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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXVII.

An Act to reduce the Duty on the Exportation from *Great Britain* of Small Coals of a certain Deſcription. [1ſt *July* 1816.]

WHEREAS it would tend to encourage the Employment of *Britiſh* Shipping and *Britiſh* Mariners, if Coals which had been ſcreened through a Riddle or Screen, the Meſhes of which were of ſmall Dimenſions, were allowed to be exported from *Great Britain* to Foreign Parts, ſubject only to the Duties payable on the Exportation of Culm from *Great Britain*; 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 Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, the ſeveral Duties of Cuſtoms payable by Law upon the Exportation from *Great Britain* to Foreign Parts, of Coals the Pieces whereof ſhall be of a Size capable of paſſing through a Riddle or Screen the Bars of which ſhall not in any Part thereof be more than Three-eighth Parts of an Inch aſunder, ſhall, under the Conditions and Regulations herein-after mentioned, ceaſe and determine; and that from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, in lieu and inſtead of the Duties hereby repealed, there ſhall be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, upon the Exportation from *Great Britain* to Foreign Parts of any Coals which ſhall have been ſcreened through a Riddle or Screen the Bars of which not being in any Part thereof more than Three eighth Parts of an Inch aſunder, and ſtamped in the Manner herein-after directed, ſuch and the like Duties and no other, as are or may be charged and payable on Culm exported from *Great Britain* to Foreign Parts.

In lieu of the Duties repealed, the like Duties as are payable on Culm ſhall be paid on the Exportation of Small Coals.

Coals not to be admitted to Entry, unleſs Certificate be produced of the Quantity, and that they have paſſed through a Riddle or Screen of certain Dimenſions.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Coals whatever ſhall be admitted to Entry on Payment of the Duty due and payable on Culm under the Proviſions of this Act, unleſs a Certificate under the Hand of an Owner or Proprietor of the Mine or Pit from which ſuch Coals ſhall have been raiſed, or of the principal and known Agent of ſuch Owner or Proprietor, ſhall be delivered to the Collector of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Exportation, which Certificate ſhall ſpecify the real Quantity of Coals ſo to be admitted to Entry, and that all ſuch Coals have actually paſſed through a Riddle or Screen of the Dimenſions herein-before deſcribed, and which Riddle or Screen ſtamped as by this Act directed; and ſuch Certificate ſhall alſo contain the Name and Reſidence of the Owner or Proprietor of ſuch Coals, with the Deſcription of the Situation of the Mine or Pit from which ſuch Coals were raiſed.

Mine Owners to provide Riddles or Screens, which ſhall be ſtamped as the Commiſſioners ſhall direct.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Coal Pit or Mine from which it may be intended to ſhip for Exportation any Coals of the Sort and Dimenſions herein-before deſcribed, ſhall at his or their Expence provide or cauſe to be provided ſuch a Number of Riddles or Screens of the Dimenſions herein-before deſcribed as ſhall be neceſſary and ſufficient for the Purpoſe of aſcertaining that the Coals intended to be ſhipped are of the Dimenſions required by this Act in order to entitle them to be exported to Foreign Parts on Payment of the Duty as Culm: Provided always, that all ſuch Riddles or Screens ſhall be ſtamped in ſuch Manner as the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, or any Three or more of them, ſhall from Time to Time direct; ſuch Stamps to be provided and affixed at the Expence of the Owners or Proprietors of the Mines or Pits from which ſuch Coals ſhall be intended to be ſhipped: Provided always, that all Coals being of a larger Size or Dimenſions than is herein-before mentioned and deſcribed, ſhall on the Exportation thereof from *Great Britain* be charged with the Duty on Coals ſo exported, in ſuch and the like Manner in every reſpect as if this Act had not been made.

Coals of a larger Size, on Exportation, to be charged with Duty as heretofore.

Penalty on ſhipping Coals of a larger Dimenſion, &c. at the reduced Duty.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Coals ſhall be entered or ſhipped for Exportation to Foreign Parts on which the Duty payable on Culm ſhall have been paid under the Proviſions of this Act, which ſhall be of larger Dimenſions than is allowed by this Act to be ſo entered, or which ſhall not have paſſed through a ſtamped Riddle or Screen of the Deſcription by this Act directed to be uſed, the Owner or Proprietor of any ſuch Coals, or the Perſon who in his Behalf ſigned the Certificate hereby required to be delivered to the Collector of the Cuſtoms at the Time of the Entry of any ſuch Coals, and the Perſon entering or ſhipping any ſuch Coals, ſhall be ſubject and liable to a Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Chaldron, *Newcaſtle* Meaſure, of ſuch Coals ſo improperly entered or ſhipped.

Officer to attend the ſcreening of Coals ſo entered.

If unable to attend, he may cauſe the

V. And be it further enacted, That the proper Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms at the Port where any Coals ſhall be entered for Exportation to Foreign Parts on Payment of the Duty as Culm, ſhall, whenever and as often as it conveniently can be done, attend at the ſcreening of any Coals ſo entered; and in any Caſe when he or they have not been able ſo to attend, the Owner or Proprietor or the Shipper of ſuch Coals ſhall, whenever required by any ſuch Officer, cauſe any ſuch Coals to be re-ſcreened in the

Preſence of ſuch Officer or Officers; and if it ſhall appear that ſuch Coals or any Part thereof are not of the Dimenſions required by this Act, or have not paſſed through the Screen deſcribed and directed by this Act to be uſed, the Owner or Proprietor of ſuch Coals, and the Perſon who may have ſigned the Certificate required by this Act to be delivered to the Collector of the Cuſtoms, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Penalties directed by this Act. Coals to be re-ſcreened.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Duties by this Act impoſed ſhall be managed, aſcertained, raiſed, levied, collected, paid, and recovered, in ſuch and the like Manner as any Duties of Cuſtoms of a like Nature are managed, aſcertained, raiſed, levied, collected, paid, and recovered, and under and ſubject to the ſeveral Powers, Conditions, Regulations, Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures now in force in relation to or made for ſecuring the Revenue of Cuſtoms in *Great Britain*, and all Pains, Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures for any Offences whatever committed againſt or in Breach of any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on or immediately before the paſſing of this Act, made for ſecuring the Revenue of Cuſtoms or for the Regulation or Improvement thereof, and the ſeveral Clauſes, Powers, and Directions therein contained, ſhall be in full Force and Effect as to the ſaid Duties, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if they were at large repeated and re-enacted in this Act. Duties how to be levied.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Monies from Time to Time ariſing from the ſaid Duties (the neceſſary Charges of raiſing and accounting for the ſame reſpectively excepted) ſhall from Time to Time be paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, and ſhall be appropriated and applied in the ſame Manner as the Duties on Culm exported from *Great Britain* are directed to be appropriated and applied. Application of Duties.

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