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An Act to permit, until the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and two, the making of Starch from Rice or Potatoes, or any Mixture thereof, and the Importation of any ſuch Starch from *Ireland* free of Duty. [15th *December* 1801.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit and encourage the making of Starch from Potatoes or Rice, or any Mixture 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 Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and two, for and during the Space of Six Calendar Months, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons to make or manufacture Starch wholly from Potatoes or Rice, or from any Mixture of Potatoes and Rice, at any eſtabliſhed Manufactory of Starch duly entered with the Excise, on or immediately before the Twenty-fifth Day

For 6 Months from *Jan.* 1, 1802, Starch may be made from Potatoes or Rice, Duty free, at any Manufactory entered with

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the Excise, on or before *March* 25, 1800.

Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred, without incurring any Penalty or Forfeiture for so doing, and without being subject to or charged or chargeable with any Duty for Starch so made wholly from Potatoes or Rice, or from any Mixture of Potatoes and Rice as aforesaid; any Thing in this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, That every Person intending to take the Benefit of this Act, shall, Four Days at least before he, she, or they shall begin to make or manufacture any Starch from Potatoes or Rice, or any Mixture thereof, give Notice in Writing at the next Office of Excise, within the Limits whereof his, her, or their Starch Manufactory shall be situated, of his Intention so to do.

Previous Notice of Intention to manufacture such Starch to be given at the proper Office.

No Duty to be charged for such Starch on Importation from *Ireland*.

II. And be it further enacted, That during the Continuance of this Act no Duty of Excise shall be charged or chargeable for or in respect of Starch made in *Ireland* wholly from Rice or Potatoes, or from any Mixture of Rice and Potatoes, on the Importation of such Starch into *Great Britain*; any Thing in any Act of Parliament to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Provisions of Acts relative to the Duties on Starch not hereby altered to remain in force.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and singular the Provisions, Rules, Regulations, Powers, Authorities, Matters, and Things, and all Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force relative to the Duties of Excise on Starch, except so far as the same shall be expressly repealed or altered by this Act, shall be and remain in full Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes whatever.

No Person making such Starch shall use any Wheat, &c. for making Starch on Penalty of 500*l.*;

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall, during the Time he, she, or they shall make or manufacture Starch from Potatoes or Rice, or from any Mixture thereof, or during the Time in which any Operation, or Preparation for the making of Starch from Potatoes or Rice, or from any Mixture thereof, shall be depending or carrying on in or upon his, her, or their Premises, employ or make use of any Wheat, Barley, or other Corn or Grain, or any Meal or Flour, either mixed or unmixed, in or for the making of Starch; and if any Person or Persons shall employ or make use of any Wheat, Barley, or other Corn or Grain, or any Meal or Flour, either mixed or unmixed, in or for the making of Starch, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

nor have in his Custody more than Four Bushels of Wheat, &c. on like Penalty and Forfeiture of the Wheat, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Maker or Makers of Starch, during the Time he, she, or they shall make or manufacture Starch from Potatoes or Rice, or from any Mixture thereof, shall be permitted to have in or upon his, her, or their Premises, or in his, her, or their Custody or Possession any Quantity of Wheat, Barley, Meal, or Flour exceeding the Quantity of Four Bushels, on Pain of forfeiting all such Wheat, Barley, Meal, or Flour, together with the Sacks, Casks, or other Packages containing the same, and also the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; and all such Wheat, Barley, Meal, and Flour, and also the Sacks, Casks, or other Packages containing the same, shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of Excise.

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VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of Excise, or the major Part of them respectively, and they are hereby required to cause such Alteration of or Addition to be made to the Stamp or Stamps, Seal or Seals, now used for denoting the Payment of the Duty on Starch, as they shall judge proper or expedient for ascertaining and distinguishing all Starch which shall or may be made under the Authority or by virtue of this Act from Rice or Potatoes, or from any Mixture thereof; and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time forge or counterfeit any such Stamp or Seal so altered as aforesaid, or shall at any Time forge or counterfeit any Stamp or Seal to resemble any Stamp or Seal which shall be provided in pursuance of this Act for stamping or sealing Starch made and papered after the Commencement and during the Continuance of this Act, or shall counterfeit or resemble the Impression of the same upon the Papers containing Starch as aforesaid, then every Person so offending, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time sell any Starch with any such forged or counterfeit Stamp, or Seal, or Impression thereon, knowing the same to be forged and counterfeited, or shall knowingly fix or cause to be fixed any Paper stamped according to this Act to any Piece of Starch, other than that which was originally inclosed in such Paper, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Commissioners of Excise may alter Stamps for distinguishing Starch made from Rice or Potatoes.

Penalty for counterfeiting Stamps, &c.

Penalty for selling Starch with counterfeit Stamps, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Drawback or Allowance shall be made, given, or granted, on any Account whatsoever, for or in respect of any Starch which shall or may be exported, or used, or employed in any Manufactory, or for any other Purpose whatsoever; any Thing in this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Drawback to be allowed on Starch exported, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed shall be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by such Ways, Means, or Methods as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture may be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by any Law or Laws of Excise, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* respectively, and that One Moiety of every such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture shall be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall inform, discover, or sue for the same.

How Penalties may be recovered and how disposed of.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers and Directions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things which in and by an Act, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for taking away the Court of Wards and Liveries, and Tenures in Capite, and by Knights Service and Purveyance, and for settling a Revenue upon His Majesty in lieu thereof*; or by any other Law now in force relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Excise, are provided and established for managing, raising, levying, collecting, mitigating, or recovering, adjudging, or ascertaining the Duties thereby granted, or any of them, (other than in such Cases for which other Penalties or Provisions are made and prescribed by this Act), shall be practised, used, and put in Execution for preventing, detecting, and punishing Frauds, as fully and effectually,

Powers of Car. 2. c. 24. &c. to extend to this Act.

effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if all and every the ſaid Powers, Rules, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauſes, Matters, and Things were particularly repeated and re-enacted in this preſent Act.

Act may be repealed or altered this Seſſion.

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

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