

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LI.

An Act to amend certain Acts passed in the Fourth Year of King *Edward* the Fourth; First and Tenth Years of Queen *Anne*; First, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Years of King *George* the First; Thirteenth, Twenty-second, and Twenty-ninth Years of King *George* the Second; and Thirteenth and Fifty-seventh Years of King *George* the Third; prohibiting the Payment of the Wages of Workmen in certain Trades otherwise than in the lawful Coin or Money of this Realm. [30th *May* 1818.]

WHEREAS in and by certain Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Edward* the Fourth, and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the Abuses and Frauds of Persons employed in the working up the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, and Iron Manufactures of this Kingdom;* and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging the Woollen Manufacture of Mixt or Medley Broad Cloth, and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein;* and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act to make an Act of the Tenth Year of Her late Majesty, intituled 'An Act for regulating, improving, and encouraging of the Woollen Manufacture of Mixt or Medley Broad Cloth, and for the better Payment of the Poor employed therein,' more effectual for the Benefit of Trade in general; and also to render more effectual an Act of the Seventh Year of Her said Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the better ascertaining the Lengths and Breadths of Woollen Cloth made in the County of* York;' and by certain other Provisions of an Act

1 Ann. c. 18.

10 Ann. c. 16.

1 G. 1. c. 15.

7 Ann. c. 13.

passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George*
12 G. 1. c. 34. the First, intituled *An Act to prevent unlawful Combination of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufacture, and for the better Payment of their Wages;* and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled
13 G. 1. c. 23. *An Act for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture, and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein; and for limiting a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by an Act of the Twelfth Year of His Majesty's Reign, in case of Payment of the Workmen's Wages in any other Manner than in Money;* and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George*
13 G. 2. c. 8. the Second, intituled *An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen* Anne, *intituled 'An Act for 'the more effectual preventing the Abuses and Frauds of Persons employed in 'the working up the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, and Iron Manufactures 'of this Kingdom,' and for extending the said Act to the Manufactures of Leather*; and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second,
22 G. 2. c. 27. intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Frauds and Abuses committed by Persons employed in the Manufacture of Hats, and in the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, Iron, Leather, Fur, Hemp, Flax, Mohair, and Silk Manufactures; and for the preventing the unlawful Combination of Journeymen Dyers and Journeymen Hotpressers, and of all Persons employed in the said several Manufactures; and for the better Payment of their Wages;* and by certain Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign
29 G. 2. c. 33. of His said Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George, *to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages; and also an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture, and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein, and for limiting a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by the aforesaid Act, in case of the Payment of the Workmen's Wages in any other Manner than in Money;* and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the
13 G. 3. Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual the several Laws now in being for the more effectual preventing of Frauds and Abuses, by Persons employed in the Manufacture of Hats, and in the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, Iron, Leather, Fur, Hemp, Flax, Mohair, and Silk Manufactures, and also for making Provisions to prevent Frauds by Journeymen Dyers;* as well as by the Provisions of Two other Acts of the Fifty-seventh *George* Third, the one intituled
57 G. 3. c. 115. *An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King* George *the First, and an Act of the Twenty-second Year of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, against the Payment of Labourers in Goods or by Truck, and to secure their Payment in the lawful Money of this Realm to Labourers employed in the Manufacture of Articles made of Steel, or of Steel or Iron combined, and of Plated Articles, and of other*
57 G. 3. c. 122. *Articles of Cutlery;* and the other intituled *An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King* George *the First, and an Act of the Twenty-second Year of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, against Payment of Labourers in Goods or by Truck, and to secure their Payment in the lawful Money of this Realm, to Labourers employed in the Collieries, or in the working and getting of Coal, in the United Kingdom*

