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CAP. XXXV.

An Act for the more ſpeedy and effectual Collection of the Tonnage Duty upon Ships Inwards; for empowering the Lords of the Treaſury to regulate the Hours of Officers Attendance in the Port of *London*; and for permitting Ships to commence and compleat their loading of Coals before the Delivery of the Fitters Certificates.

[21ſt *May* 1816.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Proviſion ſhould be made for the more ſpeedy and effectual Collection of the Tonnage Duties payable upon Ships and Veſſels entering Inwards in *Great Britain* from Foreign Ports; 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 no Officer of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms whatſoever, or any Deputy or Clerk of ſuch Officer, ſhall permit or ſuffer any Ship or Veſſel to break Bulk, or any Part of her Cargo to be diſcharged, or iſſue any Order, or grant any Document for the unſhipping or landing any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize brought or imported by any Ship or Veſſel ſubject and liable to the Payment of the Duties of Tonnage, until the ſaid Duties have been fully paid to the proper Officer of the Cuſtoms; or in caſe any Doubt or Diſpute ſhall ariſe as to the true Tonnage thereof, ſo that a perfect Entry cannot be paſſed, then in every ſuch Caſe a ſufficient

Tonnage Duty to be paid before any Veſſel is ſuffered to break Bulk.

ficient Depoſit ſhall be made of the ſaid Duties with ſuch Officer as aforeſaid, previous to any Document being iſſued or granted for the unſhipping or landing any Part of the Cargo of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſo entering Inwards as aforeſaid; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

47 G. 3. c. 51. II. And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to extend the Proviſions of an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, for aboliſhing Fees received by certain Officers and other Perſons employed in the Service of the Cuſtoms in the Port of* London, *and for regulating the Attendance of Officers and others ſo employed, to the Outports; and to appropriate the Fees of certain aboliſhed and vacant Offices in the Cuſtoms to the Superannuation Fund;* it is provided and enacted, that it ſhall be lawful for the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, by Warrant under their Hands, whenever and as often as they ſhall deem it right for the better Security of the Revenue and the Accommodation of Trade, to alter the Hours during which the Officers, Clerks, or other Perſons employed in the Service of the Cuſtoms at any Port of *Great Britain*, except the Port of *London*, are now by Law required to attend in the Execution of the Duties of their reſpective Offices or Employments; and to regulate and direct the Attendance of every ſuch Officer, Clerk, or other Perſon ſo employed, in ſuch Manner and during ſuch Times and at ſuch Places as they the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhall in their Judgment deem expedient for the public Service; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding: And whereas it is expedient that the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhould have the like Power of altering and fixing the legal Hours of Attendance of the Officers in the Port of *London*; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, by Warrant under their Hands, whenever and as often as they ſhall deem it right for the better Security of the Revenue and the Accommodation of Trade, to alter the Hours during which the Officers, Clerks, or other Perſons employed in the Service of the Cuſtoms in the Port of *London*, are now by Law required to attend in the Execution of the Duties of their reſpective Offices or Employments; and to regulate and direct the Attendance of every ſuch Officer, Clerk, or other Perſon ſo employed, in ſuch Manner and during ſuch Times and at ſuch Places as they the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhall in their Judgment deem expedient for the public Service; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Treaſury may alter the Hours of Attendance of the Officers of the Cuſtoms in London.

Veſſels may be loaded with Coals before the Certificate of the Quantity is delivered to the Officer of the Cuſtoms as required by 52 G. 3. c. 9.

III. And whereas great Inconvenience has been experienced by the Shippers of Coals in conſequence of the Ships and Veſſels not being permitted to commence lading until the Fitter or Perſon vending ſuch Coals has delivered to the Officer of the Cuſtoms Certificates of the Quantity of Coals intended to be taken on board ſuch Ships or Veſſels: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of any Ship or Veſſel in which any Coals are intended to be taken on board for the Purpoſe of being carried Coaſtwiſe, or for the Fitter or Fitters or any other Perſon or Perſons vending, ſelling, or intending to ſhip ſuch Coals,

to commence and complete the Loading of any such Ship or Vessel, although the Certificates required by an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, for better securing the Duties on Coals, Culm, and Cinders, and making other Provisions in lieu thereof; and for requiring Ships in the Coal Trade to be measured,* shall not have been delivered to the proper Officers of the Customs; and in every Case where the Loading is completed before the Delivery of such Certificates the same shall express the Quantity of Coals actually shipped, and shall be delivered to the proper Officer of the Customs prior to the Ship or Vessel leaving the Port; and if any false Certificate shall be made or given by any such Fitter or Fitters, Coal Owner or Agent, of the Quantity of Coals sold or vended and actually shipped or laden on board such Ship or Vessel, or who shall deliver any such Certificate or Certificates signed by any Person, except himself or themselves, every such Fitter or other Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered and disposed of in the Manner directed by the said recited Act of the Fifty-second Year of His present Majesty.

Penalty for delivering a false Certificate.

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