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An Act for abolishing Fees received by certain Officers and other Persons employed in the Service of the Customs, in the Port of *London*; and for regulating the Attendance of Officers and others so employed.

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WHEREAS various Officers and other Persons in the Service of His Majesty's Customs, in the Port of *London*, employed in the Examination and Delivery of Goods and Merchandize imported, exported, or brought or carried Coastwise into or from the said Port, have long been in the Practice of receiving Fees and Gratuities for their Trouble in the Execution of their official Duties: And whereas great Inconvenience arises therefrom, and also from the Number of Holidays kept at the Custom House in the said Port, for which Remedies should be provided; 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, from and after the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and six, no Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatever, shall be required, taken, or received by any Officer, Clerk, or other Person, executing or performing, or assisting in the Execution or Performance

No Fee or Gratuity to be taken by certain Officers and Persons employed in the Service of the Customs in the Port of London.

Performance of any of the Duties, or acting in any of the Offices or Employments in or belonging to His Majesty's Customs in the Port of *London*, enumerated or described in the Table to this Act annexed, marked (A.) for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing, done or performed, or to be done or performed, by any or either of such Officer or Officers, Clerk or Clerks, or other Person or Persons, on account of or relating to any such Office or Employment, except as herein-after is provided; and all such Officers, Clerks, and other Persons respectively, shall, from the said Tenth Day of *October* receive such annual Salaries, or other Allowances, as the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, shall deem to be reasonable, for the Labour and Trouble of executing the Duties of such respective Offices or Employments; and if any such Officer, Clerk, or other Person shall, at any Time after the said Tenth Day of *October*, require, take, or receive any Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatever, except as herein-after is provided; either directly or indirectly, on account of, or relating to any such Office or Employment, or for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing done or performed, or to be done or performed therein, although the same shall be freely offered or given, every such Officer, Clerk, or other Person so offending shall, on Proof thereof to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England*, or any Four or more of them, be for the First Offence peremptorily dismissed from his Office or Employment, and be rendered incapable of ever again holding, or executing, or acting in any Office or Employment in the Service of His Majesty's Customs or Excise.

Any Officer or Person receiving any Fee or Gratuity to be dismissed for the First Offence.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Officer or other Person holding or exercising, or acting in or performing the Duties of any of the said Offices or Employments, from receiving such Reward or Satisfaction for or on account of any Detention, Seizure, or Forfeiture of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or any Penalty, or Share of Penalty, or Composition, which, under any Law now in force, or hereafter to be passed in relation to the Duties of Customs, he is or may be legally entitled to; or to prevent any such Officer, Clerk, or Person from receiving any Allowance, Gratuity, or Reward, which the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England*, or any Four or more of them, may think fit to direct.

Not to prevent such Officers or Persons from receiving their Shares of Seizures, Penalties, and Compositions, or any Allowance or Reward from the Crown.

III. And, in order that proper Compensation may be made to any Officer, Clerk, or other Person who may sustain Loss by the Abolition of Fees directed by this Act, be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, in Cases where, on due Examination and Enquiry, it shall be made appear to them that the Salaries or Allowances hereby directed to be paid to Officers, Clerks, and other Persons, as a Reward for their Labour in future, in the Execution of the Duty of their respective Offices or Employments, may not amount to so much as it might be just and reasonable to allow to the present Possessors of such Offices or Employments, by way of Compensation for the Loss of Fees formerly received by them respectively, to order such further Allowance

Compensation to be made to those Officers and Persons who may suffer by the Abolition of Fees.

as the said Lords Commissioners shall deem just and reasonable to be paid to any such Officer, Clerk, or other Person; such further Allowance to commence from and after the said Tenth Day of *October*, and to continue only during the Time any such Officer, Clerk, or other Person, shall hold any such Office or Employment.

Landing Waiters to make out and deliver to Merchants certain Accounts of Goods imported.

