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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXIII.

An Act for removing Difficulties in the Conviction of Offenders ſtealing Property from Mines.

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WHEREAS the Minerals, and the Timber, Iron, and other Materials uſed in or for the working of Mines, are much expoſed to Depredation: And whereas great Difficulties have been experienced in proſecuting to Conviction, and bringing to Juſtice, Perſons who have ſtolen ſuch Property, by reaſon of the Rule of Law which at preſent prevails throughout that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, for ſetting forth in Indictments for Larceny the Names of all the Perſons who may be the Owners of or are intereſted in the Property ſtolen: And whereas the Identity of ſuch Property may be aſcertained and deſcribed as effectually by averring the ſame in ſuch Indictment to be the Property of ſome one or more of the Partners in ſuch Mining Concerns, and others his or their Partners or Co-Adventurers, without naming ſuch other Partners or Co-Adventurers; 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 it ſhall and may be lawful, and ſhall be deemed ſufficient, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, for the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders charged in any Indictment with Grand or Petty Larceny for or on account of ſtealing any Minerals, or any Timber, Iron, or other Materials uſed in or for the working of Mines, being the Perſonal Property of any Company or Adventurers carrying on the ſame, to alledge and aver that the Minerals, Timber, Iron, or

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or other Materials, ſo ſtolen, are the Property of ſome one or more of the Partners or Adventurers in ſuch Mining Concern, and others his or their Partners or Co-Adventurers, without naming ſuch other Partners or Co-Adventurers; and that ſuch Form of deſcribing the Property ſtolen from ſuch Company or Adventurers ſhall be to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as valid and effectual in Law as if the ſame were averred to be the Property of all the Owners thereof, and as if the Names of all ſuch Owners were particularly and diſtinctly ſet forth in ſuch Indictment; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

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