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GEORGII III: REGIS.

CAP. LX.

An Act for repealing an Act passed in the First Year of King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers occupying the cutting of Leather*; and also for repealing and amending certain Parts of several other Acts of Parliament relating thereto.

[1st *June* 1808.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers occupying the cutting of Leather*; and by another Act of Parliament, made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled, *An Act to restrain the Exportation of Leather and Raw Hides out of the Realm of* England; and by another Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for laying certain Duties upon Hides and Skins, tanned, tawed, or dressed, and upon Vellum and Parchment, for the Term of Thirty-two Years, for prosecuting the War, and other Her Majesty's most necessary Occasions.*; and by another Act, made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for encouraging the Manufacture of Leather,*

1 Jac. 1. c. 22.

13 & 14 Car. 2. c. 7. s. 4.

Leather, by lowering the Duty payable upon the Importation of Oak Bark, when the Price of such Bark shall exceed a certain Rate, for a limited Time, and for extending several Acts of Parliament relative to the Manufacture of Leather, to that Part of Great Britain *called* Scotland; divers Rules and Regulations were made respecting Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and others concerned in the Leather Trade: And whereas the said Act of the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, herein-before recited, and so much of the said Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, as is herein-after recited, and so much and such Parts of the said several Acts made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, and the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as in any Manner continue or re-enact any of the Clauses contained in the said Act of the First Year of King *James* the First, have been found by Experience to be oppressive and unnecessary, and wholly inapplicable to the present State of the Manufacture of Leather within that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, and require to be repealed: 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, the said recited Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *James* the First, intituled, *An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers occupying the Cutting of Leather*; and all and every the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, therein contained, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Act of 1 Jac. 1. c. 22. repealed.

II. And whereas it is, in and by the said recited Act made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second among other Things enacted, that all red tanned Leather made of the Hides or Skins of any Ox, Steer, Bull, Cow, or Calf, of what Kind or Nature soever, shall be bought only in the open and common Fair or Market, used for the putting of Leather to Sale, and not in any House, Tanners Yard, Shop, or other Place whatsoever, on pain that such Person or Persons that shall not accordingly do the same, should for every such Offence forfeit the same Leather or the Value thereof, and the Contract for the Sale thereof should be void; and that all such Leather should be searched and sealed by the Searchers and Sealers thereunto appointed, before the same should be put to Sale, and upon such Sale should be registered, and a true Entry thereof made both by the Buyer and Seller, who were both to be present at such Registering thereof, and both their Names and Places of Abode entered into the Book of the said Register, on pain that every such Buyer or Seller that should not accordingly do the same, should for every such Offence forfeit the same Leather or the Value thereof; and the Forfeiture should be recovered and employed in such Manner as is therein directed: And whereas it is expedient, that so much of the said recited Act should be repealed; Be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

13 & 14 C. 2. c. 7. § 4. repealed.

III. And

III. And whereas it is, in and by the ſaid recited Act made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, enacted, that all and every Artificer dealing in cutting of Leather, or other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, which ſhould thereafter buy any red tanned Leather within the City of *London* or Three Miles thereof, ſhould, before the next Market Day within the ſaid Place for Sale of Leather, give Notice thereof to one or more of the Company of Curriers then exerciſing and uſing the Art and Myſtery of a Currier within the ſaid City of *London* and Three Miles thereof, and within Three Weeks after ſuch Notice ſhould deliver or cauſe to be delivered the ſaid Leather ſo bought (except ſuch Part thereof as ſhould be uſed for Soles) without being curried, tallowed, or dreſſed, unto the ſaid Currier or Curriers to whom ſuch Notice was given, to the Intent that the ſame might be curried, tallowed, or otherwiſe dreſſed, as by the ſaid Act of the Firſt Year of the Reign of His ſaid Majeſty King *James* the Firſt is directed, upon Penalty of the Forfeiture of Six Shillings and Eight-pence for every Back, Butt, Hide, or Calf Skin ſo bought and not delivered as aforeſaid: And whereas it is expedient, that ſo much of the ſaid recited Act ſhould be repealed: Be it therefore enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. 13 and 14 C. 2. c. 7. §13. repealed.

