

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO QUINTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLII.

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act made in the last Session of Parliament for preventing the Counterfeiting of certain Silver Coin issued by the Banks of *England* and *Ireland* respectively, to Silver Pieces which may be issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, called *Tokens*; and to promote the Circulation of the said *Tokens*.

[17th *May* 1805.]

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* are preparing and intend to issue, for the Convenience of the Publick, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, a Quantity of Silver Pieces denominated *Tokens*, of the Common Standard of *Spanish* Pillar Dollars, containing on the Obverse Side thereof an Impression of His Majesty's Head, and the following Words and Letters *videlicet*, "Georgius III. Dei Gratia," and on the Reverse Side thereof the following Words and Figures, "Bank Token Five-pence Irish 1805," or "Bank Token Ten-pence Irish 1805," each such Token for Five-pence containing in Weight One Thirteenth Part of the common Weight of a *Spanish* Pillar Dollar, and each such Token for Ten-pence containing Two such Thirteenth Parts: And whereas for the Security of the Publick

it is expedient to prevent the counterfeiting of the said respective Tokens; 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 if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, make, coin, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be made, coined, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the making, coining, or counterfeiting, any Piece of Metal, resembling or made with Intent to resemble or look like the said Tokens or either of them respectively, so as aforesaid intended to be coined or stamped and issued by the said Governor and Company of the Bank, or to pass as such, or if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, bring into *Ireland*, or into any Part of the said United Kingdom, any such false or counterfeit Token or Tokens as aforesaid, resembling or made with Intent to resemble or look like the said Tokens or either of them, or to pass as such Tokens respectively, knowing the same to be false or counterfeited, to the Intent to utter the same within the said United Kingdom, or within any Dominions of the same, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for any Term of Years not exceeding Seven Years.

Persons counterfeiting Silver Coins issued by the Bank called Tokens, or bringing into Ireland with an Intent to utter such Counterfeits, &c. shall be guilty of Felony and may be transported for Seven Years.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, utter or tender in Payment, or give in Exchange, or pay or put off to any Person or Persons any such false or counterfeit Token or Tokens as aforesaid, resembling or made with Intent to resemble or look like the said Tokens or either of them, so as aforesaid intended to be coined or stamped and issued by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or to pass as such Tokens respectively, knowing the same to be false or counterfeited, or if any Person or Persons shall have in his, her, or their Custody without lawful Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie upon the Party accused) any greater Number than Five of such false or counterfeit Tokens as aforesaid, then and in either of the said Cases respectively, every such Person shall be subject and liable to such and the like Pains and Punishments, and to such and the like Penalties and Forfeitures, and shall be proceeded against in all Respects in such and the like Manner as is mentioned and directed in and by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act to prevent the counterfeiting of Silver Coin issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of* England, *called* Dollars, *and Silver Coin, which may be issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of* Ireland, *called* Tokens; *and to prevent the bringing into the United Kingdom, or uttering, any counterfeit Dollars or Tokens*, with respect to Persons uttering or tendering in Payment, or giving in Exchange, or paying, or putting off, or having in his, her, or their Custody, without lawful Excuse, the counterfeit Dollars and Tokens in the said recited Act mentioned.

Persons tendering in Payment such Counterfeit Tokens, or having in their Possession more than Five (without lawful Excuse) shall be subject to the Penalties inflicted by 44 G. 3. c. 71.

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Regulations, and Directions, Clauses, Matters, and Things, whatsoever in the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament mentioned and contained, shall and may be applied in the apprehending, securing, proceeding against, and punishing of Offenders, under this Act, and in the Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures for Offences against this Act, and in the carrying of this Act into Execution in all Respects whatsoever, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the said Powers, Provisions,

Powers of recited Act 44 G. 3. c. 71. to extend to this Act.

Regulations, and Directions, Clauses, Matters, and Things, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Silver Bank Tokens to be received in Payment of the Revenue.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money which now are or shall become payable in *Ireland* for any Part of the Publick Revenue, shall be accepted by the Collectors, Receivers, and other Officers of the Revenue in *Ireland*, authorized to receive the same, in the said Silver Bank Tokens for Ten-pence or Five-pence respectively, which shall be issued during the Continuance of the Restriction on Payments in Cash by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, if offered to be so paid; and that the said Governor and Company may, whenever the said Restriction shall be removed, charge to the Account of the Teller of the Exchequer all such of the said Tokens of Ten-pence and Five-pence each, issued during the Continuance of the said Restriction, as may be received by the said Governor and Company in Payment or otherwise before or after such Removal.

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