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CAP. XXV.

An Act to permit, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, the Importation of Tobacco into *Great Britain* from any Place whatever. [30th *March* 1809.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit, for a limited Time, Tobacco to be brought into *Great Britain*, from Countries and Places from whence, under the Laws now in force, it cannot legally be imported; 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, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to import into *Great Britain*, from any Port or Place whatever, in any Foreign State, or from *Malta* or *Gibraltar*, any Sort of unmanufactured Tobacco in any *Britiſh* Ship or Veſſel owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law, or in any Ship or Veſſel belonging to any Country or State in Amity with His Majeſty, navigated in any Manner whatever; and ſuch Tobacco ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, and no other, as ſhall be due and payable on Tobacco of the Produce of the *Britiſh* Plantations; and ſuch Tobacco ſhall, on due Exportation, be entitled to ſuch Drawbacks of the Duties of Cuſtoms and Exciſe, as are paid and allowed on the Exportation of Tobacco of the Produce of the *Britiſh* Plantations, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that

Unmanufactured Tobacco may be imported from any Port, ſubject to the Duties payable on Tobacco of the Produce of the Britiſh Plantations, &c.

that all Tobacco imported by virtue of this Act, ſhall be entered and landed only in ſuch Ports in *Great Britain*, where Tobacco is or may be allowed to be entered and landed; and that ſuch Tobacco may in ſuch Ports be lodged and ſecured in Warehouſes approved of by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, under the Regulations of an Act paſſed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for repealing the Duties on Tobacco and Snuff, and for granting new Duties in lieu thereof*, or of any other Act or Acts paſſed ſince relative to the warehouſing of Tobacco.

29 G. 3. c. 68.

Tobacco imported or exported under this Act to be ſubject to the ſame Regulations as Tobacco of the Growth of the Britiſh Plantations.

II. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That all Tobacco imported into or exported from *Great Britain*, by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby made ſubject and liable to all and every the Conditions, Regulations, Rules, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures to which any Tobacco of the Growth of the *Britiſh* Plantations is or may be ſubject and liable to, by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on or immediately before the paſſing of this Act; and all and every Pain, Penalty, Fine, or Forfeiture for any Offence whatever committed againſt or in breach of any Act or Acts of Parliament made for ſecuring the Revenues 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 Tobacco imported into or exported from *Great Britain*, by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſo far as the ſame are applicable thereto, in as full and ample a Manner to all Intents and Purpoſes whatever, as if all and every the ſaid Clauſes, Proviſions, Powers, Directions, Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this preſent Act.

Unmanufactured Tobacco of the Produce of the East Indies or South America may, by Order in Council, be permitted to be imported.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful by Order in Council to permit the Importation into *Great Britain*, as aforeſaid, of unmanufactured Tobacco, being the Produce of the *Eaſt Indies*, or of any of the *Spaniſh* or *Portugueſe* Colonies or Plantations in *South America*, packed in any Sort of Packages whatſoever, upon ſuch Conditions and under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions as ſhall be impoſed and provided in any ſuch Order, any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Continuance of Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in force until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven.

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