

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXVII.

An Act to prohibit, until the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, the making of Starch, Hair Powder, and Blue, from Wheat and other Articles of Food; and for suspending Part of the Duties now payable on the Importation into *Great Britain* of Starch. [18th *July* 1812.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the making of Starch from Wheat or any other Article or Thing used for the Food of Man, should be prohibited for a limited Time: 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 during the Continuance of this Act no Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, shall be made or prepared from any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing used for the Food of Man, or any Mixture with Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing used for the Food of Man. No Starch, &c. to be made from Wheat, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That if, during the Continuance of this Act, any Maker or Makers of Starch or other Person or Persons whatever, shall make or begin to make Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue from any Penalty on Persons making Starch from Wheat, &c.

any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, or any Mixture with Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, or ſhall put or lay, or cauſe or procure to be put or laid in any Vat, Trough, or other Utenſil or Veſſel, any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, or any Mixture with Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, for the Purpoſe of making Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, then and in each and every ſuch Caſe ſuch Maker or Makers of Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, or other Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion any Vat, Trough, or other Utenſil or Veſſel which ſhall be made uſe of contrary to the Intention of this Act ſhall be found, ſhall ſeverally and reſpectively (over and above all other Penalties impoſed by any Act or Acts of Parliament already in force) forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and all ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, together with every ſuch Vat, Trough, or other Utenſil or Veſſel ſhall be forfeited, and the ſame reſpectively ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of Exciſe: Provided always nevertheleſs, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be deemed or conſtrued to extend to ſubject any Starch Maker to the ſaid Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, for or by reaſon of his completing or finiſhing any Operation of Starch making from any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, openly put in Fermentation in his entered Starch Houſe, on or before the Tenth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, ſo that ſuch Operation ſhall be continued without wilful Delay, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Wheat, &c. found in any Starch Houſe, &c. to be forfeited.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, ſhall during the Continuance of this Act be found in any Starch Houſe, or in any Place wherein Starch ſhall be preparing or making, or wherein any Starch ſhall have been prepared or made, or which ſhall have been or ſhall be entered for making or preparing of Starch, all ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man reſpectively ſhall be forfeited, together with the Veſſels, Sacks, Bags, and other Things containing the ſame, and the ſame ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of Exciſe, and the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Poſſeſſion or Occupation ſuch Starch Houſe or Place ſhall be, ſhall for every ſuch Offence reſpectively, forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Starch Houſes or other Places ſuſpected may be entered.

IV. And be it further enacted, That during the Continuance of this Act it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be authorized for that Purpoſe by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe for the Time being, or any Two or more of them, within the Limits of the Chief Office of Exciſe in *London*, by One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in any other Part of *Great Britain*, at any Time or Times with any Officer or Officers of Exciſe, or for any Officer or Officers of Exciſe to enter into any Starch Houſe or any other Place whatever, wherein any Starch,

Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, ſhall be or ſhall be ſuſpected to be preparing or making, or prepared or made; and every ſuch Officer of Exciſe and Perſon ſo authorized as aforeſaid ſhall have free Admittance into and may inſpect all the Materials, Veſſels, and Utenſils contained in any ſuch Starch Houſe or other Place (giving thereby as little Interruption as may be to the lawful Buſineſs which ſhall be there carrying on), and in caſe any ſuch Officer of Exciſe ſhall have reaſon to ſuſpect that any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man is mixed in any Waters or Liquids, or with any other Materials or Preparations whatſoever, or is otherwiſe in Operation for preparing or making Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Officer at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this Act, upon Payment of Three-pence *per* Pound Weight (if demanded) to take a Sample not exceeding Fifty Pounds Weight of any ſuch Mixtures in Waters or Liquids or other Materials or Preparations which ſhall be found in any ſuch Starch Houſe or other Place aforeſaid; and in caſe any Maker of Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, or the Owner or Occupier of any ſuch Starch Houſe or Place, or any Workman or Servant belonging to any ſuch Maker or Makers, or Owner or Occupier ſhall refuſe to admit ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be ſo authorized, or any Officer or Officers of Exciſe into any ſuch Starch Houſe or Place, or ſhall obſtruct or hinder any ſuch Officer or Perſon or Perſons in making ſuch Inſpection as aforeſaid, or ſhall not allow any ſuch Officer to take ſuch Sample after the ſaid Sum of Three-pence *per* Pound Weight ſhall be paid or tendered for the ſame, every ſuch Maker, Owner, or Occupier ſhall for every ſuch Offence reſpectively forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Officer of Exciſe or other Perſon or Perſons authorized as aforeſaid, having a Warrant for that Purpoſe from any Two or more of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, or any Juſtice or Juſtices reſpectively as aforeſaid, to ſeize, take, and carry away all ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, and alſo all ſuch Mixtures, or Waters or Liquids, or other Materials or Preparations as ſhall be found in any ſuch Starch Houſe or other Place, together with all the Veſſels, Sacks, Bags, and other Things in which the ſaid Commodities or any of them ſhall be contained.

