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An Act to amend the Laws now in force for regulating the Importation of Corn. [23d *March* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws now in force, relating to the Importation of and Trade in Corn; 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 from and after the paſſing of this Act, all Corn, Meal, or Flour, the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any Foreign Country, which may now by Law be imported into the United Kingdom, ſhall and may at all Times be allowed to be brought to the ſaid United Kingdom, and to be warehouſed there, under the Regulations and Proviſions of the Laws now in force relating to Corn, without Payment of any Duty whatever; and that ſuch Corn, Meal, and Flour, ſo warehouſed, may at all Times be taken out of Warehouſe, under the Regulations and Proviſions now by Law in force, and be exported according to ſuch Laws, without Payment of any Duty whatever.

Corn may at all Times be imported and warehouſed.

II. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Corn, Meal, or Flour, may be taken out of Warehouſe, and be entered for Home Conſumption, in the ſaid United Kingdom, under and ſubject to the Regulations and Proviſions now in force, without Payment of any Duty whatever, whenever Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour of the ſame Sort, ſhall or may by Law be admiſſible into the ſaid United Kingdom, for Home Conſumption.

Corn may be taken out of Warehouſe for Home Conſumption.

Prices at which Corn may be imported for Home Consumption.

III. And be it further enacted, That such Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, shall and may be permitted to be imported into the said United Kingdom for Home Consumption, under and subject to the Provisions and Regulations now in force, without Payment of any Duty whatever, whenever the Average Prices of the several Sorts of *British* Corn, made up and published in the Manner now by Law required, shall be at or above the Prices hereafter mentioned; (that is to say) whenever Wheat shall be at or above the Price of Eighty Shillings *per* Quarter; whenever Rye, Peafe, and Beans, shall be at or above the Price of Fifty-three Shillings *per* Quarter; whenever Barley, Beer, or Bigg, shall be at or above the Price of Forty Shillings per Quarter; and whenever Oats shall be at or above the Price of Twenty-seven Shillings *per* Quarter.

When British Corn is below the Prices before mentioned, no Corn to be imported, or taken out of Warehouse.

IV. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Average Prices of *British* Corn so made up and published, shall respectively be below the Prices herein-before stated, no Foreign Corn, or Meal, or Flour, made from any of the respective Sorts of Foreign Corn herein-before enumerated, shall be allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom, for the Purpose of Home Consumption, or taken out of Warehouse for that Purpose.

Times for taking the Average Prices of British Corn.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Average Price of the several Sorts of *British* Corn, by which the Importation of Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, into the United Kingdom, shall be regulated and governed, shall continue to be made up and published in the Manner now required by Law; but that if it shall hereafter at any Time after the Importation of Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, shall be permitted, under the Provisions of this Act, appear that the Average Prices of the different Sorts of *British* Corn respectively, in the Six Weeks immediately succeeding the Fifteenth Day of *February*, the Fifteenth Day of *May*, the Fifteenth Day of *August*, and the Fifteenth Day of *November* in each Year, shall have fallen below the Prices at which Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, may be, under the Provisions of this Act, allowed to be imported for Home Consumption, no such Foreign Corn, Meal, or Flour, shall be allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom for Home Consumption, from any Place between the Rivers *Eyder* and *Bidaſſoa*, both inclusive, until a new Average shall be made up, and published in the *London Gazette*, for regulating the Importation into the United Kingdom for the succeeding Quarter.

Prices at which Corn from the British Colonies in North America may be imported.

VI. And be it further enacted, That such Corn, Meal, or Flour, being the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any *British* Colony or Plantation in *North America*, as may now by Law be imported into the United Kingdom, may hereafter respectively be imported for Home Consumption, without Payment of any Duty, whenever the average Prices of *British* Corn, made up and published as now by Law required, shall respectively be at or above the Prices hereafter specified; that is to say, whenever the Price of Wheat shall be at or above Sixty-seven Shillings *per* Quarter; whenever the Price of Rye, Peafe, and Beans, shall be at or above Forty-four Shillings *per* Quarter; whenever the Price of Barley, Beer, or Bigg shall be at or above Thirty-three Shillings *per* Quarter; and whenever the Price of Oats shall be at or above Twenty-two Shillings *per* Quarter.

When British Corn is below the Prices hereinbefore mentioned, no Corn to be imported from North America.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whenever the Prices of *British* Corn respectively shall be below the Prices herein specified, Corn or Meal or Flour made from any of the respective Sorts of Corn herein enumerated, the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any *British* Colony or Plantation in *North America*, shall no longer be allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom for Home Consumption.

North American Corn may be imported and warehoused, according to the Laws now in force.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That such Corn, Meal, or Flour, the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any *British* Colony or Plantation in *North America*, as may now by Law be imported into the United Kingdom, shall at all Times be permitted to be imported into the United Kingdom, and warehoused according to the Laws now in force, without Payment of any Duty whatever; and be taken out of the Warehouse, and exported according to the Laws now in force, without Payment of any Duty whatever.

Corn may be taken out of Warehouse whenever Corn of a similar Description may be imported.

IX. And be it further enacted, That such Corn, Meal, or Flour, so warehoused, may be taken out of Warehouse, and entered for Home Consumption in the United Kingdom, whenever Corn, Meal, or Flour, of the like Description, imported direct from any such Colony or Plantation, shall be admissible by Law for Home Consumption, but not otherwise.

Reserving the Rights of Corporation of London, or other Corporations.

X. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or anywise alter the Duties of Package, Scavage, Baillage, or Portage, or any other Duties payable to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to any other City or Town Corporate within *Great Britain*, or any other special Privilege or Exemption to which any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, is or are now entitled by Law; but the same shall be continued as heretofore: Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter the Payments to be made to the Inspector of Corn Returns, as directed by an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, respecting Corn brought into the Port of *London*.

Provisions of former Acts extended to this Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every Act of Parliament in force on and immediately before the passing of this Act, by which any Rules, Regulations or Conditions were made, established or directed, regulating the Importation and Exportation of Corn, Meal and Flour, or for ascertaining the Average Prices, except where any Alteration is expressly made by this Act, and all Provisions, Clauses, Matters, and Things relating thereto, shall and are hereby declared to be and remain in full Force and Effect, and shall be applied to this Act, as fully and effectually as if they had been repeated and re-enacted, in this present Act.

Act may be repealed this Session.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act may be varied, altered, or repealed during this present Session of Parliament.

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