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An Act for making valid certain Orders in Council, and Warrants of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, for the Entry and Warehouſing of certain Goods imported in Neutral Veſſels, and for indemnifying all Perſons concerned therein; for the remitting of Forfeitures in certain Caſes; and for enabling His Majeſty to allow, during the Continuance of Hoſtilities, and until Two Months after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, the Importation of Goods from Countries from which the *Britiſh* Flag is excluded, in any Veſſels whatever. [14th *April* 1808.]

WHEREAS ſeveral Neutral Veſſels, bound to Ports on the Continent of *Europe* from which the *Britiſh* Flag has been excluded, have arrived in the Ports of the United Kingdom, having been warned or brought into ſuch Ports in conſequence of His Majeſty's Orders in Council for that Purpoſe, and Parts of the Cargoes of ſuch Veſſels have been admitted to Entry for Home Conſumption, or warehouſed for Exportation; and other Parts of ſuch Cargoes, conſiſting of Goods the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of Countries within the Limits of the Charter granted to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading

to the *East Indies*, not imported by the ſaid Company, have been warehouſed for Exportation only: And whereas, in conſequence of the late Events in *Portugal*, Wine and other Commodities have been brought from the Dominions of the Crown of *Portugal* in Veſſels not owned and navigated according to Law, and have been admitted to Entry or warehouſed in the ſame Manner, and ſubject to the ſame Duties only, as if the ſame had been imported in *Britiſh*-built Veſſels, owned and navigated according to Law: And whereas ſuch Goods have been ſo entered and warehouſed, in obedience to Orders of Council and Warrants of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, which it has been deemed expedient under the Circumſtances to iſſue for ſuch Purpoſes; which Orders and Warrants, and the Proceedings thereupon, were not authorized by Law; but it is expedient, under the Circumſtances, that the ſame ſhould be authorized by Act of Parliament; and it is alſo expedient that the Importation of Goods from Countries from which the *Britiſh* Flag is excluded, ſhould be allowed for a limited Time in any Veſſels; 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,

All Orders in Council and Warrants of Treaſury allowing Importations, Admiſſions to Entry, and warehouſing, &c. of Goods imported in Neutral Veſſels, declared lawful, and the Perſons concerned therein indemnified.

That all ſuch Importations, Admiſſions to Entry, warehouſing for Home Conſumption or for Exportation, and ſecuring in Warehouſes Goods of the Produce or Manufacture of Places within the Limits of the Charter granted to the *Eaſt India* Company for Exportation only; and alſo all Importations and Admiſſions to Entry, and warehouſing of Goods and Commodities from the Dominions of the Crown of *Portugal*, which have been made as aforeſaid, before the paſſing of this Act, whether under Orders in Council or by Warrants of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, ſhall be deemed and taken to be good in Law; and all Perſons concerned in adviſing, iſſuing, or carrying the ſame into Execution, ſhall be and are hereby indemnified accordingly; any Thing in any Act of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding; and no Veſſels, Goods, or Commodities which have been admitted to Entry, or imported, or warehouſed or ſecured under any ſuch Order or Warrant, ſhall be ſubject to any Forfeiture, or the Owner thereof be ſubject to any Penalty by Reaſon thereof.

Goods brought into Port in conſequence of any Order in Council may be landed.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Importers, Proprietors, or Conſignees of any Goods or Commodities that may have been or which ſhall be brought into any Port of the United Kingdom, in any Ship or Veſſel which ſhall have come in, in conſequence of any Warning under the ſaid Orders in Council, or in any Ship or Veſſel which ſhall have ſailed from any Port or Place within the reſpective Limits enumerated in His Majeſty's Order in Council of the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeven, before the reſpective Days ſpecified in the ſaid Order, on or after which Days the Veſſels ſailing from ſuch Ports or Places are to be deemed to have received Notice of the aforeſaid Order of the Eleventh Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeven, duly to enter and land any ſuch Goods or Commodities, either for the Purpoſe of ſecuring the ſame in Warehouſes for Exportation, or on Payment of the full Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe due thereon, as the Caſe may warrant; and that no Ship or Veſſel ſo arriving as aforeſaid ſhall be liable to Forfeiture, or the Owners or Proprietors thereof to any Penalty by Reaſon of ſuch Ship or Veſſel not being built, owned, or navigated according to Law, or not being

Ships not liable to Forfeiture, &c.

being in any other reſpect legally authorized to import into this Kingdom the Goods or Commodities of which the Cargo ſhall conſiſt; nor ſhall any Goods or Commodities, being Part of the Cargo of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſo brought in as aforeſaid, be liable to Forfeiture, or the Owners thereof to any Penalty, by Reaſon of any ſuch Goods or Commodities being in Packages not allowed by Law, or for being in any other Manner prohibited to be imported into this Kingdom; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

His Majeſty may allow during Hoſtilities, &c. Goods to be imported in Neutral Veſſels from any Port from which the Britiſh Flag is excluded.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, by Order in Council or Licence, and in *Ireland* for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Order in Council or Licence, when and as often as the ſame ſhall be judged expedient, to permit during the Continuance of Hoſtilities, and until Two Months after the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize as ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Order in Council or Licence, to be imported into any Port of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, from any Port or Place from which the *Britiſh* Flag is excluded, in any Ship or Veſſel belonging to any Country, whether in Amity with His Majeſty or not; any Law in force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Goods fraudulently conveyed on Shore to be ſeized.

IV. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to exempt from Seizure any Goods or Commodities which ſhall be unſhipped, or attempted to be unſhipped, for the Purpoſe of being illegally conveyed on Shore, or before due Entry ſhall have been made thereof.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

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

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