Samples may be taken of Preparations on paying 3d. per Pound.

Penalty on Refuſal.

Seizures may be made of Wheat, &c. found on the Premiſes.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Maker or Makers of Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, to have or keep for his, her, or their neceſſary Uſe, in any Dwelling Houſe, Room, or Place, (not being an entered Houſe, Room, or Place for making or preparing of Starch), any Quantity of Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, or Meal, not exceeding at any one Time the Quantity of Eight Buſhels of Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, and Meal; and that if any ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall, during the Continuance of this Act, be poſſeſſed of or have in his, her, or their Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion, or in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt or for the Uſe or Benefit of ſuch Maker, more than Eight Buſhels of Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, or Meal, at any one Time, in any one or more Place or Places, every ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall for every ſuch Offence reſpectively forfeit all ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, and Meal, exceeding the ſaid

Makers of Starch, &c. not to have more than Eight Buſhels of Wheat, &c. in their Poſſeſſion, but not in an entered Place.

Relief to Growers of Wheat and Millers that are Starch Makers.

Quantity of Eight Buſhels, and alſo the Sum of Five Pounds for every Buſhel ſo forfeited: Provided always nevertheleſs, that this Act ſhall not extend to inflict the ſaid laſt mentioned Forfeiture or Penalty or either of them, upon any Maker of Starch who ſhall be the actual Grower of Wheat, Barley, or other Grain, and ſhall be poſſeſſed of any Quantity of ſuch Wheat, Barley, or other Grain in the Straw grown by him, or after ſuch Wheat, Barley, or other Grain is threſhed out or ſeparated from the Straw, provided that ſuch Wheat, Barley, or other Grain ſhall not be kept in his Poſſeſſion or in the Poſſeſſion of any other Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him, for a greater Space of Time than Twenty Days after the ſame ſhall be threſhed or ſeparated from the Straw, and ſo as ſuch Wheat, Barley, or other Grain be not kept in any Place uſed for making, preparing, or keeping Starch: Provided alſo, that this Act ſhall not extend to inflict the ſaid laſt mentioned Forfeiture and Penalty or either of them upon any Maker of Starch who practiſes the Trade of a Miller, and who was poſſeſſed of and as a Miller worked any Mill or Mills for the grinding of Wheat, Barley, or other Grain, on or before the Eighteenth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, for or upon account of any Quantity of Wheat, Barley, or other Grain, which ſhall during the Time herein-before limited be found not wetted or ſteeped in any ſuch Mill or Mills; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Places ſuſpected may be entered by Officers having a Warrant for that Purpoſe, who may make Seizures of Wheat, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Officer or Officers of Exciſe, or any other Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time or Times have cauſe to ſuſpect that any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, or Meal, exceeding the Quantity of Eight Buſhels of ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, and Meal belonging to any Maker or Makers of Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue, ſhall be laid or kept in any Storehouſe, Warehouſe, Granary, or other Place or Places contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe upon Oath made by ſuch Officer or Officers or other Perſon or Perſons before the Commiſſioners of Exciſe or any Two or more of them in *England* for the Time being, or before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace reſiding near the Place where ſuch Officer or Officers or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſuſpect the ſame to be laid or kept, ſetting forth the Ground of his or their Suſpicion, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners or Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace reſpectively, before whom ſuch Officer or Officers or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall make Oath as aforeſaid, (if he or they ſhall judge it reaſonable), by ſpecial Warrant under his or their reſpective Hands and Seals, to authorize and empower ſuch Officer or Officers or other Perſon or Perſons authorized as aforeſaid by Day or by Night, (but if in the Night then in the Preſence of a Conſtable or other lawful Officer of the Peace), to enter into all and every Storehouſe, Warehouſe, Granary, or other Place or Places where he or they ſhall ſo ſuſpect that any Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, or Meal exceeding the Quantity of Eight Buſhels of Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, and Meal, belonging to any ſuch Maker or Makers ſhall be laid or kept, and to ſeize, take, and carry away all ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, or Meal, as he or they ſhall ſo find over and above the ſaid Quantity of Eight Buſhels, together with all the Veſſels, Sacks, Bags,

or other Things wherein the ſame ſhall be contained; and ſuch Maker or Makers or the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion ſuch Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, or Meal belonging to ſuch Maker or Makers as aforeſaid, ſhall be found, ſhall for every ſuch Offence reſpectively forfeit and pay the ſaid Penalty of Five Pounds for every Buſhel exceeding the ſaid Quantity of Eight Buſhels; and the ſaid Officer or Officers and other Perſon or Perſons is and are hereby empowered by ſuch Warrant, together with ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as he or they ſhall take to his or their Aſſiſtance, to enter ſuch Storehouſes, Warehouſes, Granaries, and other Place or Places, and break open the Doors thereof, in caſe they be not forthwith opened on Demand.

