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C A P. XLII.

An Act to repeal an Act of the Fifty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty, for the Puniſhment of Perſons deſtroying Stocking or Lace Frames, or any Articles in ſuch Frames, and to make other Proviſions inſtead thereof. [20th *December* 1813.]

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Fifty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the more exemplary Puniſhment of Perſons deſtroying or injuring any Stocking or Lace Frames, or other Machines or Engines uſed in the Framework Knitted Manufactory, or any Articles or Goods in ſuch Frames or Machines; to continue in force until the Firſt Day of* March *One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen:* And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Act ſhould be repealed and other Proviſions made inſtead thereof; be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords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aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act the ſaid recited Act ſhall be repealed, and the ſame is hereby repealed, ſave and except as to any Thing done before the paſſing of this Act, with reſpect to which the ſaid Act ſhall remain and be in full Force and Effect as if this Act had not been made.

52 G. 3. c. 16.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, by Day or by Night, enter by Force into any Houſe, Shop, or Place, with an Intent to cut or deſtroy any Framework Knitted Pieces, Stocking or Lace, or other Articles or Goods, being in the

Perſons convicted of cutting or deſtroying Framework

Knitted Pieces, or Machines uſed in ſuch Manufacture, to be tranſported.

Frame or upon any Machine or Engine thereto annexed, or therewith to be uſed or prepared for that Purpoſe, or with an Intent to break or deſtroy any Frame, Machine, Engine, Tool, Inſtrument or Utenſil, uſed in and for the working and making of any ſuch Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods in the Hoſiery or Framework Knitted Manufactory, or ſhall wilfully or maliciouſly, and without having the Conſent or Authority of the Owner, deſtroy or cut, with an Intent to deſtroy or render uſeleſs any Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods, being in the Frame or upon any Machine or Engine as aforeſaid, or prepared for that Purpoſe, or ſhall wilfully and maliciouſly, and without having the Conſent or Authority of the Owner, break, deſtroy, or damage, with an Intent to deſtroy or render uſeleſs, any Frame, Machine, Engine, Tool, Inſtrument or Utenſil, uſed in and for the working and making of any ſuch Framework Knitted Pieces, Stockings, Lace, or other Articles or Goods in the Hoſiery or Framework Knitted Stocking, or Framework Lace Manufactory; or ſhall wilfully and maliciouſly, and without having the Conſent or Authority of the Owner, break or deſtroy any Machinery contained in any Mill or Mills uſed or anyway employed in preparing or Spinning of Wool or Cotton, or other Materials for the Uſe of the Stocking or Lace Manufactory; every Offender being thereof lawfully convicted ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and ſhall be tranſported for Life, or for ſuch Term of Years not leſs than Seven Years, as the Judge before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be tried in his Diſcretion ſhall adjudge and direct.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

III. 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.

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