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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to reduce the Allowance of Spirits, Tea, and Tobacco for the Uſe of the Seamen on board certain Ships or Veſſels making ſhort Voyages.

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WHEREAS, by the Laws now in force, Ships or Veſſels found at Anchor or hovering within the Limits of any of the Ports of this Kingdom, or within certain Diſtances of the Coaſts thereof, or which ſhall be diſcovered to have been within the ſaid Limits or Diſtances, and not proceeding on their Voyages, Wind and Weather permitting, unleſs in caſe of unavoidable Neceſſity and Diſtreſs of Weather, of which Neceſſity and Diſtreſs the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall give Notice and make Proof before the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms of any Port within the Limits of which ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be found, immediately after the Arrival of ſuch Ship or Veſſel within the Limits of ſuch Port, having on board any Brandy or other Spirituous Liquors in any Veſſel or Caſk which ſhall not contain Sixty Gallons at the leaſt, (except only for the Uſe of the Seamen then belonging to and on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, not exceeding Two Gallons for each Seaman), or having on board Six Pounds Weight of Tea, or having on board any Tobacco in any Caſk or Package whatever containing leſs than Four hundred and fifty Pounds Weight (except looſe Tobacco for the Uſe of the Seamen on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, not exceeding Five Pounds Weight for each Seaman), then not only all ſuch Goods, but alſo the Ship

or Veſſel on board which they ſhall be found as aforeſaid, with all her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel, are forfeited: And whereas it has been found that great Quantities of Spirits, Tea, and Tobacco have been run into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, without Payment of Duties, from Ships and Veſſels making ſhort Voyages, under Pretext that the ſame is for the Uſe of the Seamen on board the ſaid Ships and Veſſels; for remedy whereof it is expedient that the Quantities allowed for the Uſe of the Seamen in ſuch Caſes ſhould be reduced; 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, if any Ship or Veſſel (not being ſquare-rigged) coming from any Place between *Breſt* on the Coaſt of *France* and the *Helder Point* on the Coaſt of *Holland*, including the *Texel Iſle* and all Places on the *Zuyder Zee*, and all Iſlands on the Coaſt of *France*, the *Netherlands*, and *Holland*, between *Breſt* and the *Texel*, ſhall arrive in any of the Ports of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, or ſhall be found at Anchor or hovering within the Limits of any of the Ports thereof, or within Four Leagues of that Part of the Coaſt thereof which is between the *North Foreland* on the Coaſt of *Kent* and *Beachy Head* on the Coaſt of *Suſſex*, or within Eight Leagues of any other Part of the Coaſt of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, or ſhall have been diſcovered to have been within the ſaid Limits or Diſtances, and not proceeding on her Voyage, Wind and Weather permitting, unleſs in caſe of unavoidable Neceſſity and Diſtreſs of Weather, of which Neceſſity and Diſtreſs the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall give Notice and make Proof before the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms of any Port within the Limits of which ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be found, immediately after the Arrival of ſuch Ship or Veſſel within the Limits of ſuch Port, having on board, for the Uſe of the Seamen then belonging to and on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel any Brandy or other Spirituous Liquors exceeding One Half of a Gallon for each Seaman, or having on board any Tea exceeding Two Pounds Weight in the whole, or having on board any Tobacco, except looſe Tobacco not exceeding One Pound Weight for each Seaman; then not only all ſuch Goods, but alſo the Ship or Veſſel on board which they ſhall be found as aforeſaid, with all her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel, ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Army, Navy, or Marines, or of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe.

Veſſels (not being ſquare-rigged) coming from any Place between Breſt and the Helder, &c. having on board for the Uſe of the Seamen more than the Quantity herein ſpecified of Spirits, Tea, or Tobacco, ſuch Goods and Veſſels ſhall be forfeited.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Ship or Veſſel (not being ſquare-rigged) coming from any Place between *Breſt* on the Coaſt of *France*, and *Cape Finiſterre* on the Coaſt of *Spain*, including all Iſlands on the Coaſts of *France* and *Spain* between thoſe Places, or coming from any Place between the *Helder Point* on the Coaſt of *Holland* and *North Bergen* on the Coaſt of *Norway*, or from any Place as far up the *Cattegat* as *Gottenburgh*, including all Iſlands on the Coaſts between thoſe Places, ſhall arrive in any of the Ports of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain*, or ſhall be found at Anchor or hovering, or ſhall have been diſcovered to have been within the ſaid Limits or Diſtances, and not proceeding on her Voyage, Wind and Weather permitting, unleſs in

Such Veſſels coming from any Place between Breſt and Cape Finiſterre, &c. having on board a larger Quantity of Spirits, &c. than hereinmentioned, Goods and

case of unavoidable Neceſſity and Diſtreſs of Weather, of which Neceſſity and Diſtreſs the Maſter or other Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall give Notice and make Proof before the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms of any Port within the Limits of which ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be found, immediately after the Arrival of ſuch Ship or Veſſel within the Limits of ſuch Port, having on board, for the Uſe of the Seamen then belonging to and on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, any Brandy or other Spirituous Liquors exceeding One Gallon for each Seaman, or having on board any Tea exceeding Four Pounds Weight in the whole, or having on board any Tobacco, excepting looſe Tobacco not exceeding Two Pounds Weight for each Seaman; then not only all ſuch Goods, but alſo the Ship or Veſſel on board which they ſhall be found as aforeſaid, with all her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel, ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer or Officers of His Majeſty's Army, Navy, or Marines, or of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe.

Veſſels ſhall be forfeited in like Manner.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures impoſed by this Act ſhall be ſued for, levied, and recovered by ſuch Ways, Means, or Methods, as any Forfeiture is or may be recovered by any Law or Laws of Cuſtoms or Exciſe, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*.

Forfeitures how to be recovered.

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