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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXII.

An Act for charging additional Duties on the Importation of Foreign Plate Glass into *Great Britain*. [12th *July* 1805.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Duties on Plate Glass, Crown Glass, and Glass called *Sheet Glass*, imported into *Great Britain*, should be increased; 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 First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and five, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, unto and to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, an additional Duty of Customs of Two Shillings and Sixpence for each and every Foot superficial Measure of all Foreign rough Plate Glass, and ground or polished Plate or Crown Glass; and One Shilling for each and every Foot superficial Measure of *German* Sheet Glass, imported or brought into *Great Britain*; and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity.

From Aug. 1, 1805, an additional Duty of 2s. 6d. for every Foot of Foreign Plate Glass, &c. and 1s. for every Foot of German Sheet Glass, shall be paid on Importation.

II. And be it further enacted, That such of the said additional Duties as shall arise in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* shall be under the Management of the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* for the Time being; and such thereof as shall arise in that Part of *Great Bri-*

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tain called *Scotland* ſhall be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *Scotland* for the Time being; and ſhall reſpectively be aſcertained, managed, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, recovered, appropriated, and applied, in ſuch and the like Manner, and by the ſame Means, Ways, or Methods, as former Duties of Cuſtoms upon the like Goods reſpectively were or might be aſcertained, managed, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, recovered, appropriated, and applied; and the ſaid Goods ſhall be; and the ſame are hereby made ſubject and liable to all and every the Conditions, Regulations, Rules, Reſtrictions, Seizures, and Forfeitures, to which the like Goods reſpectively were ſubject and liable by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on and immediately before the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and five, reſpecting the Revenue of Cuſtoms; and all Pains, Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures, of what Nature or Kind ſoever the ſame may be, for any Offence whatever committed againſt or in Breach of any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on and immediately before the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and five, made for ſecuring the Revenue of Cuſtoms, or for the Regulation or Improvement thereof; and the ſeveral Clauſes, Powers, Proviſions, and Directions contained in any ſuch Act or Acts ſhall, and they are hereby directed and declared to extend to, and ſhall be reſpectively applied, practiſed, and put in Execution, for and in reſpect of the ſaid additional Duties of Cuſtoms, in as full and ample Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatever, as if all and every the ſaid Acts, Clauſes, Proviſions, Powers, Directions, Fines, Pains, Penalties, or Forfeitures, were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Glaſs imported to be in Packages of a certain Quantity, and to be diſtinguiſhed in Manner herein mentioned.

III. And, whereas there is great Reaſon to believe that the fraudulent Importation of Glaſs hath of late much increaſed, to the Injury of the Revenue and the fair Trader; for Remedy thereof it is hereby further enacted, That every Package containing any Plate or Plates of Glaſs unframed, being Plate Glaſs, Crown Glaſs, or Glaſs called *Sheet Glaſs*, which ſhall be imported into this Kingdom, or which ſhall be brought in for the Purpoſe of Exportation, ſhall contain Five hundred Weight nett at leaſt of ſuch Glaſs, and ſhall meaſure Six Cubical Feet at leaſt, and be entirely filled with Glaſs, without any other Caſe or Package whatever contained therein, and ſhall be marked or ſtamped on the Outſide in Roman Letters, not leſs than Four Inches in Length, with the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame is conſigned, and alſo with the Words "Plate Glaſs," "Crown Glaſs," or "Glaſs called Sheet "Glaſs," reſpectively, as the Caſe may be, with the Number and Sizes contained in the ſaid Package, under the Penalty of the Forfeiture of all ſuch Glaſs ſo imported or brought contrary to the Directions of this Act; Provided always, that this Act ſhall not extend to forfeit any Plate or Plates of Glaſs being of the Length of Sixty Inches or upwards, on Account of the ſame not being imported or brought in Packages marked and deſcribed as aforeſaid.

Maſters of Veſſels importing Glaſs to report according to this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of every Ship or Veſſel in which any ſuch Glaſs ſhall be imported, or which ſhall be brought into this Kingdom for the Purpoſe of Exportation, ſhall, in the Report of his Ship's Cargo, expreſs every Package in which ſuch Glaſs ſhall be contained, as

containing Plate Glaſs, Crown Glaſs, or Glaſs called *Sheet Glaſs* reſpectively; and in caſe any Package ſhall be found on board any ſuch Ship or Veſſel containing ſuch Glaſs, the Contents of which ſhall not have been reported as Glaſs according to the Directions of this Act, ſuch Package, together with the Glaſs therein contained, ſhall be forfeited.

Glaſs found incloſed in Packages containing other Goods to be forfeited.

V. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Crown Glaſs, Plate Glaſs, or Glaſs called *Sheet Glaſs*, ſhall be found incloſed in any Caſe or Package whatever containing other Goods, Wares, or Merchandize than ſuch Crown Glaſs, Plate Glaſs, or Glaſs called *Sheet Glaſs*, or ſhall be found amongſt Goods ſo contained in any ſuch Caſe or Package, all ſuch Crown Glaſs, Plate Glaſs, or Glaſs called *Sheet Glaſs*, ſhall be forfeited, together with Double the Value thereof.

Forfeitures how to be recovered.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures created and incurred by this Act ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Forfeitures incurred for any Offence againſt the Laws of the Cuſtoms may now legally be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of; and the Officer or Officers concerned in Seizures or Proſecutions under this Act, ſhall be entitled to and receive ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from the Seizures as they are now by Law entitled to upon Proſecutions of Seizures for unlawful Importation.

Limitation of Actions.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and ſhall be laid in the County or Place where the Cauſe of Complaint did ariſe, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action or Suit, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall be nonſuited, or diſcontinue his or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant hath in any other Caſes to recover Coſts by Law.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

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