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An Act to permit, until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, the Importation into *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Neutral Vessels from States in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and to prohibit the Exportation of Copper; and to permit the Importation, in Neutral Vessels from States not in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize.

[28th *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to permit, during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, the Importation into* Great Britain *and* Ireland *in Neutral Vessels, from States in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize; and to empower His Majesty, by Order in Council, to prohibit the Exportation of Copper, and to permit the Importation in Neutral Vessels, from States not in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize:* And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said Act as permits the Importation into *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Neutral Vessels from States in Amity with His Majesty, of the several Goods, Wares, and Merchandize in this Act enumerated, should be continued; 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

43 G.3.c.153.

Wool and Cotton Wool may be imported into Great Britain; and Barrilla, Jesuits Bark, &c. into Ireland.

the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any Person to import into any Port or Place in *Great Britain* all Sorts of Wool, and also Cotton Wool; and to import into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, all Sorts of Barrilla, Jesuits Bark, Linen Yarn, Hemp, Indigo, Cochineal, Wool, and Cotton Wool, from any Country or Place whatsoever, in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, navigated by Foreign Seamen; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Italian Organzined Thrown Silk may be imported.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to import or bring into the United Kingdom from any Port or Place in Amity with His Majesty, in any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, Organzined Thrown Silk, of the Growth or Production of *Italy*; any Thing contained in an Act made in *England*, in the Second Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for discouraging the Importation of Thrown Silk*, or in any other Act or Acts in force in the United Kingdom or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; Provided always, that this Act or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend to give Liberty to import any *Italian* Thrown Silk that shall be coarser than a Sort thereof known and distinguished by the Name of *Third Bolonia*, nor any Sorts of Silks commonly called *Tram* of the Growth of *Italy*, nor any other Thrown Silk of the Growth or Production of *Turkey*, *Persia*, *East India*, or *China*, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silk as shall be brought over, and imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; One Moiety whereof to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same; to be recovered in such Manner and Form as Goods forfeited may be recovered by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Customs in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively.

2 W. & M. c. 9.

Not to extend to certain Silks.

Silks allowed to be imported to be brought to the Custom House in London on Penalty of Forfeiture.

III. And, for the better and more effectual Execution of this Act, and to prevent the Importation of any Sort of Thrown Silks not Organzined, be it further enacted and declared, That all such Organzined Thrown Silk as is allowed to be imported by this Act, if landed in any Part of *Great Britain*, shall be brought to His Majesty's Custom House at *London*, to the Intent that no other Sort of Thrown Silk may be imported than that allowed by this Act, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silk as shall be imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; One Moiety whereof shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same; to be recovered in such Manner and Form as Goods forfeited may be recovered by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Customs in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively; any Thing herein contained to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Flax or Flax Seed may be imported in Foreign Vessels on the

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import into the United Kingdom any Sort of Flax or Flax Seed in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors,

Succeſſors, navigated by Foreign Seamen, from any Port or Place whatſoever, upon the ſame Terms and Conditions, and ſubject to the ſame Duties, Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, in any reſpect, as ſuch Flax and Flax Seed would by any Law in force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, have been ſubject and liable to if the ſame had been imported in Foreign Ships or Veſſels of the Built of the Country or Place of which ſuch Flax or Flax Seed was the Growth, Production, or Manufacture; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament in force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary notwithſtanding. Conditions herein mentioned.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons admitted into and made free of the Company of Merchants of *England*, trading into the *Levant Seas*, commonly called or known by the Name of *The Turkey Company*, to import into the United Kingdom any Goods or Commodities which have heretofore uſually been imported from *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or from any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior within the *Levant Seas*, in any Ship or Veſſel built in or belonging to *Great Britain* or *Ireland* navigated according to Law, or in any Ship or Veſſel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, navigated by Foreign Seamen, from any Port or Place whatſoever, upon Payment of the ſame Duties if imported in *Britiſh* or *Iriſh*-built Ships, as the like Goods would be ſubject and liable to if imported in *Britiſh* or *Iriſh*-built Ships directly from the Place of their Growth, Production, or Manufacture, but if ſuch Goods ſhall be imported in any Foreign-built Ship or Veſſel, then and in ſuch Caſe the Goods ſo imported ſhall be ſubject to the Duties which ſuch Goods would have been ſubject and liable to if this Act had not been made; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament in force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary notwithſtanding. Perſons free of the Turkey Company may import Goods from the Levant Seas in Britiſh or Foreign Veſſels on the Conditions herein mentioned.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Entry ſhall be ſuffered to paſs at any Cuſtom Houſe in the United Kingdom, for any ſuch Goods of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or of any of the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, as before the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty might be imported only from ſuch Ports or Places in the *Streights* or *Levant Seas* as are within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, or for any Drugs which would have been liable to the Payment of higher Duties when not imported directly from the Place of their Growth or Production, and which by the Authority of this Act are permitted to be imported in Manner aforeſaid, until the Perſon importing or entering the ſame ſhall produce to the Collector or other proper Officer of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *Great Britain*, and to the proper Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland*, at the Port of Importation, a Certificate under the Hand of the Collector of the Duties for the ſaid *Turkey* Company, certifying that ſuch Perſon is free of the ſaid Company, and that he has paid the Duties impoſed on ſuch Goods by the ſaid Company, and has conformed in all Reſpects to the Rules and Regulations of the ſaid Company relative thereto: Provided always, that all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, of the Produce of Countries within the *Levant Seas* imported into *Great Britain* under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Duties payable No Entry of ſuch Goods to be permitted till Regulations herein ſpecified are complied with.

payable to the *Levant* Company in like Manner as if such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, had been imported into *Great Britain* directly from *Turkey*.

Goods imported in Foreign Vessels to pay the Duties accordingly,

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all such Goods as shall in pursuance of this Act be imported into the United Kingdom in any Foreign Ship or Vessel shall be subject and liable to all Duties in the same Manner as they would be liable to by Law if such Ships were of the Built of the Country of which the Goods are of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture.

and be subject to the existing Regulations.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, when so imported as aforesaid, shall be liable to all Duties of Customs and Excise, and shall be subject to all Rules, Regulations, and Conditions, and to all Penalties and Forfeitures for the Breach thereof, to which they would have been liable and subject if they had been imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, according to any Law or Laws in force at the Time of the passing of this Act.

Exportation of Copper may be prohibited.

IX. And whereas the Public Safety may require temporary Restraints upon the Exportation of Copper, be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty from Time to Time, by Proclamation or Order in Council, and in *Ireland* for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Proclamation or Order in Council, whenever it shall seem expedient to prohibit the Exportation of all Copper capable of being converted into a Naval Store, from any Port or Place within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to any Port or Place within the Limits of *Europe*.

Importation of Goods in Neutral Vessels from Countries not in Amity with His Majesty, may be permitted.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful, by Order of Council, or by Licence to be signed by One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, under the Authority of an Order of Council for that Purpose, and in *Ireland* for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and the Privy Council of *Ireland*, by Order in Council, from Time to Time, when and as often as the same shall be judged expedient, to permit any such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, as should be specified in any such Order or Licence, to be imported from any Port or Place belonging to any Kingdom or State not in Amity with His Majesty, in Ships belonging to the Subjects of any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty; any Law now in force in the United Kingdom or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Continuance of Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be in force until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament.

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