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the said Tenth Day of *October*, every Landing Waiter, or other proper Officer of the Customs employed in the Examination of Goods imported into the Port of *London*, is hereby required to make out and deliver, without Delay, to the Importer, Proprietor, or Consignee of any Goods or Merchandize of the Growth or Produce of the *West Indies*, imported into the said Port, a correct Account, extracted from the official Books, of the Weight, Tale, Gauge, or Contents of all such Goods or Merchandize, in the Manner heretofore practised, in case he shall be called upon so to do, and without requiring, taking, or receiving any Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or otherwise, for the same, on pain of Dismission, as by this Act is directed in other Cases respecting Fees.

Oath to be taken by certain Persons at their Admission to any of the Offices or Employments described in Table (A.)

V. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall, after the said Tenth Day of *October*, be appointed to any of the Offices or Employments enumerated or described in the Table to this Act annexed, marked (A.) shall, at their respective Admissions thereto, instead of the Oath prescribed by an Act, passed in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, take the following Oath; that is to say,

'I *A. B.* do swear to be true and faithful in the Execution, to the best 'of my Knowledge and Power, of the Trust committed to my Charge 'and Inspection in the Service of His Majesty's Customs, and that I will 'not require, take, or receive any Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, 'whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatever, either 'directly or indirectly, for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing 'done or performed, or to be done or performed in the Execution or 'Discharge of any of the Duties of my Office or Employment, on any 'account whatever, other than by Salary, and what is or shall be allowed 'me by Law.

'So help me GOD.'

No Holidays to be observed at the Custom House in the Port of London, except those herein mentioned.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and seven, no Holidays whatever shall be permitted or allowed to be observed and kept at the Custom House in the Port of *London*, or by any Officer, Clerk, or other Person belonging to or employed in the Service of His Majesty's Customs in the said Port, except *Christmas Day* and *Good Friday* in every Year, and any Days which shall be appointed by His Majesty's Proclamation for the Purpose of a General Fast or Thanksgiving, and also the Anniversaries of the Restoration of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, and of the Coronation of His Majesty, and the Birth Days of their Majesties, and of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*; but that all Business of the Custom House, and relating to the Revenue of Customs within the said Port of *London*, shall be carried on and performed on every Day throughout the Year, except on *Sundays*, and the Days before excepted; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. Provided

Act not to alter the Hours of Attendance of the Revenue Officers at the West India Docks, &c. or prevent the Commissioners from granting Leave of Absence,

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to vary or alter any of the Days or Hours appointed, or to be appointed, for the Attendance of the Officers of His Majesty's Revenue at the *West India* Docks, *London* Docks, or *East India* Docks, in the Port of *London*; or to restrain or prevent the Commissioners of the Customs in *England*, from granting Leave of Absence for such reasonable Period, and in such Manner as they shall think fit, to any Officer, Clerk, or other Person employed in the Service of His Majesty's Customs in *England*.

Hours of Attendance for Officers and Persons employed in the Service of the Customs in the Port of London, altered and regulated.

VIII. And whereas it is expedient for the Accommodation of Trade, and for the better Management of the Revenue of Customs, that the Hours during which the Officers, Clerks, and other Persons, employed in the Service of the Customs in the Port of *London*, are required by Law to attend the Duties of their respective Offices and Employments, should be altered and regulated; be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the Tenth Day of *October*, the several Officers and other Persons executing or performing, or assisting in the Execution or Performance of any of the Duties, or acting in any Office or Employment in or belonging to His Majesty's Customs in the Port of *London*, shall, and they are hereby required, unless prevented by Sickness or other unavoidable Cause, which shall be made appear to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *England*, duly and regularly to attend at the respective Offices or Places where their Duty is or shall be directed to be executed and performed, during such Hours, and at such Times, as are particularly mentioned in the Table hereunto annexed, marked (B.) on every Day in the Year, except on *Sundays*, and on the other Days before excepted in this Act; and that during the said Hours and Times there shall be no Intermission or Cessation of Business on any Account or Pretence whatever; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners of the Customs may direct and enforce the Attendance of any Officer or Person employed under them, at any Time that the publick Service shall require.