IV. And whereas it is, in and by the ſaid recited Act made in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, after therein reciting, that it was enacted amongſt other Things by the ſaid Act made in the Firſt Year of the Reign of King *James*, that no Perſon or Perſons ſhould by any Means occupy or put in any made Wares within the City of *London* or Three Miles of the ſame City, any Curried Leather before the ſame ſhould be ſearched and allowed by the Wardens of the Curriers of *London* for the Time being, or ſuch Perſons as they ſhould thereto aſſign, and be ſealed with a Seal therefore to be prepared, upon Pain that every Shoemaker and other Artificer or Cutter of Leather offending againſt that Article, ſhould forfeit for every Hide or Skin otherwiſe curried or employed as aforeſaid, Six Shillings and Eight-pence; and the Value of every ſuch Hide or Skin, it is enacted, that the Maſter and Wardens of the Company of Curriers for the Time being, or ſuch Perſons as they ſhould thereto aſſign, ſhould from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times in the Day-time, enter into any Warehouſe, Shop, Cellar, or other Place within the ſaid City of *London*, or Three Miles of the ſame City, belonging unto any Cordwainers, Sadlers, Girdlers, or other Perſon or Perſons being Artificers dealing in cutting Leather, and in the Preſence of any Two or more of them, to ſearch for and ſeize all ſuch Leather intended to be prohibited to be uſed by the ſaid Clauſe, Branch, or Article as aforeſaid, as alſo for all Wares made of ſuch Leather; and if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Artificers or Dealers as aforeſaid, ſhould oppoſe or refuſe to permit the ſaid Maſter and Wardens of the Company of Curriers, or ſuch Perſons as they ſhould thereto aſſign, to make any ſuch Search or Seizure as aforeſaid, he or they ſhould forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and if any of the ſaid Artificers and Dealers in cutting of Leather did refuſe to be preſent with the ſaid Searchers, whenſoever the ſame ſhould be deſired by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens of the Company of the Curriers, or ſuch Perſons 13 and 14 C. 2. c. 7. § 14. repealed.

thereto assigned by them as aforesaid, then, for every such Default, the Persons so refusing should forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds: And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Act should be repealed; Be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

9 Annæ, c. 11. § 45. repealed.

V. And whereas it is, in and by the said recited Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, recited, that in the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First of happy Memory, a good and wholesome Statute was made concerning Tanners, Shoemakers, Curriers, and other Artificers in Leather, wherein ample Provision was made for the true and well tanning, currying, and working of Leather, and of and concerning the buying and selling of Leather, red and unwrought, in open Fairs and Markets, and for such other Matters and Things relating to Leather, as in the said Statute are plainly and largely expressed, the due Execution whereof had been and was of great Importance to the public Good and Service of this Realm, and would very much contribute to the ascertaining and Collection of several of the Duties by the said Act intended to be granted, it is thereby enacted, that all Mayors, Bailiffs, or other Head Officers for the Time being, in the several Cities, Boroughs, and Market Towns of this Realm, and the respective Lords of Liberties, Fairs and Markets, and the Masters and Wardens of the several Companies in the said Act expressed, and all Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers, and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, who were or ought to be concerned in the Execution of the said Statute, or to give Obedience thereunto, should (under such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures as are therein severally expressed) duly execute, observe, and comply with the same Statute; and all the Clauses, Matters, and Things therein contained in relation to the tanning, dressing, making, buying, selling, trying, sealing, registering, or other Matters concerning Leather other than such as had been altered by any Law or Statute since that Time made and then in force: And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Act should be repealed: Be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

24 G. 3. c. 19 § 2. repealed.

VI. And whereas it is, in and by the said recited Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, recited, that by an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for laying certain Duties upon Hides and Skins tanned, tawed, or dressed, and upon Vellum and Parchment for the Term of Thirty-two Years, for prosecuting the War, and other Her Majesty's most necessary Occasions*; which said Act had by another Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First been made perpetual to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for ever, but subject to Redemption by Parliament, it is by the first mentioned Act, among other Things recited, that in the first Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, of happy Memory, a good and wholesome Statute was made concerning Tanners, Shoemakers, Curriers, and other Artificers in Leather, wherein ample Provision was made for the true and well tanning, currying,

