ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCVII.

An Act to authorize the Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury in *Great Britain*, and the Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury in *Ireland*, to order the Uſe of the Hydrometers now employed in the Management of the Revenues, to be diſcontinued, and other Inſtruments to be uſed inſtead thereof.

[26th *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for making Allowances to the Dealers in Foreign Wines, for the Stock of certain Foreign Wines in their Poſſeſſion at a certain Time, upon which the Duties on Importation have been paid; and for amending ſeveral Laws relative to the Revenue of Exciſe*, it was enacted, that all Spirits ſhould be deemed and taken to be of the Strength at which the Hydrometer, commonly called *Clarke's Hydrometer* ſhould, upon Trial by an Officer or Officers of Excile, denote ſuch Spirits to be; which Proviſion was continued by divers other Acts, and made perpetual by an Act paſſed in the Forty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty: And whereas it is expedient that the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *England* and *Ireland* reſpectively, ſhould be empowered to direct that the Uſe of ſuch Hydrometer ſhould be diſcontinued, and that any other Hydrometer ſhould be uſed in lieu thereof; be it therefore enacted, by the King's moſt Excellent 27 Geo. 3, c. 31.

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 Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Great Britain*, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, and for the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them reſpectively, in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, by their reſpective Warrants, to order and direct that the Uſe of the ſaid Hydrometer called *Clarke's Hydrometer* by Officers of Exciſe in the Trial of the Degree of the Strength of Spirits for any Purpoſes relating to the aſcertaining the Amount of any Duties of Cuſtoms or Exciſe on any Spirits, or for any Purpoſe or Purpoſes whatever relating to any Revenue of Cuſtoms or Exciſe, or any Regulations relating thereto, ſhall be diſcontinued, and that any other Hydrometer ſpecified in any ſuch Warrant, ſhall, for and during any Time ſpecified in any ſuch Warrant, be uſed in lieu thereof; and during the Continuance of any ſuch Order all Spirits ſhall be deemed and taken to be of the Degree of the Strength at which any Hydrometer ſpecified in any ſuch Warrant ſhall, upon Trial by any Officer or Officers of Exciſe, denote ſuch Spirits to be, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if any ſuch Hydrometer was particularly ſpecified in this Act, any Thing in the ſaid Act of the Forty-firſt Year aforeſaid, or any other Act or Acts to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding; and all Rules, Regulations, Proviſions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauſes, Matters, and Things in any Act or Acts relating to the aſcertaining the Degree of Strength of any Spirits, or relating to the Degree of Strength of any Spirits for any Purpoſe whatever relating to any Revenue of Cuſtoms or Exciſe by the ſaid Hydrometer called *Clarke's Hydrometer* ſhall be in full Force and applied in all Reſpects as to any Hydrometer ſpecified in any ſuch Warrant during the Continuance of the Period for which the ſame ſhall be thereby directed to be uſed as fully and effectually as if the ſame were hereby parcularly re-enacted as to any ſuch Hydrometer.

The Treaſury in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* may direct that the Uſe of *Clarke's* Hydrometer for aſcertaining the Strength of Spirits for the Purpoſes of Revenue ſhall be diſcontinued, and may appoint the Uſe of any other in lieu thereof, *etc.*

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