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CAP. CLXXXV.

An Act to allow a Bounty on the Exportation from *Great Britain* of *Britiſh*-made Cordage.

[30th *July* 1814.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to allow a Bounty on the Exportation from *Great Britain* of *Britiſh*-made Cordage; 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, there ſhall be paid and allowed for and upon every Hundred Weight, containing One hundred and twelve Pounds Weight, of Staple Cordage wrought up and manufactured in *Great Britain*, from Foreign rough Hemp legally imported into *Great Britain*, (except from Hemp, the Growth or Production of the *Britiſh* Colonies or Plantations in *America*, of the *Eaſt Indies* or *China*, or imported by the *Eaſt India* Company), which ſhall be really and truly exported out of *Great Britain* by way of Merchandize, to Parts beyond the Seas, (except to *Ireland*, the *Iſle of Man*, and the Iſlands of *Faro* or *Ferro*) the Allowances or Bounties deſcribed and ſet forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked (A.); which ſaid Allowances or Bounties ſhall be paid to the Perſon or Perſons ſo exporting the ſame by the Collector of the Cuſtoms of the Port from whence the ſame ſhall be exported, on a Debenture to be made out by the Collector according to the Entry of the Goods and the Shipping thereof, certified by the proper Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Exportation; provided that before any ſuch Bounties or Allowances are paid the Exporter of ſuch Cordage ſhall make Oath on the Debenture before the Collector or Comptroller of the Port (which Oath they are reſpectively hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), that the ſaid Cordage is wrought up and manufactured in *Great Britain*, from Foreign rough Hemp, not the Growth or Production of the *Britiſh* Colonies or Plantations in *America*, or of the *Eaſt Indies* or *China*, nor imported by the *Eaſt India* Company, and that the Duties due on the Importation thereof were duly paid, and that the ſaid Cordage is really and truly intended to be exported to Parts beyond the Seas as Merchandize, and not for the Uſe of the Ship during her then Voyage, or any future Voyage, and not re-landed or intended to be re-landed in any Part of *Great Britain*, or landed in *Ireland*, the *Iſle of Man*, or the Iſlands of *Faro* or *Ferro*; and ſuch Exporter, with the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command

Bounty to be paid on the Exportation of Staple Cordage.

Oath to be made that the Cordage is manufactured in Great Britain.

Bond to be given for the due Exportation.

Command of the Ship or Veſſel in or on board which ſuch Cordage ſhall be intended to be exported, ſhall give Security by Bond in the Value of the ſaid Cordage, (which Security the Collector is hereby empowered to take in the Name and to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors) that ſuch Cordage ſo ſhipped, or intended to be ſhipped, or any Part thereof, ſhall not be relanded or brought on Shore again in any Port or Place of *Great Britain*, or landed in *Ireland*, the *Iſle of Man*, or to the Iſlands of *Faro* or *Ferro*, and ſuch Security ſhall be diſcharged in the Manner herein-after mentioned, (that is to ſay), for ſuch of the ſaid Goods as ſhall be entered for or landed in the Iſlands of *Guernſey*, *Jerſey*, *Alderney*, or *Sark*, the Condition of the Bond ſhall be, to bring in a Certificate in Diſcharge thereof within Six Months from the Date of the Bond; and within Eighteen Months for ſuch of the ſaid Goods as ſhall be entered for or landed in any of His Majeſty's Plantations in *Africa* or *America*; and within Thirty Months for ſuch of the ſaid Goods as ſhall be entered for or landed in any Port or Place at or beyond the *Cape of Good Hope*; which ſaid Certificate for ſuch Cordage as aforeſaid, as ſhall be landed in any Port or Place where any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms ſhall be reſident, ſhall be ſigned by the proper Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms there, importing that ſuch Goods were there landed, teſtifying the landing thereof; and for ſuch Cordage as aforeſaid, as ſhall be entered for the Iſlands of *Jerſey*, *Guernſey*, *Alderney*, or *Sark*, ſhall be ſigned by the proper Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, if ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall be reſiding in thoſe Iſlands reſpectively, and for want of ſuch Officer reſiding there, then by the Governor of thoſe Iſlands or Deputy Governor thereof reſpectively; and for ſuch Cordage as aforeſaid as ſhall be entered for any other Foreign Port or Place, to bring a Certificate under the Common Seal of the Chief Magiſtrate in ſuch Port or Place, or under the Hands and Seals of Two known *Britiſh* Merchants then being at ſuch Port or Place, that ſuch Cordage was there landed, or ſuch Bond or Bonds ſhall be diſcharged, upon Proof in either of the ſaid Caſes, that ſuch Goods were taken by Enemies or periſhed in the Seas; the Examination and Proof thereof being left to the Judgment of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively for the Time being.

No Bounty allowed on untarred or twice-laid Cordage, nor for leſs than Three Tons.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That no Bounty ſhall be allowed or paid to any Perſon or Perſons whatever, by virtue of this Act, upon the Exportation of any untarred or twice-laid Cordage, nor unleſs the Quantity exported ſhall be Three Tons Weight at the leaſt.