of Great Britain *and* Ireland; *and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to* Scotland *and* Ireland; the Payment of the Wages of Workmen in certain Trades and Occupations in the aforesaid Acts enumerated, in any other Way than in the lawful Coin or Money of this Realm, is prohibited and made penal: And whereas it would be expedient that Persons concerned in the Trades or Occupations, or concerned in the Employment of Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers, of the Descriptions mentioned, in the aforesaid Acts, should be permitted in all Cases where such Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers, shall be willing to receive the same in Payment, to satisfy and pay the Wages of such Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers, in Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or in Notes of any duly licensed Banker or Bankers, issued under the Authority and according to the Provisions of the Acts for the Time being for granting and regulating the Stamp Duties, and other the Act or Acts for the Time being, for that Purpose made and provided: 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 and may be lawful to and for all and every Person or Persons concerned in the Trades or Occupations, or concerned in the Employment of Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers of the Descriptions mentioned in the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, to pay the Wages of their, his, or her Workman or Workmen, Labourer or Labourers, Artificer or Artificers, in a Note or Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or in a Note or Notes of any duly licensed Banker or Bankers, issued under the Authority of the Statutes for the Time being in that Behalf made and provided, and according to the Provisions of the Statutes for the Time being for granting and regulating the Stamp Duties in all Cases where his, her, or their Labourer or Labourers, Workman or Workmen, Artificer or Artificers, shall freely and voluntarily consent, and be willing to accept and receive the same in Payment, or Satisfaction of his, her, or their Wages, but not otherwise.

Wages may be paid in Bank Notes if the Party consents.

II. And whereas by the said Acts or some of them it is provided, that the Forfeitures and Penalties thereby imposed on Persons concerned in the Trades and Occupations, or concerned in the Employment of Artificers, Workmen, and Labourers of the Description therein mentioned, who shall pay the Wages of the said Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers, or any Part thereof, otherwise than in the lawful Coin or Money of this Realm, contrary to the Provisions of the said Acts, shall be paid in some Cases to the Artificers, Workmen, and Labourers, and in other Cases one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Party or Parties aggrieved: And whereas it would tend to the more easy Conviction of Offenders, if the said Forfeitures and Penalties were in future in all Cases to be paid, one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Poor of the Parish in which the Offence is committed; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said Acts or any of them as directs the Payment of the said Forfeitures and Penalties, either to the Labourers, Artificers, or Workmen themselves, or in equal Moieties to the Informer and to the Party or Parties aggrieved, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of recited Acts as relates to Payment of Forfeitures repealed.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person or Persons shall incur and be convicted in any Penalty or Penalties under any of the said Acts, such Penalty or Penalties, in which any

One Moiety of Forfeitures to Informer,

the other to the Poor of the Parish.

any such Person or Persons shall be so convicted, instead of being applied as by the said Acts or any of them is directed, shall be paid and applied, one Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or in *Scotland* to the Kirk Session of the Parish within which the said Offence shall have been committed, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

If Informer give Evidence, Penalty to go to the Poor.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Informer shall be called to give Evidence, the whole of the Penalty shall in that Case go to the Poor of the Parish.

Form of Conviction in Schedule (A.) to be adopted.

V. And whereas Difficulties have occurred in the Execution of the aforesaid Acts by reason of there being no Form of Conviction therein enacted; be it therefore enacted, That for the more effectually preventing the pernicious Practices mentioned in the said recited Acts, and for the more easy and effectual carrying into Effect the wholesome Provisions of the said Acts, the Form of Conviction inserted in Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed shall be deemed and taken to be the legal and proper Form of Conviction as to any Penalty or Penalties to be incurred under any or either of the aforesaid Acts.

Powers of recited Acts extended to this Act.

VI. And be it also further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Regulations, Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures in the said Acts or any of them contained, for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be exercised, enforced, levied, recovered, and applied, in as ample and full a manner as if the same had been hereby enacted.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Shire to wit. } BE it remembered, That on this Day of at in the said County of *A.B.* of in the said County of was duly convicted before us (Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid), in the Penalty of , for having paid or caused to be paid the Sum of due to *C.D.* of the Parish of for Wages for Work done for him the said *A.B.* in the Trade or Occupation of , otherwise than as provided and directed by an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend certain Acts passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King* Edward *the Fourth*; *First, and Tenth Years of the Reign of Queen* Anne; *the First, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King* George *the First*; *the Thirteenth, Twenty-second, and Twenty-ninth Years of the Reign of King* George *the Second*; *and the Thirteenth and Fifty-seventh Years of the Reign of King* George *the Third*; *prohibiting the Payment of the Wages of the Workmen in certain Trades, otherwise than in the lawful Coin or Money of this Realm.* Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written.

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