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An Act for the Abolition of certain Holidays, and for altering and extending the Time for keeping open the Chief Office of Exciſe. [3d *June* 1809.]

23 G. 2. c. 26.

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, amongſt other Things, for apppointing the Time for which the Exciſe Office ſhall be kept open, it is provided that ſuch Office ſhall be kept open from Eight of the Clock in the Morning, until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon and no longer: And whereas certain Holidays have been and are now kept at the ſaid Office, by which the Public Buſineſs has often been delayed, and Individuals put to Inconvenience: And whereas it would be for the Benefit of the Revenue, and contribute materially to the Accommodation of the Public, to aboliſh many of the Holidays hitherto obſerved, and to extend the Time for keeping open the Chief Office; 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, no Holidays whatever ſhall be permitted or allowed to be kept at the Chief Office, or at any other Office of Exciſe, except *Chriſtmas Day* and *Good Friday* in every Year, and any Days which ſhall be appointed by His Majeſty's Proclamation for the Purpoſe of a General Faſt or Thankſgiving, and alſo the Anniverſaries of the Reſtoration of His Majeſty King *Charles* the Second, and of the

Certain Days to be obſerved as Holidays at the Exciſe.

Coronation of His Majeſty, and the Birth Days of their Majeſties, and of His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales; but that all Buſineſs at the ſaid Offices relating to the Revenue of Exciſe ſhall be carried on and performed on every Day throughout the Year, *Sundays* and the Days before mentioned only excepted, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Office to be kept open from Eight to Three.

II. And be it alſo enacted, That from and after the ſaid paſſing of this Act, the ſaid Chief Office ſhall be kept open from Eight of the Clock in the Morning until Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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