Veſſels to have a ſufficient Quantity of Cordage for their own Uſe, beſide the Quantity entered for Exportation.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Ship or Veſſel on board of which any Cordage ſhall be ſhipped for Exportation in order to obtain the Bounty or Allowance herein-before granted, ſhall and is hereby required to have on board (over and above the Quantity entered for Exportation) a ſufficient Quantity of Cordage for the Uſe of ſuch Ship or Veſſel according to the Nature of the Voyage, for which no Bounty ſhall be allowed, and ſuch Ship or Veſſel, before clearing at any Port of *Great Britain*, ſhall be viſited by the proper Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms at ſuch Port, who ſhall not permit or ſuffer her to ſet ſail on her Voyage if it ſhall appear that there is not on board a ſufficient Quantity of Cordage for the Uſe of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, independent of and beſides the Quantity entered for the Bounty, and ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall be and is and are hereby authorized and required to detain ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and to prevent her from ſailing upon her intended Voyage until there ſhall be provided a ſufficient

ficient Quantity of Cordage for the Uſe of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, according to the Nature of the Voyage in which ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be intended to proceed, beſides the Cordage entered as aforeſaid for Exportation in order to obtain the Bounty.

No Entry ſhall be permitted unleſs Certificate be produced that the Cordage has been refuſed by the Navy Board.

IV. And, in order to prevent any Inconvenience which may ariſe by the Exportation of Cordage, be it further enacted, That no Entry ſhall be permitted to paſs for the Exportation of any ſuch Cordage, or the Veſſel having on board ſuch Cordage be permitted to go out of Port, unleſs a Certificate ſhall be produced under the Hands of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, or any Three or more of them, ſignifying that ſuch Cordage hath been tendered to them for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Dock Yards, at the fair and then Market Price of ſuch Cordage in *London*, and that the ſame hath been refuſed by that Board; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall paſs an Entry for ſuch Cordage without having ſuch Certificate produced to him or them, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall forfeit and loſe the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Searcher to examine Packages, and if he finds Goods entered under a wrong Denomination or leſs in Quantity, they ſhall be forfeited, and the Exporter ſhall alſo forfeit the Value.

V. And, for the better preventing Frauds in the entering the ſaid Goods, to the Prejudice of the Revenue, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Searcher or other proper Officer of the Cuſtoms, after the Entry of any of the ſaid Goods, and before or after the Shipping thereof, to open and ſtrictly examine any Bail, Quoil, or other Package, as now by Law they may do, to ſee if the Goods are right entered, and if on ſuch Examination the ſame ſhall be found to be right entered, the Officer ſhall at his own Charge cauſe the ſame to be repacked to the Satisfaction of the Exporter, which Charge ſhall be allowed to the ſaid Officer by the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms if they think it reaſonable; but in caſe the ſaid Officer ſhall find ſuch Goods or any Part thereof entered under a wrong Denomination, or to be leſs in Quantity than expreſſed in the Exporter's Indorſement upon the Entry of ſuch Cordage, whereby His Majeſty would have been defrauded in the Allowance to be paid on the Exportation thereof, ſuch Goods ſo wrong entered ſhall be forfeited, and may be ſeized, and the Exporter or Owner of ſuch Goods ſhall alſo forfeit the Value thereof, to be proſecuted and divided as herein-after mentioned.

Onus probandi to be on the Exporter.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Diſpute ſhall ariſe concerning the ſaid Cordage, that is to ſay, whether the ſame was made in *Great Britain*, or is entitled to the Bounty granted by this Act, the *onus probandi* ſhall be on the Exporter, Claimer, or Owner thereof, and not on the Officer.

Cordage relanded to be forfeited and Treble its Value.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any of the ſaid Cordage ſhipped to be exported, for which a Bounty or Allowance is hereby made, ſhall be relanded or unſhipped in any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, the *Iſle of Man*, or the Iſlands of *Faro* or *Ferro*, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, unleſs it be in caſe of Diſtreſs to ſave the ſaid Goods from periſhing, the Goods (over and above the Penalty of the Bond to be levied and recovered to His Majeſty's Uſe as aforeſaid) and Treble the Value of ſuch Goods ſhall be forfeited and loſt, and ſhall and may be proſecuted and divided in the Manner herein-after mentioned.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned ſhall and may be proſecuted and determined

mined by Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or in the Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh* reſpectively, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and One Moiety of the ſaid Penalties and Forfeitures ſhall be to the Uſe of the King's Majeſty, and the other to ſuch Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms as ſhall ſue for or proſecute for the ſame.

General Iſſue. IX. 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, the Defendant or Defendants in 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, or 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, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may Treble Coſts. recover Treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame as the Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Caſes of Law.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

A SCHEDULE of Bounties payable on the Exportation from Great Britain of Britiſh-made Staple Cordage.

	Bounties. £	s.	d.
For every Hundred Weight containing 112 lbs. Weight of Staple Cordage, wrought up and manufactured in Great Britain from Foreign rough Hemp (except from Hemp of the Britiſh Colonies or Plantations in America, of the Eaſt Indies or China, or imported by the Eaſt India Company) on which the Duties of Cuſtoms due upon the Importation of ſuch Hemp after the 15th Day of April 1813 have been fully paid, a Bounty of - - - - -	0	7	8½
For every Hundred Weight of Staple Cordage wrought up and manufactured from the like Deſcription of Hemp on which the Duties of Cuſtoms due upon the Importation thereof on or before the 15th Day of April 1813 have been fully paid, a Bounty of - - - - -	0	6	6

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