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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXI.

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act, made in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for preventing the counterfeiting of certain Silver Tokens to certain other Tokens which may be issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, and to promote the Circulation of the said last mentioned Tokens. [14th *April* 1808.]

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *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*, certain Pains of Felony, and other Pains and Penalties, were imposed on any Person or Persons who should make, coin, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be made, coined, or counterfeited, or act or assist in the making, coining, or counterfeiting the Tokens in the said Acts mentioned, or who should bring into *Ireland* or into any Part of the United Kingdom, or should pass, or utter, or tender in Payment, or give in Exchange, or pay or put off any such counterfeit Token or Tokens, or should have in his, her, or their Custody, without lawful Excuse, any greater Number than Five of such false or counterfeit Tokens: And whereas the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* are preparing 45 G. 3. c. 42.

preparing and intend to iſſue in *Ireland*, for the Convenience of the Public, 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 Figures, "Georgius III. Dei Gratia Rex 1808;" and on the reverſe Side thereof an Impreſſion repreſenting Hibernia, with the Words or Figures "Bank Token, XXX Pence *Iriſh*," each ſuch Token containing in Weight Six-thirteenth Parts of the Common Weight of a *Spaniſh* Pillar Dollar: And whereas Tokens for Ten-pence and Five-pence have been iſſued by the Governor and Company of the ſaid Bank of *Ireland* conformably to the Deſcriptions in the ſaid recited Act with the Variation only of the Figures 1806 inſtead of 1805: 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 if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall make, coin, or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be made, coined, or counterfeited, or willingly aid 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 for Thirty-pence *Iriſh*, ſo as aforeſaid intended to be iſſued by the ſaid Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or the ſaid Tokens for Ten-pence and Five-pence with the Figures 1806, or to paſs as ſuch, or to reſemble or look like any of the ſaid Tokens, or to paſs as ſuch; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall bring into *Ireland*, or into any Part of the United Kingdom, any ſuch falſe or counterfeit Tokens, 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, or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall utter or tender in Payment, or give in Exchange, or pay or put off to any Perſon or Perſons, any ſuch falſe or counterfeited Token or Tokens knowing the ſame to be falſe or counterfeited; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall have in his, her, or their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion, without lawful Excuſe, (the Proof whereof ſhall lie on the Party accuſed), any greater Number than Five of any ſuch falſe or counterfeited Tokens; then and in any or either of the ſaid Caſes reſpectively, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch and the like Pains of Felony, and other Pains and Puniſhments reſpectively, and to ſuch and the like Penalties and Forfeitures reſpectively, and ſhall be puniſhed, proceeded againſt, and dealt with in ſuch and the like Manner reſpectively, as is mentioned and directed in and by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, as to Perſons convicted of the like Offence reſpectively under the ſaid recited Act in regard to the Tokens in the ſaid recited Act mentioned, and as if the ſaid Tokens for Thirty-pence in this Act mentioned, and the ſaid Tokens for Ten-pence and Five-pence with the Figures 1806 thereon reſpectively, had been mentioned and particularized in the ſaid recited Act.

Perſons counterfeiting certain Silver Tokens iſſued by the Bank of Ireland, or uttering or having in their Poſſeſſion ſuch counterfeit Tokens, to be ſubject to the Pains of Felony, and puniſhed in Manner directed by recited Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Proviſions, Regulations, and Directions, Clauſes, Matters, and Things in the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign mentioned and contained, or referred to with reſpect to the making, coining, counterfeiting, bringing in, uttering, tendering, giving in Exchange, paying, putting off, or poſſeſſing any counterfeit Token as in the ſaid Act is mentioned, ſhall and may be applied in the apprehending, ſecuring, proceeding againſt, and puniſhing of Offenders under this Act, and in

Powers of recited Act extended to this Act for apprehending and puniſhing Offenders, &c.

the Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures for Offences againſt this Act, and in the carrying this Act into Execution, and in relation to the ſaid Tokens for Thirty-pence and the ſaid Tokens for Ten-pence and Five-pence with the Figures 1806 thereon, in all reſpects whatſoever, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſaid Powers, Proviſions, Regulations, and Directions, Clauſes, Matters, and Things, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Silver Tokens to be taken in Payment of the Revenue.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money which now are or ſhall become payable in *Ireland* for any Part of the Public Revenue there, ſhall be accepted by the Collectors, Receivers, and other Officers of the Revenue authorized to receive the ſame, in the ſaid Silver Tokens for Thirty-pence each, 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 ſo to be 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 Thirty-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.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

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

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