and working of Leather, and for and concerning the buying and selling of Leather red and unwrought, in open Fairs and Markets; and for such other Matters and Things relating to Leather, as in the said Statutes are plainly and largely expressed, the due Execution whereof had been and was of great Importance to the publick Good and Service of this Realm, and would very much contribute to the ascertaining and Collection of the Duties by the said Act intended to be granted; and it is thereby enacted, that all Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Head Officers for the Time being in the several Cities, Boroughs, and Market Towns of this Realm, and the respective Lords of Liberties, Fairs and Markets, and the Masters and Wardens of the several Companies in the said Act expressed, and all Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers, and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, who are or ought to be concerned in the Execution of the said Statute, or give obedience thereunto, shall (under such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are therein severally expressed) duly execute, observe, and comply with the same Statute, and all the Clauses, Matters, and Things therein contained, in relation to the tanning, dressing, making buying, selling, trying, sealing, registering, or other Matters concerning Leather, other than such as have been altered by any Law or Statute since that Time made, and now in force; it is thereby enacted, that so much of the said Act of the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First as is recited and re-enacted in the before mentioned Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, should and always did extend to all and every Part of the said United Kingdom, and that no Person or Persons using or exercising the Mystery or Trade of tanning of Leather by himself, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever, should, during the Time that he should so use the said Mystery or Trade of a Tanner, occupy, exercise, or use the Craft or Mystery of a Shoemaker, Currier, Butcher, or any other Artificer, using or exercising the cutting or working of Leather, upon Pain to forfeit and lose all and every such Hide and Hides, Skin and Skins so by them or any of them wrought or tanned, during the Time that he should use or exercise the Mystery, Trade, or Craft of Tanning, or the just Value thereof, and the further Sum of Fifty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*; and that so much of the aforesaid Act of the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, as is recited and re-enacted in the before mentioned Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, should be construed and taken to be, and was thereby declared to enure and extend to all and every Part of the said United Kingdom of *Great Britain*, in as full and ample Manner, Form, and Effect to all Intents and Purposes (except such Parts thereof as had been altered by any Law or Statute since that Time made, and then in force,) as if the said Act of the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, and every Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, was or were therein again particularly repeated and re-enacted; and that all Provosts, Baillies, and all other Chief Officers of Burghs, and Baillies of Royalties, and other Head Officers for the Time being, in the several Cities, Burghs, and Market Towns in that Part of the said United Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, and all Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and other Artificers, and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, who are or ought to be concerned in the Execution of the said Statute, or give Obedience thereunto, should under such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures as are therein severally expressed, duly execute, observe, and comply with the said

Statute; and all the Clauſes, Matters, and Things therein contained, in relation to the tanning, dreſſing, making, buying, ſelling, trying, ſealing, regiſtering, or other Matters concerning Leather, (other than ſuch as had been altered by any Law or Statute ſince that Time made and then in force) as fully and effectually, and with the ſame Powers and Authorities to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſaid Provoſts, Baillies, and other Officers laſt before-mentioned, and every of them, had been particularly named and deſcribed in the ſaid Act of the Firſt Year of the Reign of his Majeſty King *James* the Firſt; And whereas it is expedient, that ſo much of the ſaid recited Act ſhould be repealed; Be it therefore enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Tanners not to carry on any other Buſineſs in the Leather Trade.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, no Perſon or Perſons uſing the Trade or Buſineſs of Tanning of Leather, by himſelf or herſelf, or by any other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall during the Time that he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſo uſe or carry on the ſaid Trade or Buſineſs of Tanning, uſe, occupy, or in any Manner carry on the Trade or Buſineſs of a Shoemaker, Currier, Leather Cutter, or other Artificer exerciſing the cutting or working of Leather, upon pain of forfeiting and loſing all and every ſuch Hide and Hides, Skin and Skins, ſo by him, her, or them, or any of them, wrought or tanned, during the Time he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſo uſe the Trade or Buſineſs of Tanning, or the juſt Value thereof, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, by Action of Debt or on the Caſe, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, together with Coſts of Suit, and wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law or more than one Imparlance ſhall be allowed; one Moiety of which ſaid Penalty or Forfeiture ſhall be to our Sovereign Lord the King, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Public Act

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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