IX. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained, or in the Table hereunto annexed, marked (B.) shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or hinder the Commissioners of the Customs in *England* from directing and enforcing the Attendance of any Officer, Clerk, or other Person, employed in the Service of His Majesty's Customs in the Port of *London*, at any Time and at any Place, when, on any particular Emergency, the publick Service shall so require; or from directing or enforcing the Attendance of any Clerk whatever, or of any Officer or other Person, so employed in the Service of the Customs receiving daily Pay, or of any Officer or other Person so employed on the Water Guard, at such Hours and Times as the said Commissioners shall think fit and requisite, for the proper Discharge of the official Duties of any such Officer, Clerk, or other Person.

Persons authorized to execute the Duties of their Offices by Deputy, not to be compelled to attend.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to compel the personal Attendance of any Person or Persons who are now authorized to execute the Duties of their respective Offices or Employments in the Service of the Customs in the Port of *London*, by sufficient Deputy or Deputies.

Act may be altered in this Session.

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

Tables

Tables to which this Act refers.

Table (A.)

A LIST of Offices and Employments in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in the Port of *London*, the Officers, Clerks, and other Perſons appointed to execute and diſcharge any of the Duties thereof reſpectively, or acting therein, are by the Act to which this Table is annexed prohibited, on pain of Diſmiſſion, from requiring, taking, or receiving any Fee, Perquiſite, Gratuity, or Reward, on any Account whatever.

INWARDS:

Landing Surveyors.
Deputy King's Waiters.
Acting King's Waiters.
Landing Waiters of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Landing Waiters.
Gaugers.
Meaſurers of Timber.
Jerquers.
Surveyor of the King's Warehouſe.
Aſſiſtants to the Surveyor of the King's Warehouſe.
Warehouſe Keeper under the Collector Inwards.
Warehouſe Keeper for the Crown.
Officer for ſtamping Silk, Crape, Laces, &c.
Surveyor of the Eaſt India Warehouſes.
Aſſiſtant Surveyor of the Eaſt India Warehouſes.
Inſpector of the Delivery of all unrated Eaſt India Goods.
Aſſiſtants to the Inſpector of the Delivery of all unrated Eaſt India Goods.
Jerquer of the Warehouſe Keepers Books and Accounts of prohibited Eaſt India Goods.
Controller of the Lockers of the China Warehouſe.
Warehouſe Keepers of every Deſcription.
Controllers on Warehouſe Keepers of every Deſcription.
Clerk of the Cheque.
Appointers of the Weighers.
Lockers of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Lockers.
Weighing Porters and Weighers of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Weighing Porters and Weighers.
Noon Tenders.
Superviſor of the Watchmen.
Aſſiſtant to the Superviſor of the Watchmen.
Watchmen of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Watchmen.
Coopers.
Huſbands for taking up and receiving all Goods conſigned from His Majeſty's Plantations on Account of the Four and a Half *per Centum* Duty.
Aſſiſtant to the Huſband.
Controller on the Huſband.
Surveyor for Buildings.

Inſpector of burning damaged Tobacco, and Warehouſe Keeper at the burning Kiln.
Waiter and Searcher at Blackwall.

OUTWARDS.

Chief Patent Searcher.
Under Patent Searchers.
Surveyors of the Searchers.
Searchers of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Searchers.

COASTWISE.

Surveyor of the Coaſt-Waiters.
Coaſt-Waiters of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Coaſt-Waiters.
Supervifor of the Coal Meters.
Coal Meters.

WATER GUARD.

