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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. IV.

An Act to continue until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to continue and amend an Act of the present Session, to prevent the issuing and circulating of Pieces of Gold and Silver, or other Metal, usually called Tokens, except such as are issued by the Banks of* England *and* Ireland *respectively.*

[26th *November* 1813.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to continue and amend an Act of the present Session, to prevent the issuing and circulating of Pieces of Gold and Silver, or other Metal, usually called Tokens, except such as are issued by the Banks of* England *and* Ireland *respectively:* And whereas it is expedient that the Period limited in the said recited Act for the Circulation of Pieces of Gold or Silver and mixed Metals, in the said recited Act specified and denominated *Tokens*, should be further extended; 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 so much of the said recited Act as prohibits the Circulation of any such Tokens as are in the said recited Act described, after Six Weeks from the Commence- 53 G. 3. c. 19.

So much of recited Act as prohibits the Circulation of Tokens, repealed.

ment of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

Tokens not to circulate after a certain Time in the preſent Year.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament no Piece of Gold or Silver, or of any mixed Metal compoſed partly of Gold or Silver, of whatever Name the ſame may be, ſhall paſs or circulate as a Token for Money, or as purporting that the Bearer or Holder thereof is entitled to demand any Value denoted thereon, either by Letters, Words, Figures, Mark, or otherwiſe, whether ſuch Value is to be paid or given in Money or Goods, or other Value, or in any Manner whatſoever; and every Perſon who ſhall, after Six Weeks from the Commencement of the next Seſſion of Parliament, circulate or paſs as for any nominal Value in Money or Goods any ſuch Token, ſhall for every ſuch Token ſo circulated or paſſed, whether ſuch Perſon ſhall be or have been concerned in the original Iſſuing or Circulation of any ſuch Token, or only the Bearer or Holder thereof for the Time being, forfeit any Sum not leſs than Five Pounds nor more than Ten Pounds, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace who ſhall hear and determine ſuch Offence; provided that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent any Perſon from preſenting any ſuch Token for Payment to the original Iſſuer thereof, or to diſcharge or excuſe any ſuch original Iſſuer from his Liability to pay the ſame.

Iſſuers of Local Tokens liable to pay the ſame by Law.

III. And be it therefore enacted, That all Perſons who ſhall have originally iſſued or have been concerned in the original Iſſuing or Circulation of any ſuch Tokens, and their reſpective Executors and Adminiſtrators, ſhall be and they are hereby declared to be liable in Law, upon Demand made of the Value denoted upon the Tokens iſſued by ſuch Perſons reſpectively, to pay the ſame; and the Amount of Money or Value denoted upon any ſuch Tokens, either by Letters, Words, Figures, Marks or otherwiſe, may be recovered by the Bearer or Holder thereof, in any Action or Suit againſt the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have originally iſſued or been concerned in the original Iſſuing or Circulation of ſuch Token, in like Manner as the Amount or Value of any Promiſſory Notes payable to Bearer, and iſſuable by Law, may now be recovered, to pay off or diſcharge the ſame.

Act not to authorize Iſſue of Promiſſory Notes under 20s.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to authorize or make legal the iſſuing of any Promiſſory Note, not being a Token compoſed of Gold or Silver, or of mixed Metal compoſed partly of Gold or Silver, which cannot now be iſſued by Law.

Act not to extend to Tokens of the Bank of England or Ireland.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to any Tokens iſſued or circulated by or under the Authority of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or by or under the Authority of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* reſpectively; or in any Manner to affect any ſuch Tokens, or the Circulation thereof; or to ſubject any Company or Companies, or Perſon or Perſons, to any Penalty for iſſuing or circulating any ſuch Tokens.

VI. And

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act ſhall and may be recoverable and recovered, and levied and applied, in like Manner and by ſuch Means as the like Penalties and Forfeitures are made recoverable by the ſaid recited Act; and all the Powers, Authorities, Clauſes, Matters, and Proviſions, in the ſaid recited Act contained or referred to, ſhall be and remain and continue in full force, and be applied and executed for the enforcing the Proviſions of this Act, and for the recovering and applying of any Penalties and Forfeitures under this Act, as fully and effectually as if all ſuch Powers, Authorities, Clauſes, and Proviſions, were ſeverally and ſeparately re-enacted in and made Part of this Act. Penalties how to be recovered.

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

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