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An Act to permit, during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, the Importation into *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in neutral Vessels, from States in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize; and to empower His Majesty, by Order in Council, to prohibit the Exportation of Copper, and to permit the Importation, in neutral Vessels, from States not in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize. [12th *August* 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in *England* in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation*, and by several other Acts now in Force in the United Kingdom, and in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, the Importation of the several Goods, Wares, and Merchandize in this Act enumerated, is prohibited unless the same shall be imported in the Manner and according to the Regulations prescribed by the said Acts: And whereas it is expedient to permit, during the Continuance of Hostilities, the Importation into the United Kingdom of the said Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, in the Manner and under the Regulations in this Act prescribed: 12 Car. 2. c. 18.

prescribed: 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 Passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to import or bring into the United Kingdom, from any Port or Place in Amity with His Majesty, in any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, Organzined Thrown Silk, of the Growth or Production of *Italy*; any Thing contained in an Act made in *England* in the Second Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for discouraging the Importation of Thrown Silk*, or in any other Act or Acts in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Organzined Thrown Silk of the Growth of *Italy* may be imported in any Vessel from any Place in Amity with His Majesty.

II. Provided always, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend to give Liberty to import any *Italian* Thrown Silk, that shall be coarser than a Sort thereof known and distinguished by the Name of Third Bolonia, nor any Sorts of Silks commonly called Trams, of the Growth of *Italy*, nor any other Thrown Silk of the Growth or Production of *Turkey*, *Persia*, *East India*, or *China*, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silks as shall be brought over and imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; One Moiety whereof to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same, to be recovered in such Manner and Form as Goods forfeited may be recovered by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Customs in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively.

Act not to extend to the Silks herein mentioned.

III. And for the better and more effectual Execution of this Act, and to prevent the Importation of any Sort of Thrown Silks not organzined; be it further enacted and declared, That all such Organzined Thrown Silk as is allowed to be imported by this Act, if landed in any Part of *Great Britain*, shall be brought to His Majesty's Custom House at *London*, to the Intent that no other Sort of Thrown Silk may be imported than that allowed by this Act, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silk as shall be imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; One Moiety whereof shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same, to be recovered in such Manner and Form as Goods forfeited may be recovered by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Customs in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, any Thing herein contained to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Silks landed in any Part of *Great Britain* to be brought to the Custom-House in *London*.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import into the United Kingdom any Sort of Flax or Flax Seed, in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His

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His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, navigated by foreign Seamen, from any Port or Place whatsoever, upon the same Terms and Conditions, and subject to the same Duties, Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, in any respect as such Flax and Flax Seed would by any Law in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, have been subject and liable to if the same had been imported in foreign Ships or Vessels of the Built of the Country or Place of which such Flax or Flax Seed was the Growth, Production, or Manufacture; any Thing in the said recited Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary notwithstanding.

any Place on certain Conditions.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons admitted into and made free of the Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant* Seas, commonly called or known by the Name of the *Turkey* Company, to import into the United Kingdom any Goods or Commodities, which have heretofore usually been imported from *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or from any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior within the *Levant* Seas, in any Ship or Vessel built in or belonging to *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, navigated according to Law, or in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, navigated by foreign Seamen, from any Port or Place whatsoever, upon Payment of the same Duties, if imported in *British* or *Irish* built Ships, as the like Goods would be subject and liable to if imported in *British* or *Irish* built Ships, directly from the Place of their Growth, Production, or Manufacture; but if such Goods shall be imported in any foreign-built Ship or Vessel, then and in such Case the Goods so imported shall be subject to the Duties which such Goods would have been subject and liable to if this Act had not been made; any Thing in the said recited Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, or any Act or Acts of Parliament in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Turkey Company may import Goods heretofore imported from *Turkey*, &c. either in *British* or Foreign Vessels, from any Place, on Payment of Duties, &c.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Entry shall be suffered to pass at any Custom House in the United Kingdom, for any such Goods of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or of any of the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, as before the passing of this Act might be imported only from such Ports or Places in the *Streights* or *Levant* Seas as are within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, or for any Drugs which would have been liable to the Payment of higher Duties, when not imported directly from the Place of their Growth or Production, and which, by the Authority of this Act, are permitted to be imported in Manner aforesaid, until the Person importing or entering the same shall produce to the Collector, or other proper Officer of His Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain*, and to the proper Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, at the Port of Importation, a Certificate under the Hand of the Collector of the Duties for the said *Turkey* Company, certifying, that such

Conditions on which Entry shall be suffered to pass at the Custom House on Importation of Goods the Growth of *Turkey*, &c.

Person

Perſon is free of the ſaid Company, and that he has paid the Duties impoſed on ſuch Goods by the ſaid Company, and has conformed in all reſpects to the Rules and Regulations of the ſaid Company relative thereto.

Such Goods to be ſubject to the Duties payable to the *Levant* Company.

VII. Provided always, That all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, of the Produce of Countries within the *Levant* Seas, imported into *Great Britain*, under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Duties payable to the *Levant* Company, in like Manner as if ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, had been imported into *Great Britain* directly from *Turkey*.

