join with any Tanners, Skinners, Curriers, or other Perſons manufacturing of Leather, and authorized to recommend any Perſon or Perſons as proper to be appointed Inſpectors under the ſaid recited Act, in the recommending Perſons proper to be appointed Inſpector or Inſpectors of Raw Hides and Skins in any Place or Places under the ſaid recited Act, and alſo to join in the giving any Conſent or Approbation in relation to the Diſtribution of any Penalties in Manner by the ſaid recited Act directed; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

No Recommendation of any Inſpector, nor Approbation in relation to Penalties ſhall be good, unleſs Three Tanners, *etc.* join therein.

III. Provided always, That no Recommendation of any Perſons proper to be appointed Inſpectors under the ſaid recited Act or this Act, ſhall be good or of any Avail, unleſs Three Tanners, Skinners, Curriers, or other Perſons manufacturing Leather, at the leaſt, ſhall join in ſuch Recommendation; nor ſhall any ſuch Conſent or Approbation of any Shoemaker, Sadler, or other Perſon working or dealing in Leather as aforeſaid, in relation to any ſuch Penalties, be taken, or be good or of any Avail, unleſs Three at the leaſt of the Tanners, Skinners, Curriers, or other Perſons manufacturing of Leather, within any ſuch Diſtrict as aforeſaid, ſhall join in ſuch Conſent or Approbation.

From *Aug.* 1, 1801, Fines impoſed by recited Act, for wilfully or careleſsly cutting Raw Hides, *etc.* not to exceed certain Sums.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, no Fine or Penalty by the ſaid recited Act impoſed for the wilful or negligent or careleſs cutting, gaſhing, or flawing any Raw Hide or Skin of any Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, or Stirk, in the Flaying thereof, or flaying the ſame below the Knee or Gambrell, ſhall exceed the Sum of Five Shillings, and no Fine or Penalty by the ſaid recited Act impoſed for the wilful or negligent or careleſs cutting, gaſhing, or flawing any Raw Hide or Skin of any Calf, in the Flaying thereof, or flaying the ſame below the Knee or Gambrell, ſhall exceed the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no Fine or Penalty by the ſaid recited Act impoſed, for the wilful or negligent or careleſs cutting, gaſhing, or flawing any Raw Hide or Skin of any

Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, in the Flaying thereof, ſhall exceed the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Perſons not liable to Penalty for flaying of Hides not more than Two Inches below the Knee.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, no Butcher or other Perſon ſhall be liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures by the ſaid recited Act or this Act impoſed, for the flaying of any Hide of any Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, Stirk, or Calf below the Knee or Gambrell, in any Caſe where ſuch Hide ſhall not be flayed more than Two Inches below the Knee or Gambrell of any ſuch Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer, Stirk, or Calf, any Thing in the ſaid recited Act or this Act, contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Raw Hides to be brought for Examination within Ten Days from being flayed, on Penalty impoſed by recited Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, every Butcher or other Perſon required by the ſaid recited Act to bring any Raw Hides or Skins to any Place appointed by the ſaid recited Act for the examining or inſpecting Raw Hides and Skins in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall bring every ſuch Raw Hide or Skin to ſuch Place in Manner by the ſaid recited Act preſcribed, within Ten Days from the Time of Flaying thereof; and if any ſuch Butcher or other Perſon ſhall wilfully neglect or omit to bring any ſuch Raw Hide or Skin to ſuch Place, within ſuch Period as aforeſaid, he ſhall be ſubject to and ſhall forfeit and pay the Penalties and Forfeitures by the ſaid recited Act impoſed on Perſons wilfully neglecting or omitting to bring Raw Hides or Skins to any ſuch Place, purſuant to the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act.

So much of recited Act as relates to the Diſtribution of the Whole Penalty to Inſpectors repealed, and Penalties to be diſtributed as herein mentioned.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as relates to the Diſtribution of the Whole of any Penalty or Forfeiture, or Penalties or Forfeitures, by the ſaid recited Act inflicted and impoſed, to any ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed; and that, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, in lieu and inſtead thereof, One Half only of all ſuch the Penalties and Forfeitures as are by the ſaid recited Act given to any Inſpector or Inſpectors, ſhall go and be paid to the Inſpector or Inſpectors entitled thereto; and the other Half thereof ſhall go and be applied for the better carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, in Manner by the ſaid recited Act directed: Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent the rewarding any Inſpector or Inſpectors, in Manner by the ſaid recited Act directed, with any Proportion of ſuch other Half Part of ſuch Penalty or Penalties, or any Sum of Money ariſing therefrom.

Information for wilfully cutting Raw Hides, to be made within Three Days, and for other Offences within 14 Days.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, every Information made under the ſaid recited Act for wilfully, negligently, or careleſsly cutting, flawing, or gaſhing any Raw Hide or Skin, ſhall be made under the ſaid recited Act and this Act, within Three Days after ſuch Raw Hide or Skin, in reſpect whereof any ſuch Information ſhall be made, ſhall have been inſpected; and that it ſhall be lawful for any Inſpector or other Perſon to lay any other Information for any other Offence committed againſt

againſt the ſaid recited Act or this Act, at any Time within Fourteen Days after any ſuch Offence ſhall be committed; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Recited Act and this to extend to all Raw Hides flayed in *Great Britain* found within the Diſtricts aſcertained under recited Act, whether flayed within them or not.

IX. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and one, all and every the Clauſes, Proviſions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Matters, and Things, in the ſaid recited Act and this Act contained, relating to the examining and inſpecting any Raw Hides or Skins, ſhall extend and be conſtrued to extend and be put in Force as to all Raw Hides and Skins flayed in *Great Britain*, that ſhall be brought or found within the Limits of any Diſtrict aſcertained under the ſaid recited Act, without Reference to whether any ſuch Hides or Skins ſhall have been flayed within the Limits of any ſuch Diſtrict or not.

Magiſtrates may ſummon Witneſſes before them, though they ſhall not be within their Juriſdiction, and if they do not appear, they ſhall forfeit 40 *s.* but no ſuch Perſon ſhall be obliged to travel more than Six *Miles*.

X. And be it further enacted, That if it ſhall be made out by the Oath of any credible Perſon or Perſons, to the Satisfaction of any Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, or Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, that any Perſon, whether living within or out of the Juriſdiction of ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, is likely to give or offer material Evidence on Behalf of the Proſecutor of any Offender or Offenders againſt the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, or on Behalf of the Perſon or Perſons accuſed, and will not voluntarily appear before ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, to be examined and give his, her, or their Evidence concerning the Premiſes, every ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, is and are *hereby* authorized and required to iſſue his or their Summons to convene every ſuch Witneſs and Witneſſes, before any ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices, at ſuch ſeaſonable Time as in ſuch Summons ſhall be fixed, although ſuch Perſon ſhall not at the Time of ſuch Summons be within the Juriſdiction of ſuch Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Juſtice or Juſtices; and if any Perſon ſo ſummoned ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear at the Time by ſuch Summons appointed, having no juſt Excuſe to offer for ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, he or ſhe ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered as any other Penalty may be recovered under the ſaid recited Act or this Act, and be applied towards carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act and this Act: Provided always, That no Perſon ſhall be obliged to travel by reaſon of ſuch Summons more than Six Miles.

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