Inſpectors of the River of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Inſpectors of the River.
Tide-Surveyors of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Tide Surveyors.
Regiſter for the Tide-waiters.
Superintendant of the Tide-waiters employed as Piazza Men.
Tide-waiters of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Tide-waiters.
Regiſter for the Watermen.
Watermen of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Watermen.
Surveyor for the building and repairing Sloops and Boats.
Aſſiſtant Surveyor for the building and repairing Sloops and Boats.
Surveyor for the Act of Navigation.
Gate Keepers and Meſſengers employed in any of the Offices or Employments enumerated or deſcribed in this Table.
All Officers, Clerks, and other Perſons employed in or about the *Weſt India* or *London* Docks, or any of the Wharfs, Quays, Warehouſes, Offices, or Places belonging thereto.
All Clerks and Perſons of every Deſcription, employed either conſtantly or occaſionally in or about any of the Offices or Employments enumerated or deſcribed in this Table, or in any Way acting or aſſiſting in the Execution or Diſcharge of any of the Duties or Buſineſs thereof.

See the Act to which this Table is annexed.

Table (B.)

A TABLE of the Hours and Times of Attendance to be obſerved by Officers and other Perſons employed in the Service of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in the Port of London.

The ſeveral Officers, Clerks, and other Perſons employed in the Execution or Diſcharge of the Duties of any of the Offices or Employments particularly enumerated or deſcribed in this Table, ſhall attend at their reſpective Offices or Places appointed or to be appointed for that Purpoſe, from the Tenth Day of November to the Ninth Day of May both inclusive, in every Year, from the Hour of Nine in every Morning to the Hour of Four in every Afternoon, and from the Tenth Day of May to the Ninth Day of November both inclusive in every Year, from the Hour of Eight in every Morning to the Hour of Four in every Afternoon, Sundays and the Days appointed to be kept as Holidays by the Act to which this Table is annexed, excepted, videlicet.

INWARDS.

Landing-Surveyors.
Deputy King's Waiters.
Acting King's Waiters.
Landing Waiters of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Landing Waiters.
Gaugers.
Surveyor of the King's Warehouſe, his Aſſiſtants, and every Officer or other Perſon employed in or about the King's Warehouſe.
Warehouſe Keepers of every Deſcription.
Controllers on Warehouſe Keepers of every Deſcription.
Surveyor of the Eaſt India Warehouſes, Inſpector of the Delivery of all unrated Eaſt India Goods, and all other Officers and Perſons employed in or about any of the Warehouſes wherein Eaſt India Goods are or may be depoſited and ſecured.
Huſband for taking up and receiving all Goods conſigned from His Majeſty's Plantations on Account of the Four and a Half per Centum Duty, and his Aſſiſtant.
Controller on the Huſband.
Clerk of the Cheque.
Appointers of Weighers.

OUTWARDS.

Surveyors of the Searchers.
Searchers of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Searchers.

COASTWISE.

Surveyor of the Coaſt-Waiters.
Coaſt-Waiters of every Deſcription, and Perſons acting as Coaſt-Waiters.

WATER

WATER GUARD.

Regiſter for the Tide-Waiters.
Regiſter for the Watermen.
Gate Keepers and Meſſengers employed in any of the Offices or Employments mentioned in this Table.
All Officers, Clerks, and other Perſons employed in or about the Weſt India or London Docks, or any of the Wharfs, Quays, Warehouſes, Offices, or Places belonging thereto.
All other Officers, Clerks, and Perſons employed in the Service of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in the Port of London, whether appointed by the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in England, or by Deputation, or other Inſtrument or Authority of any Patentee, or other Officer or Perſon whatever, ſhall attend at the ſeveral Offices or Places appointed, or to be appointed for the Execution and Diſcharge of their reſpective Duties on every Day in the Year, from the Hour of Ten in every Morning until the Hour of Three in every Afternoon, Sundays, and the Days appointed to be kept as Holidays, by the Act to which this Table is annexed, excepted.

For the Attendance of Officers and other Perſons at any Time when the Publick Service ſhall ſo require, and for the Attendance of Clerks and of Officers and Perſons receiving daily Pay, or employed on the Water Guard, ſee the Act to which this Table is annexed.

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