Goods uſually imported from Places in *Europe*, within the *Streights of Gibraltar*, &c. may be imported from any Place not being within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, in any *Britiſh* or Foreign Veſſel, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hoſtilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, any Goods or Commodities which have been heretofore uſually imported from any Port or Place in *Europe* within the *Streights* of *Gibraltar*, (except ſuch Goods or Commodities as might heretofore be imported, only from ſuch Ports or Places as are within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior,) ſhall and may, during the Continuance of this Act, be imported and brought, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from any Port or Place whatſoever, not being within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, in any Ship or Veſſel built in or belonging to *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, navigated according to Law; or in any Ship or Veſſel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, navigated with Foreign Seamen, upon Payment of the ſame Duties, if imported in *Britiſh* or *Iriſh* built Ships, as the like Goods would be ſubject and liable to if imported directly from the Place of their Growth, Production, or Manufacture, except Drugs, which, if imported by any Perſon or Perſons not free of the *Turkey* Company, ſhall be ſubject to the like Duties, as they would have been liable to, if not imported directly from the Place of their Growth and Production, if this Act had not been made; and if any ſuch Goods ſhall be imported in any foreign-built Ship or Veſſel, then and in ſuch Caſe the Goods ſo imported ſhall be ſubject to the Duties which ſuch Goods would have been ſubject and liable to by Law, if this Act had not been made; any Thing in the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Goods may be taken out of Warehouſe in which depoſited, by Order of Council, on Payment of Duties, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to take any Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, out of any Warehouſe in which the ſame ſhall have been lodged or depoſited, under any Order of His Majeſty in Council, or of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, upon Payment of the like Duties, and ſubject to the ſame Rules and Regulations as ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize would have been liable unto if they had been imported by virtue of this Act.

Pitch, Timber, &c. may be imported

X. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hoſtilities, and until Six Months after

after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall and may be lawful to import into the United Kingdom, in *British* or *Irish* built Ships, owned and navigated according to Law, from any of the Ports of *Germany*, Pitch and Tar, as well as Deal Boards, Fir, and Timber, subject to such Duties, Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, as such Goods would by any Law in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively have been subject and liable to, if the same had been legally imported before the passing of this Act; any Thing in an Act passed in *England*, in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses in His Majesty's Customs*, or in any other Act or Acts in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

from *Germany* in *British* Vessels.

XI. And whereas the Public Safety may require temporary Restraints upon the Exportation of Copper; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, from Time to Time, by Proclamation, or Order in Council, and, in *Ireland*, for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Proclamation or Order in Council, whenever it shall seem expedient, to prohibit the Exportation of all Copper capable of being converted into a Naval Store, from any Port or Place within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to any Port or Place within the Limits of *Europe*.

His Majesty may, by Proclamation, &c. prohibit the Exportation of Copper capable of being converted into Naval Stores.

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to import or bring into the United Kingdom from *Portugal* any Salt, the Produce or Manufacture of *Portugal*, in any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, that shall belong to the Subject or Subjects of any State in Amity with His Majesty, and such Salt shall be imported upon Payment of the like Duties, and shall be subject to the like Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as Salt imported in Ships of the Built or belonging to any of the Subjects of the Kingdom of *Portugal*; any Thing in the before-mentioned Act, or in any other Act or Acts in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Salt may be imported from *Portugal* in any Vessel of any Country in Amity with His Majesty.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, it shall be lawful for any Person to import into any Port or Place into *Great Britain*, all Sorts of Wool, and to import into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, all Sorts of Barilla, Jesuits Bark, Linen Yarn, Hemp, Indigo, Cochineal, Wool and Cotton Wool, from any Country or Place whatsoever, in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, navigated by foreign Seamen; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Wool may be imported into *Great Britain*, and Barilla, &c. into *Ireland*, from any Place, in Vessels of any Country in Amity with His Majesty.

Goods imported in foreign Veſſels ſhall be liable to the Aliens and other Duties.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all ſuch Goods as ſhall, in purſuance of this Act, be imported into the United Kingdom in any foreign Ship or Veſſel, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Aliens, and all other Duties, in the ſame Manner as they could be liable to by Law, if ſuch Ships were of the Built of the Country of which the Goods are of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture.

Importation of Goods made by virtue of any Order in Council ſhall be valid.

XV. And whereas, ſince the preſent Hoſtilities have commenced, Orders of Council have been made for granting Licences, and Licences have accordingly been granted to permit the Importation of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, being *Britiſh* or neutral Property, contrary to the Laws now in Force, which Importations were neceſſary during the Time of Hoſtilities, and ought to be juſtified by Law: And whereas it is expedient that His Majeſty, by Order in Council, and, in *Ireland*, that the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, ſhould be authoriſed to permit, during the Continuance of Hoſtilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, the Importation in any neutral Ships whatſoever, of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, from any Port or Place belonging to any Kingdom or State not in Amity with His Majeſty; Be it therefore further enacted, That every Importation of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, made by virtue of any ſuch Order and Licence ſo heretofore made and granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be good in Law; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, or any other Act made for the Amendment or Explanation thereof, or in any other Act or Acts now in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Any Goods ſpecified in any Order in Council may be imported from any Place not in Amity with His Majeſty, in Ships belonging to any Country in Amity.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, by Order in Council, and, in *Ireland*, for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Order in Council, from Time to Time, when and as often as the ſame ſhall be judged expedient, to permit during the Continuance of Hoſtilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, any ſuch Goods, Wares or Merchandize, as ſhall be ſpecified in any ſuch Order in Council, to be imported from any Port or Place belonging to any Kingdom or State not in Amity with His Majeſty, in Ships belonging to the Subjects of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty; any Law now in Force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Goods to be ſubject to the Duties and Regulations exiſting before the paſſing of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, when ſo imported as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable to all Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and ſhall be ſubject to all Rules, Regulations, and Conditions, and to all Penalties and Forfeitures for the Breach thereof, to which they would have been liable and ſubject if they had been imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, according to any Law or Laws in Force at the Time of the paſſing of this Act.

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