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An Act to regulate the Trade between *Malta* and its Dependencies, and His Majeſty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*; and alſo between *Malta* and the United Kingdom. [23d *March* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to grant further Facilities to the Trade between *Malta* and its Dependencies, and His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies and Plantations in *America*, as well as between *Malta* and its Dependencies, and the United Kingdom; 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, it ſhall be lawful for any of His Majeſty's Subjects to ſhip, in any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked (A.), being of the Growth and Produce of any ſuch Colony or Plantation, or any ſuch Articles as may now or may hereafter be by Law imported into the ſaid Colonies, and to export the ſame direct to the Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, in ſuch Ships or Veſſels, and under ſuch Licences, Entries, Securities, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are herein-after particularly mentioned or deſcribed.

Certain Goods may be ſhipped from Sugar Colonies in America to Malta:

II. And be it further enacted, That no Articles ſo allowed to be laden and exported from His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations aforeſaid, ſhall be ſhipped or laden in any of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations, for the Purpoſe of being carried to the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, except in *Britiſh*-built Ships, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law; nor unleſs a Licence ſhall have been firſt taken out for that Purpoſe, under the Hands and Seals of the Collector and Comptroller of the Cuſtoms at the Port at which any of the ſaid Articles is or

To be ſhipped in Britiſh-built Ships;

and by Licence.

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Notices. are intended to be ſhipped or laden, and which Notice muſt be firſt given in Writing, by the Maſter of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or the Perſon intending to ſhip any of the ſaid Articles, to the Collector and Comptroller of ſuch Port, of ſuch Intention, and that ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall, when laden, Oath. proceed direct to the Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof; and the Owner or Proprietor, or the Perſon or Perſons intending to ſhip any of the Articles aforeſaid, ſhall then make Oath before the Collector and Comptroller of the ſaid Port (which Oath they are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter) that it is his or their full Intention and Reſolution to load ſuch Ship or Veſſel with Articles enumerated in the ſaid Schedule marked (A.) for Exportation, direct to the Iſland of *Malta* or the Depen- Bond. dencies thereof, and to no other Place whatever: And the Maſter of the Ship or Veſſel, together with the Owner or Proprietor, or Perſon intending to ſhip the ſaid Articles, ſhall thereupon enter into Bond, to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in Treble the Value of ſuch Goods, with Condition that in caſe a Licence ſhall be granted giving Liberty to ſuch Ship or Veſſel to lade and carry the ſaid Articles from any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, to the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or its Dependencies, that ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall proceed direct to the ſaid Iſland or its Dependencies, and that no Goods whatever, except ſuch as ſhall be included in the Licence before mentioned, and except ſuch as may now by Law be exported from the ſaid Colonies or Plantations to *Malta*, ſhall be taken on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and alſo, that before the Expiration of Two Years from the Date of ſuch Licence, the ſame ſhall be given up to the Collector and Comptroller of the Cuſtoms at the Port where the ſaid Articles where ſhipped and laden, together with Certificate. a Certificate ſigned and ſealed by the Governor or Deputy Governor of the ſaid Iſland, or by the principal Officer of the Cuſtoms there, certifying the landing of the ſaid Articles, together with the Contents, Weight, or Quantity, and the Marks and Number of the Caſks or other Packages of ſuch Articles ſo landed, together with the Name of the Ship and Maſter thereof from which ſuch Goods were ſo landed.

Forfeiture of Veſſels and Goods conveying other Articles than thoſe allowed. o III. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Ship or Veſſel licenſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall take on board, in any of the ſaid Sugar Colonies or Plantations, or on her Voyage from thence, any other Articles than ſuch as are allowed to be taken on board and exported by virtue of this Act, all ſuch Articles ſo taken or laden on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be forfeited and loſt, and the Maſter and Shipper of any ſuch Goods ſhall ſeverally forfeit Double the Value of the Goods ſo laden or taken on board contrary to the Directions of this Act; to be recovered in any Court of Vice Admiralty held in any of His Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, or in any other Court of Record in any of His Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, at the Election of the Informer or Proſecutor; One Third Part to be for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, One Third Part to the Governor of the Colony, and the other Third Part to the Informer or Proſecutor.

