

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXIV.

An Act to prohibit, until the End of the next Session of Parliament, the Exportation of Cotton Wool from *Great Britain*. [14th *April* 1808.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Cotton Wool from *Great Britain*, except in the Manner herein-after mentioned; 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 paſſing of this Act no Perſon or Perſons whatever ſhall directly or indirectly export, carry, or convey, or cauſe or procure to be exported, carried, or conveyed, out of or from any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or ſhall load or lay on board, or cauſe or procure to be laden or laid on board, in any Ship or other Veſſel or Boat, any Cotton Wool, in order to be carried, exported, or conveyed out of any ſuch Port or Place except to *Ireland*, and alſo except as herein-after is provided. Cotton Wool not to be exported.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, by any Licence under His Royal Sign Manual, to authorize any Perſon to export from *Great Britain* for his or their own account, or for account of any Subject or Subjects of any State in Amity with His Majeſty, any Cotton Wool, under ſuch Regulations, Reſtrictions, and Securities, as may be ſpecified in the ſaid Licence. His Majeſty may allow Exportation to States in Amity.

III. And

Cotton Wool exported contrary to this Act to be forfeited.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Cotton Wool which ſhall be ſo exported, carried, or conveyed in or laid on board any Ship or other Veſſel or Boat, in order to be exported, carried, or conveyed out of *Great Britain* contrary to this Act, ſhall be forfeited; and that every Offender therein ſhall forfeit alſo the Sum of Forty Shillings for every Pound Weight of ſuch Cotton Wool which ſhall be ſo exported, carried or conveyed, or ſo laden in or laid on board any Ship or other Veſſel or Boat, in order to be exported, carried, or conveyed out of *Great Britain*; and alſo the Ship, Veſſel, or Boat wherein the ſame ſhall be exported, or in or upon which the ſame ſhall be laden or laid in order to be exported, together with her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel, ſhall be forfeited; and the ſame reſpectively may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms.

Cotton Wool may be carried Coaſtwiſe.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to prevent any Cotton Wool being carried Coaſtwiſe, upon any Certificate which ſhall be directed to be given by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in that Behalf.

Penalties how to be recovered and applied.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures created and incurred by this Act, ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of, in ſuch Manner and by ſuch Ways, Means, and Methods as any Penalties incurred on any Goods, Ships, or Veſſels forfeited for any Offence againſt the Laws of Cuſtoms, may now be legally ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of; and the Officer or Officers concerned in Seizures or Proſecutions under this Act ſhall be entitled to and receive ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from the Seizures as they are now by Law entitled to upon Proſecution of Seizures for unlawful Importation, and to ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from any pecuniary Fine or Penalty, or Compoſition paid for any Offence againſt this Act, as they are now by any Law or Regulation entitled to upon Proſecution for pecuniary Penalties.

Actions againſt Perſons refuſing to clear Veſſels laden with Cotton Wool made void.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all perſonal Actions and Suits, Indictments, Informations, and all Proſecutions and Proceedings whatſoever, which have been or ſhall hereafter be proſecuted or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for having refuſed to receive any Entry or Entries for the Exportation of any Cotton Wool, or to clear out any Ship or Veſſel laden with Cotton Wool intended to be exported, before the paſſing of this Act, are and ſhall be diſcharged and made void by virtue of this Act; and that if any Action or Suit ſhall be proſecuted or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for or by reaſon of any ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing, he, ſhe, or they may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in any Action or Suit ſo to be proſecuted or commenced, ſhall become Nonſuit, or forbear further Proſecution or ſuffer Diſcontinuance, or if a Verdict paſs againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover his, her, or their Double Coſts, for which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have the like Remedy as in Caſes where the Coſts by Law are given to the Defendant.

VII. And

VII. 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. Act may be altered or repealed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the End of the next Session of Parliament. Continuance of this Act.

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