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An Act for the further Regulation of the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the Charter of *The East India Company*.

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WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for continuing in* The East India Company, *for a further Term, the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with certain exclusive Privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; and for regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the said Company's Charter:* And whereas by the said recited Act it was enacted, that it should be lawful for any of His Majesty's Subjects, in common with the said United Company, to export, in Ships navigated according to Law, from any Port or Ports within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to all Ports and Places within the Limits referred to, save and except the Dominions of the Emperor of *China*, any Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, which would then or might at any Time or Times thereafter be legally exported, and also in common with the said Company to import in Ships navigated as aforesaid from any Port or Ports within the Limits aforesaid, save and except as aforesaid, into the said United Kingdom, any Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, the Produce or Manufacture of any of the Countries within the said Limits, which could or might at any Time or Times thereafter be legally imported; subject nevertheless to the several Restrictions, Conditions, and Limitations in the said Act contained: And whereas it was also enacted by the said Act, that nothing therein contained

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ſhould extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to prevent the making, during the further Term thereby granted to the ſaid Company, ſuch further Proviſions, by Authority of Parliament, as might from Time to Time be deemed neceſſary for enabling His Majeſty's Subjects to carry on Trade and Traffic, directly or circuitouſly, as well between all Ports and Places ſituate without the Limits of the ſaid Company's Charter, and all Ports and Places (except the Dominions of the Emperor of *China*) ſituate within thoſe Limits, as between the ſaid United Kingdom and all the laſt-mentioned Ports and Places, except as aforeſaid; but without Prejudice to any of the Reſtrictions or Proviſions therein contained, as to the Reſort to and Reſidence of any Perſons in the *Eaſt Indies*, and Parts aforeſaid: And whereas it is expedient to make Proviſion for the enabling the ſaid Company, and all other His Majeſty's Subjects, to carry on ſuch circuitous Trade, and alſo to carry on Trade between all Ports and Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, under certain Reſtrictions and Regulations; 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 Tenth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company, and alſo for any other of His Majeſty's Subjects, to trade (in Ships navigated according to Law, and proceeding upon any Voyage from the United Kingdom to any Ports or Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company) to, and at any intermediate Ports, Places, or Countries between the ſaid United Kingdom and the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, ſituate in *North* and *South America* (other than and except any of His Majeſty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*), and to and at the *Iſland of Madeira*, *The Canaries*, and *Cape de Verde Iſlands*, the *Iſland of Saint Helena*, and the *Cape of Good Hope*; and for that Purpoſe to diſcharge the Whole or any Part of the Cargo of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel at any ſuch intermediate Ports, Places or Countries as aforeſaid; and in the Proſecution of any ſuch circuitous Voyage, to take on board any other Goods, Wares, and Merchandize which can be legally carried from any of ſuch intermediate Countries, Ports, or Places, to any Ports or Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company; and in like Manner to trade, in any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, in any Voyage from any Ports or Places within the Limits of the ſaid Company's Charter as aforeſaid, to the United Kingdom, to and at any intermediate Ports, Places, or Countries between ſuch Limits and the ſaid United Kingdom, ſituate in *North* or *South America* (other than and except the Colonies or Plantations of His Majeſty in *America*) and at the *Cape of Good Hope*, or the *Iſland of Saint Helena*: And it ſhall alſo be lawful for His Majeſty's Subjects to carry on Trade and Traffic in Ships navigated according to Law, directly and circuitouſly, between all Ports and Places within the Limits of the ſaid Company's Charter, except the Dominions of the Emperor of *China*; any Thing contained in any Charter of the ſaid Company, or in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to authorize any of His Majeſty's Subjects, other than the ſaid Company, or Perſons properly licenſed by them, to export or import from or to any ſuch Countries, Ports, and Places, within or without ſuch Limits, or to import into the United Kingdom any Tea, or in any Manner to trade or traffic in Tea between any ſuch Ports or Places as aforeſaid.

The Eaſt India Company, or any of His Majeſty's Subjects, may carry on Trade with intermediate and circuitous Ports.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to repeal or alter, or in any Manner to affect the Reſtrictions, Regulations, and Proviſions in the ſaid recited Act contained, as to the Size of Veſſels allowed to clear out from, or enter in at any Port of the United Kingdom; or as to any Licences, Certificates, or Liſts required by the ſaid Act, in the Caſes therein ſpecified; or any of the Reſtrictions or Proviſions in the ſaid Act or in any other Act contained, as to the Reſort to, and Reſidence of any Perſons in the *Eaſt Indies*: Provided alſo, that all Trade with all Ports and Places upon the Continent of *Aſia*, from the River *Indus* to the Town of *Malacca* incluſive, or any Iſland under the Government of the ſaid Company, lying to the North of the Equator, or the ſaid Company's Factory at *Bencoolen* and its Dependencies, ſhall remain and continue ſubject to all ſuch Regulations, Proviſions, and Reſtrictions, as ſhall from Time to Time be in force in relation to Trade at any ſuch Ports and Places, under the Authority of any of the Governments of the ſaid Company at their ſeveral Preſidencies in *India*.

Act not to repeal or affect Proviſions of laſt Act as to Size of Ships, Licences, Certificates, Lifts, and Reſtrictions as to Reſort, &c. of Perſons to the Eaſt Indies.

III. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That His Majeſty's Settlement at the *Cape of Good Hope* ſhall, as to all Trade allowed by this Act to be carried on between Ports and Places within the Limits of the Charter of the ſaid Company, be deemed, conſtrued, and taken to be within ſuch Limits: Provided alſo, that nothing herein contained, as to the ſaid Settlement being deemed, as to ſuch Trade as aforeſaid, to be within ſuch Limits, ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent or in any Manner to limit or affect any other Trade which now may or which may hereafter be allowed to be carried on between the ſaid Settlement and any other Countries, Ports, or Places whatever.

The Cape of Good Hope, as to India Trade, to be deemed within the Company's Limits; but not for other Purpoſes.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament.

Act may be altered or repealed.

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