Penalty on Makers for having Wheat, &c. exceeding Eight Buſhels.

VII. And whereas there may have been Contracts made by Makers of Starch with ſeveral Perſons for Starch or Hair Powder to be delivered and received at future Times after the paſſing of this Act; be it therefore further enacted, That all Contracts or Bargains made by any Maker or Makers of Starch or by any Maker or Makers of Hair Powder, with any Perſon or Perſons whatever for any Starch or Hair Powder to be delivered at any Time during the Continuance of this Act, ſhall be and are hereby declared to be null and void.

Contracts for Starch or Hair Powder void.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the wetting, ſteeping, or preparing of Flour, Meal, or Potatoes, for the Purpoſe of making Size Paſte or ſtiffening Materials to be employed, or of the Sort or Kind uſually employed or made uſe of by Bleachers or others in bringing Manufactures of Linen or Cotton to a finiſhed State, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Beginning to make Starch from Flour within the Meaning of this Act, and the making of any ſuch Size Paſte or ſtiffening Materials from Flour, Meal, or Potatoes, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a making of Starch from Flour, Meal, or Potatoes (as the Caſe may require) within the Meaning of this Act.

Size Paſte deemed making of Starch.

IX. And whereas by an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for repealing the Duties of Cuſtoms chargeable in* Great Britain, *and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof*, a certain perpetual Duty of Cuſtoms of Six Pounds; and a certain temporary Duty of Two Pounds are impoſed for every Hundred Weight of Starch imported into *Great Britain*: And whereas it is expedient that for a limited Time the Duties on Starch imported ſhould be lowered; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Tenth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, and until and upon the Firſt Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, Six Pounds Nine Shillings and Eight Pence *per* Hundred Weight of Starch, Part of the ſaid Duties of Cuſtoms impoſed upon Starch imported into *Great Britain* ſhall be and the ſame is hereby ſuſpended for and in reſpect of all ſuch Starch as ſhall be imported into *Great Britain* after the ſaid Tenth Day of *July* and before the ſaid Firſt Day of *November*, and the Money ariſing from the ſaid Duty ſhall be paid into the Exchequer and carried to and made Part of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

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Part of the Duty on Starch imported ſuſpended.

Packages of Starch of not less than 100 lb. may be imported and exported.

X. And whereas it is expedient to allow Starch to be imported into and exported from *Great Britain* in Packages of One hundred Pounds, be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful to import into and export from *Great Britain* any Starch in Packages containing not less than One hundred Pounds Avoirdupois; any Thing in this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Regulations to be observed on the Importation of Starch.

XI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Starch imported or brought into this Kingdom shall, in order to ascertain the Duties payable thereon, have been weighed by the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs, the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs shall secure the same until the Delivery thereof into the Charge and Custody of the proper Officer or Officers of Excise, and upon the Delivery thereof into the Custody of the proper Officer or Officers of Excise, the Importer or Importers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Consignee or Consignees thereof shall at his, her, or their own proper Costs and Charges, remove all such Starch to and deposit the same in such convenient House, Warehouse, or Place as the proper Officer or Officers of Excise shall direct; and thereupon such Importer or Importers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Consignee or Consignees, shall on being required by the proper Officer or Officers of Excise so to do, immediately wrap all such Starch in Papers of the Colours or one of them herein-after mentioned and no other, each such Paper containing not less than Four Pounds Weight nor more than Seven Pounds Weight of Starch, and also tie up every such Wrapper where the Ends of the Paper containing such Starch shall be folded, and also strongly affix or paste with warm Paste made from Glue, on the Outside of every such Wrapper, after the same shall be so tied, a Label of very thin Paper Three Inches long and Three Inches broad at the least, and of a different Colour from the Paper in which the Starch shall be wrapped; that is to say, if such Starch shall be wrapped in blue or brown Paper the said Label shall be with white, and if such Starch shall be wrapped in white Paper such Label shall be blue, and shall also affix and paste every such Label on the Foldings of both Ends of the Paper enclosing such a Quantity of Starch, and in such a Manner as to prevent the opening of the said Paper containing such Starch without tearing such Label; and the proper Officer or Officers of Excise shall attend to see such Starch papered and tied in Manner aforesaid, and such Label affixed and pasted on every such Paper containing such Starch; and such Officer or Officers shall cause every such Label affixed and pasted on every such Paper containing Starch to be stamped or sealed with such Stamp or Seal as shall be provided by the Commissioners of Excise in *England* and *Scotland* respectively for that Purpose; and if any such Importer or Importers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Consignee or Consignees of Starch imported or brought into this Kingdom, shall neglect or refuse so to remove any such Starch, or to deposit the same as aforesaid, or to wrap any such Starch in Paper as aforesaid, or to tie up any such Paper as aforesaid, or to affix or paste any such Label as aforesaid, all and every such Importer or Importers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or Consignee or Consignees so offending, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Penalty for not complying with Regulations, &c.

