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An Act to enable His Majeſty to authorize the Exportation of the Machinery neceſſary for erecting a Mint in the United States of *America*.

[26th *June* 1816.]

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of *America* are deſirous of erecting and eſtabliſhing a Mint, and of procuring and exporting the Machinery neceſſary for that Purpoſe, from this Kingdom: And whereas Doubts may ariſe, whether any Perſon in this Kingdom can execute the ſame without being ſubject to certain Penalties and Forfeitures; 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 it ſhall be lawful for any of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, by Writing or Warrant under his Hand and Seal, under ſuch Reſtrictions and Conditions, and in ſuch Manner as His Majeſty ſhall think proper, to licenſe and authorize all and every Perſon and Perſons whom the Preſident of the ſaid United States, or any Perſon authorized by him for that Purpoſe, ſhall think fit to employ for ſuch Purpoſes, to have in his or their Power, Cuſtody, or Poſſeſſion with Intent to export, and to collect, obtain, make, apply for, or cauſe or procure to be made, with Intent to export, and to export and to do or cauſe to be done, all or any Acts whatſoever in or for or towards the exporting, or which ſhall be neceſſary to enable him or them to make,

Secretaries of State authorized to licenſe Perſons to export Machinery for erecting a Mint in the United States.

obtain, have, or procure for exporting, and to enable him or them to export any Machinery, Tools, Utenſils, Implements, or other Things, of what Nature ſoever, or any Parts thereof, or any Models or Plans, or Parts thereof, for the effectually enabling ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid to erect and eſtabliſh, or cauſe to be erected and eſtabliſhed, ſuch Mint as aforeſaid, and all Acts, Matters, and Things, which ſhall be done in purſuance of and according to ſuch Licence and Authority, ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be lawful, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Officers of the Cuſtoms to take Entries.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Officers of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, and they are hereby required to take Entries, and ſign Cocquets, Warrants, and Sufferances, and to do or cauſe to be done, all Acts neceſſary for the entering outwards, ſhipping, or exporting ſuch Machinery, Tools, Utenſils, Implements, Models, Plans, and Things as aforeſaid, or any Parts thereof reſpectively, and that the ſame or the Packages thereof, or the Goods packed therewith, ſhall not be liable to Seizure by ſuch Officers or others; and alſo that it ſhall be lawful for all Captains and Maſters of Ships, Veſſels, Lighters, or Boats, to take the ſame on board thereof for the Purpoſe of exporting the ſame, and in their ſaid Ships, Veſſels, Lighters, and Boats, to export the ſame, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any other Goods or Merchandize may now by Law be exported.

Secretaries of State to authorize Perſons to engage Artificers,

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, by ſuch Writing or Warrant as aforeſaid, to licenſe and authorize any Perſon or Perſons whom he ſhall name for that Purpoſe, to encourage, perſuade, contract, and agree with ſuch Artificers and Workmen, and others, as he or ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall think it neceſſary to employ for the Purpoſe of erecting and eſtabliſhing ſuch Mint as aforeſaid, or for any Purpoſe relative thereto, to go out of this Kingdom for any ſuch Purpoſe, and all Acts done by ſuch Perſon and Perſons, and ſuch Workmen, Artificers, and others, in conformity to ſuch Licence and Authority, ſhall be deemed and taken to be lawful Acts, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

and to do every Thing neceſſary to execute the Work.

IV. And for the better enabling any ſuch Perſon or Perſons to undertake and execute ſuch Work as aforeſaid, be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any of His Majeſty's ſaid Principal Secretaries of State, by ſuch Writing or Warrant as aforeſaid, to licenſe and authorize any Perſon or Perſons to do, or cauſe to be done, any other Matter, Act, or Thing not herein ſpecified, which it ſhall appear neceſſary or expedient to ſuch Secretary to licenſe or authorize for the enabling ſuch Perſon or Perſons or the Perſons employed by him or them, to execute ſuch Work as aforeſaid, and all Acts, Matters, and Things, done in conformity to ſuch Licence and Authority, ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be lawful, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding; and in caſe any Queſtion ſhall ariſe, whether any Act, Matter, or Thing, done or procured to be done by any ſuch Perſon relative to ſuch Work as aforeſaid, hath been done, or procured to be done, in conformity to any ſuch Licence or Authority as aforeſaid, or according to the Intent and Meaning thereof, it ſhall be lawful for any of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, upon Application made by any ſuch Perſon or on his Behalf, by Writing under

his Hand and Seal, to declare whether the ſame hath been done in conformity thereto, or according to ſuch Intent and Meaning; and the Declaration of His Majeſty's ſaid Secretary ſo made that the ſame hath been ſo done, ſhall be final and concluſive Evidence that the ſame hath been ſo done, and ſhall be received in all Caſes as ſuch final and concluſive Evidence.

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