

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. III.

An Act to revive and continue until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and three, so much of an Act made in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to permitting the Use of Salt, Duty free, in preserving of Fish; and to discontinuing the Bounty payable on White Herrings exported; and to indemnify all Persons who have issued or acted under any Orders for delivering Salt, Duty free, for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned.

[21st *November* 1801.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for allowing until the Fifteenth Day of* October *One thousand eight hundred and one, the Use of Salt, Duty free, in the preserving of Fish in Bulk or in Barrels; for protecting Persons engaged in such Fisheries from being impressed into His Majesty's Service; for discontinuing the Bounty payable* 41 Geo. 3. c. 21.

on White Herrings exported; *and for allowing a Bounty on Pilchards now cured, whether exported or ſold for Home Conſumption*; which Act was to continue in force till the Fifteenth Day of *October*, and no longer: And whereas it is highly expedient for procuring a Supply of good and wholeſome Food for the Conſumption of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, that the ſaid Act, ſo far as the ſame relates to the allowing the uſe of Salt, Duty free, and to diſcontinuing the Bounty on White Herrings exported, ſhould be revived and continued; 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 the ſaid Act, and all the Proviſions therein contained, relating to Salt being allowed Duty free, for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Act mentioned, and to the diſcontinuing the Bounty on White Herrings exported, ſhall, from and immediately after the ſaid Fifteenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and one, be revived, and the ſame is hereby revived, and ſhall continue in full Force and Effect, from and immediately after the ſaid Fifteenth Day of *October*, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and three.

Recited Act, relating to Salt being allowed Duty free, and to the diſcontinuing the Bounty on White Herrings exported, revived, and continued from *Oct.* 15, 1801, until *Mar.* 25, 1803.

II. And whereas at the Expiration of the ſaid Act it appeared highly expedient, for the continuing the ſaid Supply of Fiſh, that the Regulations of the ſaid Act ſhould be continued, and the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Revenue of Exciſe, in purſuance of Directions to that Effect from the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, have permitted the Delivery and Uſe of Salt, Duty free, for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Act mentioned, ſince the ſaid Fifteenth Day of *October*, which has proved to be beneficial to the Publick; wherefore it is expedient, that all Perſons iſſuing, giving, or adviſing ſuch Directions as aforeſaid, or concerned in the iſſuing, giving, or adviſing any ſuch Directions, and alſo all Perſons acting under the ſame, or in purſuance thereof, ſhould be indemnified; be it therefore enacted, That all Perſons iſſuing, giving, or adviſing any ſuch Directions as aforeſaid, or concerned in the iſſuing, giving, or adviſing any ſuch Directions, and alſo all Perſons acting under or in purſuance of the ſaid Directions, ſhall be, and are hereby indemnified for and on account of the ſame, and of any Act, Matter, or Thing done in purſuance of and in Conformity with ſuch Directions as aforeſaid, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatever, as if the ſame Directions had been given, and ſuch Acts, Matters, and Things done in purſuance of any Act or Acts of Parliament.

Perſons indemnified for having iſſued Directions in purſuance of thoſe given by the recited Act, or for having acted under ſuch Directions, ſince *Oct.* 15.

III. And be it further enacted, That all perſonal Actions and Suits, Indictments and Informations, and all Proſecutions and Proceedings whatſoever, which have been, or ſhall be hereafter proſecuted or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for having delivered or uſed any Salt, Duty free, purſuant to ſuch Permiſſion, and to the Regulations and Reſtrictions in the ſaid Act mentioned, before the paſſing of this Act, or againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for or by reaſon of any Act, Matter, or Thing adviſed, commanded, appointed, or done, or forborn to be done in relation thereto, ſhall be diſcharged and made void by virtue of this Act; and that if any Action or Suit ſhall be proſecuted or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for or by reaſon of any ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing, he, ſhe, or they may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Mat-

Actions brought againſt ſuch Perſons for having done ſo, ſhall be void, *etc.*

ter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, in any Action or Suit ſo to be proſecuted or commenced, ſhall become nonſuit, 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 like Remedy, as in Caſes where the Coſts by Law are given to Defendants.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit hath been already commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Defendant or Defenders in ſuch Actions or Suits reſpectively, in whatever Courts in *Great Britain* ſuch Actions or Suits ſhall have been commenced, to apply to ſuch Court or Courts reſpectively to ſtay all Proceedings therein reſpectively by Motion in a ſummary Way, and ſuch Court or Courts are hereby authorized and required to make Orders for the Purpoſe accordingly, and the Court or Courts making ſuch Order ſhall award and allow to the Defendants and Defenders reſpectively, Double Coſts of Suit, for which they ſhall reſpectively have the ſame Remedy as in Caſes where the Coſts are by Law given to Defendants or Defenders.

Where Proceedings in ſuch Actions are ſtopped, the Defendants ſhall be allowed Double Coſts.

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

Act may be varied or repealed this Seſſion.

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