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Stamps or Seals to be provided by the Commiſſioners of Excife for ſtamping or ſealing the Labels affixed to Starch on Importation.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time forge or counterfeit any Stamp or Seal to reſemble any Stamp or Seal which ſhall be provided in purſuance of this Act for ſtamping or ſealing Starch imported, or ſhall counterfeit or reſemble the Impreſſion of the ſame upon any Paper containing any Starch, thereby to defraud His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, of any of the Duties upon Starch, then every Perſon ſo offending being thereof convicted in due Form of Law ſhall be adjudged a Felon, and ſhall be tranſported for any Term not exceeding Seven Years; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time ſell any Starch with any ſuch forged or counterfeited Stamp, Seal, or Impreſſion thereon, knowing the ſame to be forged and counterfeited, and with an Intent to defraud His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, of any of the Duties upon Starch, or ſhall knowingly, with Intent to defraud His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, of any of the Duties upon Starch, fix or cauſe to be fixed the Label of any Paper ſtamped or ſealed according to the Directions of this Act to any Starch other than that which was incloſed in ſuch Paper at the Time when the Label thereof was ſtamped or ſealed by the proper Officer or Officers of Excife according to the Directions of this Act, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Puniſhment for forging ſuch Stamps or Seals.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Starch imported or brought into this Kingdom ſhall be found in any Place belonging to any Starch Maker or Dealer in Starch, or in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any Perſon or Perſons to or for the Uſe or Benefit of any ſuch Maker or Makers or Dealer or Dealers in ſuch Starch, not being wrapped in Paper as aforeſaid, or wrapped in Paper which ſhall be found not ſtamped or labelled as aforeſaid, all ſuch Starch ſhall be forfeited, together with all and ſingular the Caſks, Cheſts, Caſes, Bags, or other Packages containing the ſame; and ſuch Starch, Caſks, Cheſts, Caſes, Bags, and other Packages reſpectively ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Excife, and the Starch Maker or Dealer in Starch to whom ſuch Place ſhall belong, and alſo ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid in whoſe Poſſeſſion ſuch Starch ſhall be found, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds: Provided always, nevertheleſs, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be deemed or conſtrued to extend to forfeit any ſuch Starch which ſhall have been imported into this Kingdom, nor any ſuch Caſk, Cheſt, Caſe, Bag, or other Package containing the ſame, for or by reaſon of ſuch Starch being found not wrapped in Paper ſtamped or labelled as laſt aforeſaid, ſuch Starch being made

Starch imported found not wrapped up in Paper in Manner required, or wrapped in Paper not ſtamped, ſhall be forfeited. Penalty 200l.

Exception.

into Hair Powder, or being taken out of the Papers in the Poſſeſſion of any Hair Powder Maker or Blue Maker, for the Purpoſe of immediately manufacturing the ſame into Hair Powder or into Blue; or any Quantity of Starch, not exceeding Twenty-eight Pounds Weight in the Poſſeſſion of any Dealer in or Seller of Starch, and taken out of the Papers for immediate or current Sale; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Paper containing Starch being damaged by Accident to be re-papered on giving Notice to the Exciſe Officer.

