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## CAP. IX.

### An Act to grant Bounties on the Importation of Flax Seed into *Ireland* from *Great Britain*, until the Eighth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and nine; and to amend the Laws for the Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in *Ireland*, so far as relates to Importers of Flax Seed.

[13th *March* 1809.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement should be given to the promoting an immediate Supply 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, from and after the passing of this Act, there shall be paid and allowed upon Flax Seed, clean, sound, and fit for sowing, being of Foreign Growth, which shall be or shall have been imported into *Ireland*, having been exported from *Great Britain* at any Time after the Eighth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and nine, and on or before the Eighth Day of *April* in the said Year One thousand eight hundred and nine, the Sum of Five Shillings for every Bushel of such Flax Seed so clean, sound, and fit for sowing, under and subject to the Provisions, Conditions, and Regulations herein-after mentioned and contained.

Bounty of 5s for every Bushel of Flax Seed imported into Ireland within the Period herein mentioned.

Bounty limited to the First 50,000 Bushels.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Bounty of Five Shillings shall not be paid for any greater Number of Bushels than Fifty thousand, and that if a greater Number of Bushels of Flax Seed than such Fifty thousand shall be imported into *Ireland*, having been exported from *Great Britain* within the Time herein-before specified, the said Bounty shall be paid on the first Fifty thousand Bushels which shall be or shall have been so imported.

Regulations prescribed by 42 G. 3. c. 75. and 44 G. 3. c. 42. to be observed in the Importation.

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That all Flax Seed, on the Importation of which the said Bounty of Five Shillings *per* Bushel shall be claimed, shall be imported under such Rules, Regulations, and Provisions as are prescribed by an Act made in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in* Ireland; and by an Act made in the Forty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for amending the said recited Act of the Forty-second Year, and by any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* for amending the said recited Acts, or either of them; and that the said Bounty of Five Shillings *per* Bushel shall not be paid on any Flax Seed so imported unless the same shall have been duly examined and inspected according to Law, by the proper Officer of the Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufacture, nor unless the Cask or Package in which the same shall have been imported shall be duly branded with the Word "Sound," and otherwise marked in such Manner as by the said recited Act of the Forty-second Year, or by any other Act or Acts for amending the same, or by this Act, is directed and required.

How the Bounty shall be paid.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Bounty of Five Shillings *per* Bushel shall be paid by the Collectors of the Customs at the several Ports in *Ireland* into which any such Flax Seed shall be imported within the Time aforesaid, under the Warrant and by the Authority of the Commissioners of Customs and Import Duties in *Ireland*, in such Manner as is required by Law in the Case of other Bounties payable on the Importation of any Article into *Ireland*, and under such further Rules and Regulations as the said Commissioners shall think fit for carrying into Execution the Purposes of this Act.

42 G. 3. c. 75. Importer of Flax Seed not subject to Penalty under recited Act for Seed unfit for sowing, if sold within the Period herein mentioned, &c.

V. And whereas it is expedient that the said Act, made in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in* Ireland, should be amended in Manner herein-after mentioned, be it therefore enacted, That when any Person shall have imported or shall import any Flax Seed into *Ireland*, and such Flax Seed shall have been or shall be duly inspected and examined, branded and marked as sound and fit for sowing, according to the Directions and Provisions contained in the said recited Act of the Forty-second Year aforesaid, the Importer of any such Flax Seed shall not be subject or liable to the Penalty of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, under the said recited Act, for or in respect of any such Seed so branded and marked for its being bad, mixed, or damnified Flax Seed, or Flax Seed unfit for sowing, which such Importer shall sell at any Time after the passing of this Act, between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the First Day of *July* in any Year, nor to the Forfeiture of any such Flax Seed nor the Casks or Packages containing the same, nor of the Price thereof when sold: Provided always,

always, that such Importer so selling such Flax Seed shall, at the Time of selling the same, deliver to the Buyer thereof a Certificate in Writing, subscribed by such Importer, expressing truly the Quantities and Price of the Seed so imported and sold, and the Port from whence the same was imported, and the Year of its Growth, whether such Certificate shall have been demanded on Behalf of such Buyer or not, and that such Certificate shall be true in all its Circumstances, and that such Seed shall not have been removed by such Importer so selling the same from or out of the Cask or Package in which the same was originally imported and branded with the word "Sound," in Manner required by the said recited Act, and shall be sold in such entire Cask or Package without dividing or selling the same in any smaller Quantity.

Any Inspector of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in Ireland may examine Flax Seed in the Ports of Great Britain, and brand and mark the Casks "Sound," &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That at any Time after the passing of this Act, and before the Eighth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and nine, it shall and may be lawful for any Inspector of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in *Ireland*, (who may have been or shall be sent into *Great Britain* by the Trustees of the said Manufactures,) to inspect and examine any Flax Seed in the Possession of any Person at or near any Port in *Great Britain* at the Request and by the Desire of such Person, and to brand and mark any Cask which shall appear to him to contain sound unmixed Seed fit for sowing, with the word "Sound," and also to mark thereon the Month and Year of such Examination, together with his Name or the Initials thereof, and the Name of the Port; and such Inspector shall moreover put his Seal on such Cask in such Manner as to prevent the same from being opened; and such Inspector shall likewise give a Certificate of such Examination, Inspection, branding and marking, as aforesaid, to the Person at whose Desire he shall have inspected and examined such Flax Seed, and branded and marked the Cask as aforesaid; and any such Flax Seed so inspected and examined as aforesaid, if the same shall be imported into *Ireland*, before the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and nine, in such Cask with such Seal thereon unbroken and unopened, shall, upon the Delivery of such Certificate to the Collector of the Port, be considered as sound unmixed Seed fit for sowing, and shall in all Respects be entitled to be sold and disposed of in *Ireland*, as if the same had been inspected, examined, branded, and marked in *Ireland*, under the said Act of the Forty-second Year; and the Brand or Mark so imposed in *Great Britain* on the Cask containing the same by such Inspector shall be deemed of equal Validity in every respect as if it were imposed at the Place of Importation in *Ireland*, and the Importer thereof shall not be liable to the Payment of any Fee at the Place of Importation in *Ireland* for the Examination or Inspection of the same in *Ireland*, under the said recited Act, or any Act for amending the same.

Fee of 1d. per Bushel may be taken by the Inspector.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any such Inspector to demand, take, and receive, in *Great Britain*, from the Person requiring such Flax Seed to be inspected and examined as aforesaid, a Fee after the Rate of One Penny for every Bushel contained in every Cask of Flax Seed which shall be there inspected, examined, marked and branded, by such Inspector in Manner aforesaid, under the Directions of this Act.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

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

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