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GEORGII III. REGIS.

C A P. XXXIV.

An Act to permit the Importation of Goods and Commodities from Countries in *America* belonging to any Foreign *European* Sovereign or State in Neutral Ships, during the present War, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace. [10th *April* 1805.]

WHEREAS by the Laws now in Force no Goods or Commodities whatsoever of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *America*, can (except in certain Cases) be imported into this Kingdom but in *British*-built Ships, owned and navigated according to Law: And whereas it is expedient, under the present Circumstances, to permit certain Goods and Commodities to be imported under certain Restrictions in Foreign Ships belonging to Subjects of States in Amity with His Majesty: 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 and may be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to grant Licence to any *British* Subject or Subjects to import into this Kingdom for his or their own Account, or for Account of a Subject or Subjects of any State in Amity with His Majesty, from any Country in *America* belonging to any foreign *European* Sovereign or State, any Goods or Commodities of the Growth or Produce, whether manufactured or otherwise, of any such Country, not prohibited

His Majesty may grant Licences to import Goods in Neutral Ships from Countries in *America* belonging to any Foreign *European* Sovereign or State, under certain Conditions.

to be uſed or conſumed in this Kingdom, in any Ship or Veſſel belonging to any State in Amity with His Majeſty, and under ſuch Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, and Securities, as His Majeſty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, ſhall approve, and ſubject to the ſame Duties as ſuch Goods and Commodities would be ſubject to if imported in any *Britiſh*-built Ship or Veſſel, and to the ſame Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, and Securities, Penalties, and Forfeitures, reſpecting the Payment of the ſame; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding: Provided always, that all Sugar and Coffee, imported in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be warehouſed immediately on Importation, and ſhall not be taken out of Warehouſe to be uſed or conſumed in this Kingdom, but only for Exportation to Foreign Parts: Provided always, that no ſuch Licence ſhall be granted to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall not have exported or given ſuch Security as ſhall be required for exporting from this Kingdom according to Law, to the Poſſeſſions in *America* belonging to the ſame *European* Sovereign or State, any Goods or Commodities bearing ſuch Proportion in Value to the Goods ſo to be imported as His Majeſty, by and with the Advice aforeſaid, ſhall think reaſonable and ſhall direct: Provided always, that if any Queſtion ſhall ariſe in any Caſe whether any Thing which ſhall be done was authorized to be done by virtue of any ſuch Licence, the Proof that ſuch Thing was done under the Circumſtances and according to the Terms and Conditions in ſuch Licence to be expreſſed, ſhall lie on the Perſon or Perſons reſpectively claiming the Benefit of ſuch Licence.

Sugar and Coffee ſhall be warehouſed on Importation.

Conditions on which Licences ſhall be granted.

Continuance of Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in Force during the preſent War, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace.

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