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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLI.

An Act for reſtraining the Negotiation of certain Promiſſory Notes and Inland Bills of Exchange in *Ireland*. [17th *May* 1805.]

WHEREAS the Regulations at preſent in force reſpecting the Iſſue and Negotiation of Promiſſory Notes for ſmall Sums, in *Ireland*, have not proved effectual; 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 an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to reſtrain the Negotiation of Promiſſory Notes and Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum*; and alſo two Acts the one made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fortieth Year, and the other in the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for continuing and amending the ſaid firſt recited Act; and alſo an Act, made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for ſuſpending the Operation of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-third Year, and for continuing and amending all the recited Acts; and alſo

Iriſh Act 39 G. 3. &c.

and 44 Geo. 3. c. 91 recited and repealed.

also another Act, made in the last Session Parliament, intituled, *An Act to permit the Issue and Negotiation of certain Promissory Notes, under a limited Sum, by registered Bankers in* Ireland, *and to restrain the Issue and Negotiation of certain other Notes,* shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed, save and except so far as relates to the recovering any Penalty or Forfeiture incurred under the said recited Acts, or any of them, at any Time on or before the passing of this Act.

Act not to make valid any Notes which would have been void by Acts repealed.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing ~~in this Act con~~tained shall extend or be construed to extend to render valid any Promissory or other Note or Undertaking in Writing, which may have been issued before the passing of this Act, and which, under the Provisions and Directions of the several Acts herein-before recited and repealed, or any of them, were or would have been null and void in case the said Acts had not been hereby repealed; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Promissory Notes for less than 20*s.* shall be void.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Promissory Notes or Undertakings in Writing, being negotiable or transferrable for any Sum or Sums of Money less than Twenty Shillings *Irish* Currency, or on which any Sum less than Twenty Shillings *Irish* Currency shall remain undischarged, which shall bear Date, or shall have been or shall be issued in *Ireland* at any Time after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and five, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be absolutely null and void, and not to be negotiable or transferrable, any thing in any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* at the Time of the passing of this Act, or any Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Person or Persons who shall have issued, or shall issue the same, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds *Irish* Currency for every such Note or Undertaking so issued; and the Person or Persons who shall have given or taken, or shall give or take the same in Payment after the said first Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and five, shall forfeit Double the Amount of each such Note or Undertaking to any Person who shall sue for the same, and such Penalties shall be recovered before any One Justice of the Peace in *Ireland,* upon the Oath of One credible Witness, or on the Confession of such Offender; and in case the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid and satisfied upon such Conviction being made, it shall be lawful for such Justice of the Peace, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Offender, together with all Costs and Charges attending such Conviction and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner; and if such Offender shall not have sufficient Goods and Chattels to satisfy such Penalties, every such Offender shall be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, by Warrant of such Justice, for any Time not less than One Month, nor more than Three Months, unless such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be sooner paid.

Penalty for issuing or taking them.

Memorandums and Tickets negotiated for Money or Value under 20*s.* Irish Cur-

IV. And be it further enacted, That any Memorandum, Ticket, Token, Draft, Certificate, or Engagement, written, printed, or engraved on Paper, Card, Vellum, or Parchment, being negotiable or transferrable, or which shall have been or shall be given, negotiated, or transferred, with Intent to imply or to make a Promise or Engagement to pay Money

or Value of any Kind, in Goods or otherwiſe, under the Sum of Twenty Shillings *Iriſh* Currency, or on which a leſs Sum than Twenty Shillings *Iriſh* Currency ſhall remain undiſcharged, ſhall be deemed an Undertaking in Writing to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. rency ſhall be deemed Undertakings in Writing.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered amended, or repealed, by any Act to be made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament. Act may be altered this Seſſion.

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