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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXXV.

An Act to regulate the Trade between *Great Britain* and the United States of *America* until the End of the next Seſſion of Parliament. [23d *June* 1808.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, being of the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of the United States of *America*, to be imported directly from thence into *Great Britain*, in *Britiſh* or *American* Ships or Veſſels, ſubject to ſuch Duties only as are payable on the like Commodities when imported from other Foreign Countries; May it therefore pleaſe 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 End of the preſent Seſſion of Parliament it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to import into *Great Britain* directly from any of the Territories of the United States of *America*, in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated and regiſtered according to Law, or in Ships or Veſſels built in the Countries belonging to the United States of *America*, or any of them, or in Ships or Veſſels taken by any of the Ships or Veſſels of War belonging to the Government or any of the Inhabitants of the ſaid United States, having Commiſſions or Letters of Marque and Repriſal from the Government of the ſaid United States, and condemned as lawful Prize in any Court of Admiralty of the ſaid United States, of which Condemnation Proof ſhall be given to the

Goods of the Growth, &c. of the United States, not prohibited, may be imported in Veſſels of Britiſh or American Built, &c.

Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, or any Four or more of them, in *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, and owned by the Subjects of the ſaid United States or any of them, and whereof the Maſter and Three-fourths of the Mariners at leaſt are Subjects of the ſaid United States, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, the Growth, Production, and Manufacture of the ſaid United States, which are not prohibited by Law to be imported from Foreign Countries, and to enter and land ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, upon Payment of the Duties, and ſubject to the Conditions and Regulations herein-after mentioned; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Such Goods may be landed on Payment of the loweſt Duties, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into *Great Britain*, either in ſuch Ships or Veſſels, or in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated and regiſtered, according to Law, ſhall and may be entered and landed upon Payment of ſuch Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and no higher, except as herein-after is provided, as are payable on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize of the like Denomination or Deſcription, upon their Importation into *Great Britain* from any other Foreign Country; and in caſes where different Duties are impoſed upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize of the like Denomination or Deſcription, imported from different Foreign Countries, then upon Payment of the loweſt Duties which by Law are now required to be paid on the Importation of any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize from any other Foreign Country: Provided always, that where any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize are imported from the ſaid United States, in any Ship or Veſſel not being *Britiſh*-built, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law, ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Duties due and payable on ſimilar Articles when ſo imported from any other Foreign Country.

Tobacco to be ſubject to the ſame Duty as if imported from the Britiſh Colonies, and Snuff ſubject to the ſame Duty as if imported from Europe.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Tobacco, being the Growth or Production of any of the Territories of the United States of *America*, may be imported into *Great Britain* in *Britiſh* or *American* Ships or Veſſels owned and navigated as herein-before required, upon Payment of the ſame Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe as are now paid on Tobacco imported by *Britiſh* Subjects from any *Britiſh* Colony or Plantation in *America*; and that any Snuff, being the Production and Manufacture of any of the ſaid Territories, may be imported into *Great Britain* in Manner before mentioned, upon Payment of ſuch Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, as Snuff, being the Production or Manufacture of *Europe* imported from *Europe*, is ſubject to, and may be warehouſed and again exported, ſuch Tobacco and Snuff to be ſubject reſpectively nevertheleſs to all and ſingular the Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures relating to the Importation and Exportation thereof, or in any other reſpect relating thereto, of an Act made and paſſed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Ma-
29 G. 3. c. 68. jeſty, intituled, *An Act for repealing the Duties on Tobacco and Snuff, and for granting new Duties in lieu thereof*; and of another Act, paſſed in the
30 G. 3. c. 40. Thirtieth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, 'An Act 'for repealing the Duties on Tobacco and Snuff, and for granting new Duties 'in lieu thereof;'* or of any other Act ſince made relating thereto: Provided always, that ſuch Tobacco ſhall be accompanied by a Manifeſt as by Law required.

IV. And

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize ſo imported from the United States of *America*, ſhall, upon the Exportation thereof from *Great Britain*, be entitled to the ſame Drawbacks as are by Law allowed upon the Exportation of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize of the like Denomination and Deſcription when exported from *Great Britain*; and that there ſhall be allowed and paid the ſame Drawbacks and Bounties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize exported from *Great Britain* to the Territories of the ſaid United States or any of them, as are allowed by Law upon the Exportation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize of the like Denomination or Deſcription, to any of the Iſlands, Plantations or Colonies belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*, in *America*: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to repeal or in anywiſe to alter the Duties of Package, Scavage, Balliage or Portage, or any other Duties payable to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, or to any other City or Town Corporate within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, or to repeal or in anywiſe to alter any ſpecial Privilege or Exemption to which any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, is or are now entitled by Law, but the ſame ſhall be continued as heretofore.

Drawbacks to be allowed on the Exportation of ſuch Goods.

Duties payable to Corporations not to be affected.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe upon, for and in reſpect of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize imported into *Great Britain* from the ſaid United States, by virtue and under the Authority of this Act, ſhall and may be reſpectively managed, aſcertained, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, recovered, allowed, appropriated and applied, in ſuch and the like Manner, and in or by any or either of the Means, Ways, or Methods by which the Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe and Drawbacks of Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe upon Goods, Wares, or Merchandize of the ſame Sorts or Kinds reſpectively, imported from or exported to any other Foreign Country, were or might be managed, aſcertained, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, recovered, allowed, appropriated and applied, and the Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſo by this Act reſpectively made liable to the Payment of or chargeable with Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, or ſo entitled to Drawback of Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe upon the Importation thereof into or Exportation thereof from *Great Britain*, or on any other account whatever, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby made ſubject and liable to all and every the Conditions, Regulations, Rules, Reſtrictions, and Forfeitures, to which Goods, Wares, or Merchandize in general, and alſo all and every the ſpecial Conditions, Rules, Reſtrictions, Regulations, and Forfeitures reſpectively to which the like Goods, Wares, or Merchandize reſpectively were ſubject and liable by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on and immediately before the paſſing of this Act, reſpecting the Revenues of Cuſtoms and Exciſe; and all and every Pain, Penalty, Fine, or Forfeiture of any Nature or Kind whatever, for any Offence whatever committed againſt or in breach of any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on and immediately before the paſſing of this Act, made for ſecuring the Revenue of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, or for the Regulation or Improvement thereof, and the ſeveral Clauſes, Powers, and Directions therein contained, ſhall and are hereby directed and declared to extend to, and ſhall be reſpectively applied, practiſed, and put in Execution for and in reſpect of the ſeveral Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and Drawbacks of Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe hereby

Duties to be levied and applied as other Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe.

charged and allowed, in as full and ample Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatever, as if all and every the said Acts, Clauses, Provisions, Powers, Directions, Fines, Pains, Penalties or Forfeitures were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

His Majesty in Council may suspend the Provisions of this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty by and with the Advice of His Privy Council by any Order in Council or by any Proclamation made for that Purpose, to cause the Provisions of this Act to be suspended for such Time as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, may deem expedient and necessary; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Continuance of Act.

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

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