

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXXVI.

An Act to ſuſpend, until the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and four, Proceedings in Actions, Proſecutions, and Proceedings, under certain Acts relating to the Woollen Manufacture, and alſo under an Act of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, ſo far as the ſame relates to certain Perſons employed or concerned in the ſaid Manufacture.

[11th *Auguſt* 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *Richard* the Second, intituled, *The Cloths of certain Counties, tacked and folded, ſhall not be put to Sale before they be opened*; by another Act, paſſed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His Majeſty *Edward* the Sixth, intituled, *An Act for the true making of Woollen Cloths*; by another Act, paſſed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His ſaid Majeſty *Edward* the Sixth, intituled, *An Act for the putting down Gigg Mills*; by another Act, paſſed in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of Their Majeſties *Philip* and *Mary*, intituled, *An Act touching Weavers*; by another Act, paſſed in the Third Year of the Reign of Their ſaid Majeſties *Philip* 13 Ric. 2. c. 11. 5 & 6 Ed. 6. c. 6. 2 & 3 P. & M. c. 11.

3 P. & M. c. 12. *Philip* and *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for ſealing and viewing of Cloths, commonly called* Bridgewaters; by another Act, paſſed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Their ſaid Majeſties *Philip* and *Mary*, intituled, *An Act touching the making of Woollen Cloths*; by another Act, paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Her ſaid Majeſty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act for the true making and working of Woollen Cloths*; by another Act, paſſed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *James*, intituled, *An Act for the true making of Woollen Cloths*; by another Act, paſſed in the Twenty-firſt Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *James*, intituled, *An Act for Continuance of a former Act, made in the Fourth Year of the King's Majeſty's Reign, of* England, *et cetera, intituled*, '*An Act for the true making of Woollen Cloths*;' *and for ſome Additions and Alterations in and to the ſame*; by another Act, paſſed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging, the Woollen Manufacture of Mixt or Medley Broad Cloth*; *and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein*; by another Act, paſſed in the Firſt Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George*, intituled, *An Act to make an Act of the Tenth Year of Her late Majeſty* (intituled '*An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging of the Woollen Manufacture of Mixt or Medley Broad Cloth, and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein*'), *more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general*; *and alſo to render more effectual an Act, of the Seventh Year of Her ſaid Majeſty's Reign, intituled*, '*An Act for the better aſcertaining the Lengths and Breadths of Woollen Cloths made in the County of* York;' by another Act, paſſed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His ſaid Majeſty King *George*, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating of the Woollen Manufacture*; *and for preventing Diſputes among the Perſons concerned therein*; *and for limiting a Time for proſecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by an Act of the Twelfth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, in caſe of Payment of the Workmen's Wages in any other Manner than in Money*; certain Rules, Ordinances, Orders, Directions, Reſtrictions, Prohibitions, Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Regulations, are enacted, preſcribed, made, required, impoſed, and inflicted, reſpecting the mixing, dying, warping, weaving, perching, working, fulling, rowing, ſhearing, tentering, dreſſing, preſſing, and otherwiſe manufacturing or making of Woollen Cloths, and reſpecting the Sale or Exportation of ſuch Cloths, and the Length, Breadth, Weight, meaſuring, ſearching, ſtamping, and ſealing thereof, and the Appointment of Searchers, Sealers, Overſeers, and Inſpectors to ſuperintend the ſealing, ſtamping, ſearching, and meaſuring thereof; and alſo as to the uſe of certain Mills, called *Gigg Mills*, and alſo as to the Number of Looms to be kept, let, or ſet up together by any Manufacturer or Weaver of Woollen Cloth, as in the ſaid Acts reſpectively are particularly mentioned. And whereas by a Clauſe of a certain other Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act containing divers Orders for Artificers, Labourers, Servants of Huſbandry, and Apprentices*, it is enacted, that it ſhall not be lawful to any Perſon or Perſons, other than ſuch as then did lawfully uſe or exerciſe any Art, Myſtery, or manual Occupation, to ſet up, occupy, uſe, or exerciſe any Craft, Myſtery, or Occupation then uſed or occupied within the Realm of *England* or *Wales*, except he ſhould have been brought up therein Seven Years at the leaſt as an Apprentice, in Manner and Form, as in the ſaid Statute mentioned; nor to ſet any Perſon on Work in ſuch Myſtery, Art,

4 & 5 P. & M. c. 5.

43 El. c. 10.

4 Jac. c. 2.

21 Jac. c. 18.

10 Anne, c. 16.

1 Geo. 1. c. 15.

13 Geo. 1.

5 El. c. 4.

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or Occupation, being not a Workman at that Time, except he shall have been Apprentice as is aforesaid, or else having served as an Apprentice as is aforesaid, should or would become a Journeyman, or be hired by the Year, on Pain that every Person willingly offending or doing the contrary should forfeit and lose, for every Default, Forty Shillings for every Month: And whereas it has been doubted, whether in the present improved State of the Woollen Manufacture, such Rules, Ordinances, Orders, Directions, Restrictions, Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Regulations aforesaid, ought to be continued: And whereas the same have during great Part of the present Session of Parliament been under the Consideration thereof: And whereas it is expedient that the same should be further considered: And whereas divers Actions, Prosecutions, and Proceedings have been commenced or instituted, or are threatened to be commenced or instituted, relating to the Matters aforesaid: And whereas it is reasonable that until the said Matters shall have been more fully considered, such Actions, Prosecutions, and Proceedings should be stayed: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Defendant in any Action, Prosecution, or Proceeding already commenced, instituted, or brought, or which shall be commenced, instituted, or brought for any Penalty or Penalties, Forfeiture or Forfeitures, or Fine or Fines, or for the Punishment of any Person or Persons as aforesaid, for or respecting any of the Matters aforesaid, under the said recited Acts, or any or either of them, or under the said recited Clause of the said Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, to apply to the Court in which such Action, Prosecution, or Proceeding shall have been or shall be commenced, instituted, brought, or depending during the sitting of such Court, or to any Judge of such Court during Vacation, or to any Magistrate or Magistrates, Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any Prosecution or Proceeding shall be depending, or shall hereafter depend, for stay of Proceedings in such Action, Prosecution, or Proceeding; and such Court, and such Judge, and such Magistrates and Justices respectively are hereby required to stay such Action, Prosecution, or Proceedings respectively accordingly, until the said First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and four.

Defendants in Actions brought for Penalties under any of the recited Acts, may apply to the Court, *etc.* to stay Proceedings, which shall be stayed accordingly till *July* 1, 1804.

II. Provided nevertheless, That this Act shall not be taken or construed to affect or suspend the said recited Clause of the said Act of the Fifth Year of Queen *Elizabeth* or the Effect thereof, or any Proceedings under the same, except as to any Person or Persons setting up, occupying, using, or exercising, or setting any Person or Persons on Work in the Woollen Manufacture or Trade, or some Branch thereof: Provided also, that this Act shall not extend to affect any Proceedings touching the unlawful Use of any *Gigg Mills*, which shall be set up after the passing of this Act.

Exceptions.

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