Entry to be made of Goods. o IV. And be it further enacted, That before any of the Articles enumerated in Schedule (A.) ſhall be laden or put on board any Ship or Veſſel in the ſaid Colonies or Plantations, or any of them, by virtue of a Licence to be granted under the Authority of this Act, to be carried to the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, the Merchant or other Perſon not intending

intending to export the ſaid Articles in ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall make an Entry or Entries of all ſuch Articles in Writing, with the Collector and Comptroller of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, expreſſing the Name of the Ship, and of the Maſter of the Ship, on board of which the Articles are to be laden, and where ſhe lies, and alſo the Place, Quay, or Wharf where the ſame is or are to be laden, or firſt waterborn in order to be laden, which ſhall be within ſuch Port only where a Cuſtom Houſe is eſtabliſhed, and where an Officer or Officers are or ſhall be appointed to attend the lading and ſhipping thereof, or at ſuch Place or Places as ſhall be mentioned in a Sufferance or Warrant, to be taken out from the Collector and Comptroller for that Purpoſe; and ſhall take out from the ſaid Collector and Comptroller a Cocquet or Warrant accordingly, whereon ſhall be indorſed by the Exporter, the particular Weight and Quantity, with Marks, Numbers, and Contents, Sorts or proper Denomination of ſuch Articles, and ſhall deliver the Cocquet or Warrant ſo indorſed to the Searcher or other Officer appointed for the examining and ſhipping thereof, and ſhall ſhip or lade the ſaid Articles in the Preſence of ſuch Officer or Officers, and at ſuch Place or Places as ſhall be mentioned in the ſaid Sufferance or Warrant, that the proper Officer or Officers may attend the ſhipping thereof; and ſuch Officer or Officers are hereby empowered to examine the ſame, before they are put on board; and if upon examining the Articles which ſhall be ſhipped or brought to be ſhipped by virtue of ſuch Cocquet or Warrant, either before or after the Shipping thereof, the Weight or Quantity of the Goods, or the Number of Caſks or Packages ſhall be greater than is indorſed thereon; or if any other Articles of the Deſcription mentioned in Schedule (A.) but ſuch as ſhall be ſo indorſed on ſuch Cocquet or Warrant taken out and delivered as aforeſaid, ſhall be diſcovered to have been laden or put on board any Ship or Veſſel having Liberty to trade to the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, by virtue of this Act, or ſhall be brought to be ſhipped on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or ſhall be put into any Hoy, Lighter, Boat, or other Veſſel, in order to be put on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, before ſuch Entry, or taking out ſuch Cocquet or Warrant, indorſing and delivering of the ſame, and not being ſhipped in the Manner aforeſaid, but ſhall be put on board, or attempted to be put on board, contrary to the Directions of this Act; all ſuch Articles ſo ſhipped or brought to be ſhipped, in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſhall be forfeited and loſt, and alſo the Hoy, Lighter, Boat, or other Veſſel or Carriage whatever, employed in ſhipping or attempting to ſhip any Goods other than thoſe enumerated in the Schedule marked (A.) together with the Ship or Veſſel on which ſuch Goods ſhall be ſo laden; and the Owner ſhall forfeit double the Value thereof, to be recovered in any Court of Vice Admiralty held in any of His Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, or in any other Court of Record in any of His Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, at the Election of the Informer or Proſecutor, One Third Part to be to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, One Third Part to the Governor of the ſaid Colony, and the other Third Part to the Informer or Proſecutor: And before ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall depart from the ſaid Colonies, with any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule marked (A.) laden as aforeſaid, the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking Charge thereof, ſhall receive the ſaid Licence from the Collector or Comptroller, with a Certificate indorſed thereon or affixed thereto, under their Hands and Seals of Office, who are to make Two Copies of ſuch Licence, Indorſements, and Certificates;

Penalty.

for all which Entries, Cocquets, Indorſements, and Certificates or Copies, no more ſhall be taken by the ſaid Officers than the legal and accuſtomed Fees; and the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking Charge of ſuch Ship, ſhall, before he receives the ſaid Licence, atteſt the ſaid Copies under his Hand, which are to be left with the Collector and Comptroller, who are hereby required as ſoon as conveniently they can, to tranſmit One of the ſaid Copies of the Licence, Indorſements, and Certificates, to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England*, and record in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe, the Notice in Writing of the Owner or Owners of the Ship or Veſſel, the Affidavit of the Shipper, the Licence granted for the Exportation of the Articles, together with the Clearance; but in caſe any of the Articles enumerated in Schedule (A.) ſhall be found on board, or carried by any ſuch Ship or Veſſel to the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, other than ſuch as are mentioned in the ſaid Licence, then the Liberty granted by ſuch Licence ſhall ceaſe and become void and of none Effect; and ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and alſo the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and all others concerned, ſhall be ſubject and liable to all and every the ſame Penalties and Forfeitures as they would have been ſubject and liable to in caſe this Act had not been made.

