

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SEXTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CLII.

An Act to ſtay, until Forty Days after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, Proceedings in Actions, Proſecutions, or Informations under an Act made in the Second Year of King *James* the Firſt, intituled, *An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers, occupying the cutting of Leather*, ſo far as relates to the buying of Oak Bark and rough Hides and Calve Skins in the Hair. [23d *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *James* the Firſt, intituled, *An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers occupying the Cutting of Leather*, it is amongſt other Things enacted, that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall regrate, ingroſs, or get into his or their Hands, by buying, contracting, or Promiſe taking, any Oaken Bark before it be ſtripped or after, to the Intent to ſell the ſame again, upon Pain of Forfeiture of all ſuch Barks ſo by him or them regrated, ingroſſed, or bought, contrary to the true Meaning of this preſent Branch, or the full Value thereof: And whereas, notwithſtanding the ſaid Act, it has been uſual and cuſtomary for many Perſons to buy and contract for large Quantities of Oaken Bark for the Purpoſe of ſelling the ſame again, and ſupplying Tanners and others in diſtant Counties therewith, by which ſuch Perſons have inadvertently incurred heavy Penalties under the ſaid Act, for the Recovery whereof Actions, Bills, Plaints, or Informations, have been and may be commenced againſt them: And whereas it is expedient to prevent the proceeding in any ſuch Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, for the preſent: And whereas it was by the ſaid Act enacted, that no Perſon ſhall bargain, 2 Jac. 1. c. 22.

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buy, make any Contract for or beſpeak, any rough Hide or Calve Skin in the Hair, but only ſuch Perſons as by virtue of the ſaid Act might lawfully uſe the Craft or Myſtery of Tanning of Leather, and ſhall tan the ſame, or ſuch Perſons which ſhall raw the ſame, (except Salt Hides for the neceſſary Uſe of Ships) upon Pain to forfeit and loſe all ſuch Hides and Skins, or the juſt Value thereof: And whereas it is expedient to prevent Proceedings in any Action, Proſecution, or Information for the ſaid Offence: 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 paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Defendant in any Action, Proſecution, or Information in any Court, or before any Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate, already commenced or laid, or which ſhall hereafter be commenced, proſecuted, or laid, for any Penalty under the ſaid Act, within Forty Days after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, to apply to the Court in which ſuch Action ſhall be brought during the Sitting of ſuch Court, or to any Judge of ſuch Court during Vacation, or to the Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace or Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, before any ſuch Proſecution ſhall have been commenced or Information laid or ſhall be then depending, for Stay of Proceedings in ſuch Action, Proſecution, or Information, and ſuch Court and ſuch Judge, Juſtice, or Juſtices, Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates reſpectively, are hereby required to ſtay ſuch Proceedings accordingly until the ſaid Forty Days after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

Proceedings in Actions for Penalties under the recited Act may, within 40 Days after Commencement of next Seſſion, be ſtayed, &c.

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