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An Act for imposing, until the End of the next Session of Parliament, a Duty on Cotton Wool, the Growth of the *British* Colonies, exported from *Great Britain*. [14th *April* 1808.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary Supplies to defray Your Majesty's Publick Expences, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty, a Duty upon Cotton Wool of the Growth or Produce of any of His Majesty's Colonies, Settlements, or Plantations, exported from *Great Britain*; and do therefore most humbly beseech 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, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, upon all Cotton Wool, the Growth or Produce of any *British* Colony, Settlement, or Plantation, exported from *Great Britain* to any Port or Place except to *Ireland*, a Duty of Nine-pence for every Pound Weight of such Cotton Wool, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Quantity.

A Duty of 9d. per lb. to be paid on Exportation of Cotton Wool, except to Ireland.

II. And

Duty to be managed as other Duties of Cuſtoms.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Duty ſhall be managed, aſcertained, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, and recovered, in ſuch and the like Manner, and by the ſame Ways, Means, or Methods, as former Duties of Cuſtoms upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize in general; and alſo by any ſuch ſpecial Means, Ways, or Methods reſpectively, as any former Duties of Cuſtoms, upon any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize of the ſame Sort or Kind, were or might be managed, aſcertained, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, and recovered; and all Cotton Wool whereon the ſaid Duty is by this Act charged, upon the Exportation thereof from *Great Britain*, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby made ſubject and liable to all and every the Conditions, Regulations, and Securities, Rules, Reſtrictions, Seizures, and Forfeitures, to which Goods, Wares, and Merchandize in general, and alſo to all and every the ſpecial Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Reſtrictions, Seizures, Sales, and Forfeitures reſpectively, to which the like Goods, Wares, or Merchandize were ſubject and liable, by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on and immediately before the paſſing of this Act, reſpecting the Revenue of Cuſtoms, except where any Alteration is expreſsly made by this Act; and all Pains, Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures, of whatever Nature or Kind the ſame may be, as well Pains of Death as others, for any Offence committed againſt or in Breach of any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on or immediately before the paſſing of this Act, made for ſecuring the Revenue of Cuſtoms, or for the Regulation or Improvement thereof, and the ſeveral Clauſes, Powers, Proviſoes, and Directions contained in any ſuch Act or Acts, ſhall, as far as the ſame are applicable, extend to, and be reſpectively applied and put in Execution in reſpect of the Duty hereby charged, in as full and ample a Manner to all Intents and Purpoſes whatever, as if all and every the ſaid Acts, Clauſes, Proviſoes, Powers, Directions, Fines, Pains, Penalties, or Forfeitures, were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act, and made Part thereof.

Duty to be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms.

III. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Part of the ſaid Duty by this Act impoſed as ſhall ariſe in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, ſhall be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms in *England*; and ſuch Part thereof as ſhall ariſe in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, ſhall be under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms in *Scotland*, for the Time being.

Duty to be paid into the Exchequer.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies ariſing from the Duties of Cuſtoms by this Act impoſed (the neceſſary Charge of raiſing and accounting for the ſame excepted) ſhall, from Time to Time, be paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, diſtinctly and apart from all other Branches of the Publick Revenue; and that there ſhall be provided and kept in the Office of the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt of Exchequer a Book or Books, in which all the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Duties, and paid into the ſaid Receipt as aforeſaid, ſhall be entered, ſeparate and apart from all other Monies paid and payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, upon any Account whatever; and the ſaid Monies, ſo paid in as aforeſaid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, ſhall, from Time to Time, as the ſame ſhall be paid into the ſaid Receipt, be iſſued and applied to ſuch Services as ſhall then

have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament for the Service of the Year One thouſand eight hundred and eight, or ſhall be voted by the ſaid Commons for the Service of any ſubſequent Year.

Limitation of Actions.

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and ſhall be laid in the County or Place where the Cauſe of Complaint did ariſe and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action or Suit, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall be non-ſuited or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant had in other Caſes to recover Coſts by Law.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

VI. 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.

Continuance of Act.

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

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