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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LV.

An Act to prohibit the Importation of *Italian* Silk, Crapes, and Tiffanies, and to increaſe the Shares of Seizures payable to Officers in reſpect of Foreign wrought Silks and Foreign manufactured Leather Gloves. [9th *June* 1810.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit the Importation into *Great Britain* and the Iſlands of *Guernſey*, *Jerſey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Man*, of Foreign Silk, Crapes, and Tiffanies of every Deſcription, except of *China* or the *Eaſt Indies*; 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 no Foreign Silk, Crapes, or Tiffanies of any Deſcription whatever, except of *China* or the *Eaſt Indies*, imported for Exportation, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be imported, brought, or conveyed into the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, or the Iſlands of *Guernſey*, *Jerſey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*; and if any ſuch Foreign Silk, Crapes, or Tiffanies ſhall be found in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any Perſon or Perſons in *Great Britain* or the Iſlands aforeſaid, and which ſhall not have been imported, brought, or conveyed into the ſame reſpectively, and on which the proper Duty of Cuſtoms ſhall not have been paid before the paſſing of this Act, the ſame ſhall be forfeited; and in caſe any ſuch Foreign Silk, Crapes, or Tiffanies ſhall, at the Time of the Importation, be mixed with, ſewed, or made up with any Apparel, Garment, or Furniture, or other Materials, all ſuch Foreign

No Foreign Silks, Crapes, &c. (except of China or the Eaſt Indies for Exportation) ſhall be imported on Penalty of Forfeiture.

If made up with Apparel, &c. both to be forfeited.

Foreign Silk, Crapes, and Tiffanies, and alſo the Apparel, Garment, or Furniture, and other Materials, in, with, or upon which the ſame ſhall be mixed, ſewed, or made up, ſhall be forfeited, and the Importer and Importers, and the Perſon and Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion the ſaid Grapes or Tiffanies, or Apparel, Garment, or Furniture, or other Materials ſhall be found, or who ſhall vend, utter, ſell, or expoſe to ſale, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of any ſuch Crapes or Tiffanies, or Apparel, Garment, Furniture, or other Materials, or who ſhall few, work, or make up any ſuch Crapes or Tiffanies in *Great Britain*, or the Iſlands aforeſaid, for, or in or upon any Garment or wearing Apparel, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the like Penalties to which the Importers and Perſons having in their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion, or vending, uttering, ſelling, or expoſing to ſale, or otherwiſe diſpoſing or ſewing, working, or making up any Foreign wrought Silks or Velvets are ſubject and liable by an Act paſſed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty for prohibiting the Importation of Foreign wrought Silks and Velvets.

Penalties how to be recovered.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed ſhall be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered in the ſame Manner, and by the ſame Ways, Means, and Methods, and under the like Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions in every reſpect as the Penalties and Forfeitures for any Offence againſt the ſaid recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered; and upon the Condemnation of any Silk, Crapes, or Tiffanies hereby prohibited from being imported into *Great Britain* and the Iſlands aforeſaid, the ſame ſhall be publickly ſold for Exportation only under the like Security as is provided with reſpect to Foreign wrought Silks and Velvets ſeized under the Authority of the ſaid recited Act.

Two Thirds of the Produce of Seizures of Silks, &c. to be allowed to the Officers.

III. And whereas it is expedient to give further Encouragement to Officers of the Cuſtoms to induce them to be active in ſeizing Foreign wrought Silks, Velvets, Crapes, and Tiffanies, and Foreign manufactured Leather Gloves; be it therefore enacted, That in lieu and inſtead of the Shares now allowed by Law for ſuch Seizures, every Officer and Officers of the Cuſtoms by whom any ſuch Foreign wrought Silks, Velvets, Crapes, or Tiffanies, or Foreign manufactured Leather Gloves ſhall be ſeized, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be entitled to Two Third Parts of the Groſs Produce ariſing by the Sale of ſuch Goods, although the Boat, Veſſel, Cart, Horſe, or other Cattle or Carriage made uſe of in the removing, carrying, or conveying of ſuch Goods ſhall not have been ſeized or proſecuted, nor the Perſon or Perſons concerned in unſhipping or receiving ſuch Goods, or in whoſe Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion the ſame ſhall have been found and ſeized, ſhall not have been diſcovered and made known by ſuch Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms, ſo that he, ſhe, or they may be proſecuted for ſuch Offence, and all Charges and Expences attending the Condemnation and Sale of the Goods ſhall be deducted out of the remaining One Third payable to His Majeſty; any Thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

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