

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXXII.

An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Grain in *Ireland*.

[5th *June* 1818.]

WHEREAS divers Frauds are often practiſed by Perſons in *Ireland* ſelling or offering to Sale Wheat, Rye, Meſlin, Peas, Beans, Barley, Bere, Oats, Shillin, Cutlings, Meal, Flour, and Malt, by ſpoiling or adulterating the ſame, or Part thereof, or producing to the View of the intended Buyer a Species of ſuch Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour, of a Quality ſuperior to the Bulk of that ſo offered to Sale, in order by ſuch Means to deceive and defraud the Buyer thereof, or the Perſon to whom the ſame ſhall be offered to Sale: To prevent ſuch injurious Practices, 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 Perſon or Perſons in *Ireland* ſhall ſell or offer to Sale any of the ſaid Sorts of Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour, which ſhall in the whole or in part be ſpoiled or adulterated by wetting or mixing therewith any Sand, Gravel, Dirt, or rotten or damaged Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour, or grown or blighted Corn, or other kind of Stuff, or which ſhall not be in Quality of equal Goodneſs to that produced to the View of the intended Buyer or Buyers thereof, or ſhall uſe any other Fraud or Deceit therein, or in order to make ſuch Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour appear heavier than it would have been without ſuch Mixture, Fraud or Deceit, every Perſon, being lawfully convicted of any of the ſaid Frauds or Deceits by the Oath of One credible

Corn, &c. adulterated offered for Sale ſhall be forfeited.

Witneſs

Witneſs before any One Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate in any City or Town Corporate in *Ireland* where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, or before any Two Juſtices of the Peace in any Place in *Ireland*, not being a City or Town Corporate, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit all ſuch Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour, One Half thereof to the Uſe of the Informer, and the other Half to the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall have been committed, and alſo the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of ſuch Offender's Goods; One Moiety of which ſaid Sum of Forty Shillings ſhall be to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh as aforeſaid.

Application of the Forfeiture, and a Penalty of 40s.

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