Allowing Ships to load at Malta certain Articles for the Colonies.

V. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or any other Ship or Veſſel being *Britiſh*-built, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law, to load at the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or any of the Dependencies thereof, any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule marked (B.) hereunto annexed, for Exportation direct to any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, and any ſuch Article may be landed in any ſuch Colony or Plantation, being firſt duly entered with the proper Officers of the Cuſtoms there; any Thing contained in an Act made in *England*, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Trade*, or any other Act or Acts in force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively, to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that the ſaid Articles, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize (Wine excepted), ſhall, upon Importation into any of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations, be ſubject and liable to the Payment of ſuch Duties as Goods of the like Denomination or Deſcription are or may be ſubject and liable to, upon being imported into the ſaid Colonies or Plantations from *Great Britain*, and no other or higher Duties; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Duties.

Wine imported into the Colonies to pay the like Duties as are payable on Madeira Wine.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Sort of Wine which by virtue and in purſuance of this Act ſhall be imported or brought into any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, from the Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Payment of ſuch and the like Duties, and no other, as are due and payable on *Madeira* Wine when imported into any of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations directly from the Iſland of *Madeira*.

Diſcharging of Bond.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon ſuch Licence being returned to the Collector and Comptroller of the Cuſtoms of the Port where the Articles enumerated in Schedule (A.) were ſhipped, and an Account of the

the lading being indorſed thereon or annexed thereto, and alſo upon ſuch Certificate of the Governor or Deputy Governor or Principal Officer of the Cuſtoms, being produced as aforeſaid, and the ſeveral other Matters and Things required by this Act being duly complied with, within Two Years from the Date of ſuch Licence, the Bond given before granting ſuch Licence ſhall be diſcharged and delivered up, any Thing in the ſaid Bond or in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; otherwiſe ſuch Bond ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be proſecuted in the Manner directed by this Act.

Goods may be exported from the Colonies to Malta direct.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to export from *Newfoundland*, the Iſland of *Bermuda*, or any of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in *North America*, any Articles of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of ſuch Colony or Plantation, or any Articles which have been legally imported into ſuch Colony or Plantation direct to the Iſland of *Malta*, or the Dependencies thereof, in ſuch Ships and Veſſels, and under ſuch Licences, Entries, Securities, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are herein-before mentioned and deſcribed, as to Exportation from His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*.

Certain Goods may be imported from Malta direct to the Colonies.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to import from the Iſland of *Malta*, or any of the Dependencies thereof, direct into *Newfoundland*, the Iſland of *Bermuda*, or any of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in *North America*, any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed marked (B.) in ſuch Ships and Veſſels, and under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions as are herein-before mentioned and deſcribed, as to the Importation of the ſaid Articles into any of His Majeſty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*.

Goods of the Levant may be brought from Malta.

X. And whereas by the Laws now in force, Goods and Commodities of the *Streights* or *Levant* Seas may be imported into the United Kingdom in *Britiſh*-built Ships, and navigated and regiſtered according to Law, from the uſual Ports or Places for landing them heretofore within the ſaid *Streights* or *Levant* Seas, though the ſaid Commodities be not of the very Growth of the ſaid Places: And whereas it is expedient that ſuch Goods ſhould be allowed to be in like Manner imported from the Iſland of *Malta* and the Dependencies thereof; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to import from the Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, into the United Kingdom, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, not prohibited to be imported, being of the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of any Country or Place within the *Streights* or *Levant* Seas, in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated and regiſtered according to Law, and in no other Ship or Veſſel whatever, on Payment of ſuch Duties as now are or hereafter may be due and payable on ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize when imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that all ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, being of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Signior, within the *Levant* Seas, ſo imported under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Payment of the ſame Duties, to the Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the

Duties.

Levant Seas, commonly called or known by the Name of *The Turkey Company*, as ſhall be payable on the like Articles when imported direct from *Turkey* by Perſons being Members of the ſaid Company.

