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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXII.

An Act for the better ſecuring Exciſable Goods, on board Veſſels, in the Port of *Briſtol*.

[25th *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS the Proviſions herein-after mentioned will greatly tend both to the Security of the Merchants Property, and to that of His Majeſty's Revenues, on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into the Port of *Briſtol*; 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 Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, upon the Arrival of any Ship or Veſſel importing or having in or on board the ſame, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, for or in reſpect whereof any Duty or Duties of Exciſe is, are, or ſhall be impoſed by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be made, at the Entrance of either of the Two Baſins called *Cumberland Baſin* or *Bathurſt's Baſin* reſpectively, of and belonging to the Floating Harbour at *Briſtol*, the Maſter or Commander of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall on ſuch Arrival of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and before his Entrance into either of the ſaid Baſins, have in Readineſs, and fix, place, and apply, in ſuch Manner as the proper Officer or Officers of Exciſe ſhall direct or require, ſuch fit, proper, and convenient Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, and all other Faſtenings other than Locks, which ſhall be neceſſary or uſeful for the locking down, faſtening, or ſecuring of all and every the Hatches, Scuttles, and other Approaches (if any) leading to or connected with the Hold or other Part of ſuch Ship or

Maſters of Veſſels before their Entrance into Cumberland or Bathurſt Baſins, and having Exciſeable Goods on board, ſhall provide Bars, &c. to lock down the Hatches, and ſhall aſſiſt the Exciſe Officers in locking them, &c.

or Veſſel where any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, in or on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall be ſtowed or depoſited; and ſuch Maſter or Commander ſhall alſo on ſuch Arrival, and before the Entrance of ſuch Ship or Veſſel into either of the ſaid Baſins, to the utmoſt of his Power, and with a ſufficient Number of the Crew of, or Perſons employed in or on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, aſſiſt ſuch Officer or Officers of Exciſe in the locking of ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, and other Faſtenings reſpectively, in ſuch Manner as ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall think fit, with One or more Lock or Locks to be provided by ſuch Officer or Officers, for the beſt and moſt effectual faſtening and ſecuring all and every ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, and other Approaches reſpectively; and the proper Officer or Officers of Exciſe ſhall, and he and they is and are hereby required immediately to lock ſuch Bars, Bolts, and Faſtenings reſpectively, in ſuch Manner as to lock, faſten, and ſecure all ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, and other Approaches; and the ſame reſpectively ſhall remain and continue ſo locked, faſtened, and ſecured at all Times, ſave and except at ſuch Times as the Cargo of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be unloading or diſcharging, and that only between the Hours of Six in the Morning and Six in the Evening, from the Thirtieth Day of *April* till the Firſt Day of *October*, and between the Hours of Seven in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon, from the Thirtieth Day of *September* to the Firſt Day of *May* in every Year; and if the Maſter or Commander of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall refuſe or neglect to have in readineſs, or to fix, place, or apply, in ſuch Manner as the proper Officer or Officers of Exciſe ſhall direct or require, ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, or other Faſtenings, or any or either of them (other than Locks) or ſhall neglect or refuſe ſo to aſſiſt any ſuch Officer or Officers of Exciſe in the locking of any ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, or other Faſtenings, or any or either of them, with any Lock or Locks provided by ſuch Officer or Officers, or in ſuch Manner as ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall think fit, for the beſt and moſt effectual faſtening or ſecuring ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, or other Approaches, or any or either of them, the Maſter or Commander ſo offending, or the Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Hours of unloading.

Penalty for Neglect of the Maſters, 100l.

Maſters of Veſſels on board which Goods are ſhipped to obtain Exciſe Drawback, ſhall provide in like Manner Faſtenings for the Hatches and aſſiſt the Officers.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Maſter or Commander of every Ship or Veſſel in or on board which any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, ſhall be laden or ſhipped within the Port of *Briſtol* for Exportation, in order to obtain any Drawback or Allowance of any Duty or Duties of Exciſe granted or allowed by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be made, ſhall, before the lading or ſhipping of any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, have in readineſs, and when and ſo ſoon as thereunto required by the Officer or Officers of Exciſe attending the ſhipping of any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or by the Officer or Officers of Exciſe, who ſhall after ſuch ſhipping come into or on board the ſaid Ship or Veſſel, to ſee, examine, or inſpect any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or the Package or Packages containing the ſame, ſhall fix, place, and apply ſuch fit, proper, and convenient Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, and all other Faſtenings (other than Locks) which ſhall be neceſſary or uſeful for the locking down, faſtening, or ſecuring of all and every the Hatches, Scuttles, and other Approaches (if any) leading to or connected with the Hold or other Part of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, where any ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, ſhall be ſtored or depoſited; and ſuch Maſter or

Commander ſhall alſo forthwith, to the utmoſt of his Power, and with a ſufficient Number of the Crew of, or Perſons employed in or on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, aſſiſt ſuch Officer or Officers in the locking of ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, and other Faſtenings reſpectively, with One or more Lock or Locks to be provided by ſuch Officer or Officers, and in ſuch Manner as ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall think fit, for the beſt and moſt effectual faſtening and ſecuring all and every ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, and other Approaches reſpectively; and ſuch Officer or Officers of Exciſe ſhall, and he and they is and are hereby required immediately to lock ſuch Bolts, Bars and Faſtenings, in ſuch Manner as to lock, faſten and ſecure all ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, and other Approaches reſpectively; and the ſame reſpectively ſhall remain and continue ſo locked, faſtened and ſecured, at all Times whilſt the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſhall be or remain within the ſaid Port, ſave and except at ſuch Time as the Cargo of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be lading or taking on board, or unloading or diſcharging reſpectively, and that only between the Hours of Six in the Morning and Six in the Evening, from the Thirtieth Day of *April* till the Firſt Day of *October*, and between the Hours of Seven in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon from the Thirtieth Day of *September* to the Firſt Day of *May* in every Year: And if the Maſter or Commander of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall refuſe or neglect to have in Readineſs, or to fix, place or apply, in ſuch Manner as ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall direct or require, ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, or other Faſtenings, or any or either of them (other than Locks) or ſhall neglect or refuſe ſo to aſſiſt any ſuch Officer or Officers in the locking of ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, or other Faſtenings, or any or either of them, with any Lock or Locks provided by ſuch Officer or Officers, or in ſuch Manner as ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall think fit, for the beſt and moſt effectual faſtening or ſecuring ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, or other Approaches, or any or either of them, the Maſter or Commander ſo offending, or the Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Hours of loading and unloading.

Penalty for Neglect of the Maſters, 100l.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall obſtruct or hinder any Officer or Officers of Exciſe, or any Perſon or Perſons by him or them employed in the locking of any ſuch Bars, Bolts, Haſps, Staples, or other Faſtenings reſpectively, or any or either of them, for the faſtening or ſecuring any ſuch Hatches, Scuttles, or other Approaches, or any or either of them as aforeſaid; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully deſtroy, damage or injure, any ſuch Lock, Bar, Bolt, Haſp, Staple, or other Faſtening, or ſhall by any Act, Device, or Contrivance, open, take off, or remove any ſuch Lock, Bar, Bolt, Haſp, Staple, or other Faſtening, or ſhall open or make any Entrance or Acceſs to the Hold, or any other Part or Place where any ſuch Goods, Wares or Merchandize, ſhall be ſtowed or depoſited in or on board any ſuch Ship or Veſſel; then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall ſeverally for each and every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Penalty for obſtructing Officers, &c. 200l.

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