XV. And whereas it may happen that the Paper wherein any Starch imported ſhall be contained, after the ſame has been ſtamped as aforeſaid, may by Accident be broken or damaged; be it therefore enacted, That when the Paper wherein any ſuch Starch ſhall be contained ſhall by any Accident be broken or damaged, and the Starch Maker or Dealer in Starch to whom the ſame belongs ſhall be deſirous of having the ſame re-papered and re-ſtamped, ſuch Maker or Dealer ſhall give to the proper Officer or Officers of Exciſe within whoſe Survey he or ſhe ſhall be, Twenty-four Hours Notice in Writing that ſuch Maker or Dealer deſires to have ſuch Starch re-papered and re-ſtamped, that thereupon and upon the Production of ſuch broken Paper, with the Label and Stamp or Seal thereof to ſuch Officer or Officers, and leaving the ſame with him or them, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Officer or Officers, being ſatisfied that ſuch Starch had before been duly ſtamped or ſealed as aforeſaid, and that the Paper or Papers containing the ſame had been broken or damaged by Accident, as ſoon as is convenient after the Expiration of ſuch Twenty-four Hours, to re-ſtamp or re-ſeal ſuch Starch, the ſame being re-papered and tied, and ſuch Label as aforeſaid being affixed thereon in Manner herein-before directed.

Penalty on Perſons obſtructing Officers, 200l.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall obſtruct or hinder any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe in the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities to him or them given by this Act, the Perſon or Perſons offending therein ſhall for every ſuch Offence (for which no other Penalty is by this Act impoſed) forfeit and loſe the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

Penalties and Forfeitures ſued for by Order of Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms, how to be recovered.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures created or impoſed by this Act, and which ſhall be ſued for or proſecuted under or by virtue of the Order or Permiſſion of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, or by any Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms, ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner and by ſuch Ways and Means and Methods as any Fines or Penalties incurred or any Goods forfeited for any Offence againſt the Laws of Cuſtoms may now legally be ſued for, proſecuted, recovered, and diſpoſed of; and the Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms concerned in any ſuch Seizure or Proſecution ſhall be entitled to and receive ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from the Seizures as they are now by Law entitled to upon Proſecutions of Seizures for unlawful Importations, and to ſuch Share of the Produce ariſing from any pecuniary Penalty or Compoſition paid for any Offence againſt this Act, as they are now by any Law or Regulation entitled to upon Proſecutions for pecuniary Penalties.

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XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act, and which ſhall be ſued for by Order of the Commiſſioners of Exciſe in *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, or by any Officer or Officers of Exciſe, ſhall be ſued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by ſuch Ways, Means, or Methods as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture may be ſued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by any Law or Laws of Exciſe, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* reſpectively, and that One Moiety of every ſuch Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture ſhall be to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them who will inform, diſcover, or ſue for the ſame. Penalties and Forfeitures ſued for by Commiſſioners of Exciſe, how to be recovered.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within the Space of One Calendar Month next after the Offence ſhall be committed; and if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced or proſecuted in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act, and if it ſhall appear ſo to have been done, the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff ſhall be nonſuited, or diſcontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if Judgement ſhall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may recover Treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Caſes by Law; and if ſuch Action or Suit be commenced or proſecuted in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, the Court before whom ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought ſhall allow the Defender to plead this Act in his Defence; and if the Purſuer ſhall not inſiſt on his Action, or if Judgement ſhall be given againſt ſuch Purſuer, the Defender ſhall and may recover the full and real Expences he may have been put to by any ſuch Action or Suit. Limitation of Actions. General Iſſue may be pleaded.

XX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in caſe His Majeſty at any Time after the Firſt Day of *November* next ſhall in His Royal Diſcretion judge it to be moſt for the Benefit and Advantage of this Kingdom further to continue the Prohibition of the making of Starch from Wheat, Barley, Rice, Grain, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing uſed for the Food of Man, from the ſaid Firſt Day of *November* until Forty Days after the then next Meeting of Parliament, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty by His Royal Proclamation or Proclamations to be iſſued by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majeſty's Order in Council to be publiſhed from Time to Time in the *London Gazette*, to continue throughout that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain* from the ſaid Firſt Day of *November* until Forty Days after the then next Meeting of Parliament the Prohibition herein-before mentioned; that is to ſay, that throughout that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, during the Continuance of ſuch Prohibition, no Starch, Hair Powder, or Blue ſhall be made from Rice, Potatoes, Flour, Meal, or any other Article or Thing His Majeſty, by Proclamation or Order in Council, may continue the Prohibition of the making of Starch from Wheat, &c. after the 1ſt November next.

Thing uſed for the Food of Man, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Commencement and Continuance of Act.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall commence and take Effect as to all ſuch Matters and Things therein contained relating to Starch, in reſpect whereof no ſpecial Commencement is hereby directed or provided, from and after the paſſing of this Act, and ſhall be and remain in force until and upon the Firſt Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act to be made in this Seſſion of Parliament.

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