Perſons free of Turkey Company, to import Raw Silk from Malta.

XI. 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 ſaid Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant* Seas, to import into the United Kingdom from the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated, and regiſtered, according to Law, any Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn, being the Growth or Production of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Signior, within the *Levant* Seas; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that all ſuch Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn ſo imported into the United Kingdom under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Duties due and payable to the ſaid *Turkey* Company, in like Manner as if ſuch Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn had been imported into the United Kingdom directly from *Turkey*.

Thrown Silk may alſo be imported from Malta.

XII. And whereas it is expedient, that Thrown Silk of the Production of *Italy*, *Sicily*, or the Kingdom of *Naples*, ſhould be permitted to be imported into the United Kingdom directly by Sea from the Iſland of *Malta* and the Dependencies thereof; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to import from the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, into the United Kingdom directly, any Thrown Silk being of the Production of *Italy*, *Sicily*, or of the Kingdom of *Naples*, in *Britiſh*-built Ships or Veſſels, owned, navigated, and regiſtered according to Law, and in no other Ship or Veſſel whatever, on Payment of ſuch and the like Duties as now are or hereafter may be payable in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* reſpectively on ſuch Thrown Silk when imported directly by Sea from the Place of its Production; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Recovery of Penalties.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred by this Act (except where it is otherwiſe provided) ſhall and may be proſecuted in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* or *Dublin*, or the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*; one Moiety whereof to be for the Uſe of Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them who will ſue for, proſecute, and recover the ſame; wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law ſhall be allowed, nor any more than One Imparlance.

General Iſſue.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued or proſecuted for any Thing done or to be done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Proſecutor or Proſecutors ſhall become Nonſuit, or forbear the Proſecution, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action, or if a Verdict ſhall

Treble Coſts.

paſs againſt him, her, or them, the Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have the like Remedy for the ſame as in Caſes where Coſts are by Law given to Defendants.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall grant a falſe Certificate, or counterfeit, eraſe, or alter any Licence, Oath, or Certificate, which ſhall be made or given purſuant to this Act, or ſhall knowingly or wittingly publiſh or make uſe thereof, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall forfeit Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered and diſpoſed of in the Manner directed by this Act; and ſuch Licence, Oath, or Certificate ſo falſified, counterfeited, eraſed, or altered, ſhall be invalid and of none effect. Puniſhing Perſons counterfeiting Licences, &c.

SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Sugar.
Coffee.
Cocoa.
Rum.
Molaſſes.
Pimento.
Indigo.
Ginger.
Fuſtic, or other Dying Wood.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Dry and Wet Fruit in Brandy and Sugar, in Jars and Bottles.
Pickles - - in ditto.
Olives.
Figs.
Raiſins.
Currants.
Piſtaccio Nuts.
Almonds.
Dates.
Capers.
Wine.
Brandy.
Oil of Olives.
Oil of Almonds.
Gum Arabic.
—— Maſtic.
—— Myrrh.
—— Sicily.
—— Ammoniac.
Opium.
Manna.
Senna.
Cantharides.
Oris Root.
Rhubarb.
Jalop.
Scamony.
Quickſilver.
Sarſaparilla.
Saffron.
Safflower.
Muſk.
Incenſe.
Eſſence of Bergamot.
Do. of Citron.
Do. of Lemon.
Do of Orange.
Do. of Lavender.
Do. of Roſes.
Do. of Roſemary.
Marble, Alabaſter, } Rough and Worked,
Brimſtone.
Cork.
Aniſeed.
Cumminſeed.
Oſtrich Feathers.
Honey.
Sponges.
Amber.
Coral.

Mill

Schedule (B.)—*continued.*

Mill Timber.	Bullion.
Box Wood.	Precious Stones.
Argol.	Pearls.
Vermillion.	Corn.
Ochres.	Grain.
Cinnabar.	Meal or Flour.
Orange Buds and Peel.	Beans.
Juniper Berries.	Peaſe.
Punk.	Lentils.
Pumice Stone.	Rice.
Emery Stone.	Macaroni or Vermicelli.
Whetſtone.	Caſcaſoo.
Paintings and Prints.	Parmeſan Cheeſe.
Moſaic Works.	Bologna and other Sauſages.
Medals.	Anchovies.
Lava, and Malta Stone for building.	Caviar.
Pozzolana.	Botarga.

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