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An Act for the Appropriation of Twenty thousand Pounds out of the Consolidated Fund of *Ireland*, towards the Encouragement of the saving of Flax Seed for sowing in *Ireland*. [28th *April* 1809.]

WHEREAS it has been found by Experience that Flax Seed may be raised and saved in *Ireland* of a Quality equally good and valuable as Seed imported from Parts beyond the Seas: And whereas the Security and Extension of the Linen Manufacture of *Ireland* will be materially promoted by encouraging the saving of Flax Seed in *Ireland*; 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 it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treasurer in *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to pay out of the Consolidated Fund of *Ireland* from Time to Time, (after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same) to the Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of *Ireland*, such Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds *British* Currency Net, as shall be required by the said Trustees to be by them applied in the Payment of Bounties, or otherwise towards the Encouragement of saving in *Ireland* good sound Flax Seed clean and fit for sowing, from Flax which shall be grown there in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and nine; which Sum or Sums the said Commissioners of the Treasury are hereby required to pay from Time to Time to the said Trustees, without any further Order or Warrant to be had in that Behalf.

Irish Treasury may pay to the Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures 20,000l.;

To be applied in Bounties for the Encouragement of ſaving of Flax Seed, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of *Ireland*, or any Five or more of them, to apply the ſaid Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think moſt conducive by Bounties or otherwiſe, to encourage ſaving of Flax Seed of the Growth of the preſent Year; and to make and publiſh ſuch Rules and Regulations, Terms and Conditions reſpecting ſuch Application and the Claiming and Payment of any Bounties which they may offer, or any Sum or Sums of Money which they may order to be paid for the Purpoſes of this Act, as they ſhall think proper; and that all Affidavits or Oaths or Affirmations which the ſaid Truſtees may require or direct to be made, ſworn, or taken, towards aſcertaining any Claim for any ſuch Bounty or other Sum or Sums of Money, or in reſpect of the Receipt or Payment thereof, ſhall and may be made, ſworn, and taken before any Magiſtrate in *Ireland*, and every Magiſtrate is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter all ſuch Affidavits, Oaths, and Affirmations accordingly.

Conditions under which Bounties ſhall be paid.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be entitled to any Bounty which may be offered by the ſaid Truſtees under this Act, for or in reſpect of Flax Seed ſaved, unleſs ſuch Seed ſhall, on the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, be in Poſſeſſion of the Perſon (or of the Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators of the Perſon) who ſhall have raiſed the Flax whereby ſuch Seed was produced, nor unleſs ſuch Seed ſhall be certified by ſome Inſpector or other Perſon appointed by the ſaid Truſtees for the Purpoſe, upon an Examination thereof, made after the ſaid Firſt Day of *January*, to be at the Time of ſuch Examination ſufficiently clean, ſound, and fit for ſowing.

The Money to be accounted for before the Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Application and Expenditure of all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall receive under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be accounted for by them before the Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts in *Ireland*, ſeparately and diſtinct from any Funds already committed to their Care and Management.

Perſons taking a falſe Oath liable to the Pains of Perjury.

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall in the making, ſwearing, or taking any Affidavit, Oath, or Affirmation, which ſhall by the ſaid Truſtees be required or directed to be taken, ſwear or affirm falſely, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be liable to all ſuch Pains and Penalties as Perſons guilty of Perjury are ſubject and liable to by any Law or Laws in force in *Ireland*.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

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

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