

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CLVI.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of *Great Britain* to contract for the Purchase of the Duties of Prisage and Butlerage of Wines. [12th *August* 1803.]

WHEREAS His Majesty in Right of His Duchy of *Lancaster* is or claims to be entitled to the Prisage and Butlerage of all Wines brought into the Port of *Liverpool*, and all Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and other Places within the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, and which have been granted out upon Lease for Lives now subsisting: And whereas His Royal Highness *George* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*, in Right of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, is or claims to be entitled to the Prisage and Butlerage of all Wines brought into any of the Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and other Places within the County of *Cornwall*, and into the Port of *Plymouth* in the County of *Devon*, which have been granted out upon Lease for Lives: And whereas the Most Noble *Henry* Duke of *Beaufort* is or claims to be entitled to the Prisage and Butlerage of all Wines brought into the Ports of *Swansea* and *Chepstow* in the Principality of *Wales*: And whereas the Right Honourable *John* Marquis of *Bute* is or claims to be entitled to the Prisage and Butlerage of all Wines brought into the Port of *Cardiff* in the said Prin-

cipality of *Wales*: And whereas the Moſt Noble *Auguſtus Henry* Duke of *Grafton* is or claims to be entitled to the Priſage and Butlerage of all Wines brought into any Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, or other Places in any Port of *England*, not being within the Principality of *Wales* or Earldom of *Cheſter*, other than except the Port of *Liverpool*, and other Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and Places in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and except the Port of *Plymouth* in the County of *Devon*, and all the Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and other Places in the County of *Cornwall*: And whereas the Commiſſioners appointed to examine, take, and ſtate the publick Accounts of the Kingdom in their Report made in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-five, ſtated as their Opinion that it would tend to Uniformity in the Collection and Application of the Revenue of Cuſtoms, if the Priſage Duties were, by the Conſent of the Grantees, to be re-veſted in the Crown for the publick Service: And whereas the Select Committee of Finance appointed by the Houſe of Commons in their Fourth Report made in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, ſtrongly recommended that the Priſage and Butlerage Duties on Wines ſhould be re-veſted in the Crown, if the Conſent of the Grantees could be obtained; 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 it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, on the Behalf of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to treat, contract, and agree with the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, on the Behalf of His Majeſty, and with the Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſaid Duchy, for the abſolute Purchaſe and Surrender of the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt of His Majeſty in Right of His ſaid Duchy, and of ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, of and in the Priſage and Butlerage of Wines brought into the ſaid Port of *Liverpool*, and all other Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and other Places within the ſaid County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and of all the Rights, Privileges, Profits, and other Advantages whatſoever thereunto belonging, for ſuch Annuity to be charged upon and to be payable out of the Conſolidated Fund at ſuch Times, and in ſuch Manner, and upon and ſubject to ſuch Terms and Conditions for the Redemption thereof, or otherwiſe relating thereto, as the Chancellor and Council of the ſaid Duchy of *Lancaſter*, and the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, ſhall agree upon.

The Treaſury may treat with the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of *Lancaſter*, &c. for the Purchaſe of their Right in the Priſage and Butlerage of Wines brought into *Liverpool*, *etc.* for an Annuity to be charged on the Conſolidated Fund;

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, on the Behalf of His Majeſty, to treat, contract, and agree with the Council of His Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*, on the Behalf of His ſaid Royal Highneſs, and with the Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſaid Duchy of *Cornwall*, for the abſolute Purchaſe of all the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt of His ſaid Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*, and of ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, of and in the Priſage and Butlerage of all Wines brought into any Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and other Places within the County of

and may alſo treat with the Prince of *Wales* for the Purchaſe of His Right as Duke of *Cornwall*, in the Priſage and Butlerage of Wines brought into any Ports within the County of *Cornwall*;

of *Cornwall*, and into the Port of *Plymouth*, in the County of *Devon*, and of all the Rights, Privileges, Profits, and other Advantages whatſoever thereunto belonging, for ſuch Annuity to be charged upon and payable out of the Conſolidated Fund, at ſuch Times and in ſuch Manner, and upon and ſubject to ſuch Terms and Conditions for the Redemption thereof, or otherwiſe relating thereto, as the Council of His ſaid Royal Highneſs *George* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*, and the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being ſhall agree upon.

and likewiſe with the Perſons herein mentioned, for the Purchaſe of their Right in the Priſage and Butlerage of Wines brought into any Port of *England* or *Wales*, except the Places before mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, on Behalf of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to treat, contract, and agree with the ſaid *Auguſtus Henry* Duke of *Grafton*, *Henry* Duke of *Beaufort*, and *John* Marquis of *Bute* reſpectively, for the abſolute Purchaſe or Surrender of all ſuch reſpective Eſtates, Rights, Titles, and Intereſts as they, the ſaid *Auguſtus Henry* Duke of *Grafton*, *Henry* Duke of *Beaufort*, and *John* Marquis of *Bute*, or any other Perſons claiming or to claim under or by virtue of the reſpective Grants or Letters Patent, under which they reſpectively hold, have, or are or ſhall be entitled to claim, in and to the Priſage and Butlerage of Wines brought into any Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and other Places in *England*, or in the Principality of *Wales*, other than and except the Port of *Liverpool*, and all Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and Places within the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*; and alſo except the Port of *Plymouth*; and all the Ports, Havens, Creeks, Rivers, and Places within the County of *Cornwall*; and of all the Rights, Privileges, Profits, and other Advantages whatſoever thereunto belonging for ſuch Annuities reſpectively, to be charged upon and payable out of the Conſolidated Fund, at ſuch Times and in ſuch Manner, and upon and ſubject to ſuch Terms and Conditions for the Redemption thereof, or otherwiſe relating thereto, as the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, ſhall think fit, and as ſhall be agreed upon in that Behalf.

Contracts to be ſanctioned by Parliament.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no ſuch Contract which ſhall be entered into as aforeſaid ſhall be carried into Effect, unleſs and until the ſame ſhall be ſanctioned and confirmed by Parliament.

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