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An Act to carry into Effect a Convention of Commerce concluded between His Majesty and the United States of *America*, and a Treaty with the Prince Regent of *Portugal*.

[2d *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS a Convention of Commerce and Navigation was concluded between His Majesty and the United States of *America*, bearing Date the Third Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, for Four Years from the said Date: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to carry into Effect a Convention of Commerce concluded between His Majesty and the United States of* America: And whereas another Act was passed in the same Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act to carry into Effect a Convention of Commerce concluded between His Majesty and the United States of* America:' And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign, intituled

Convention, dated 3d July 1815.

56 G. 3. c.15.

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57 G.3. c.58. *An Act to allow* British *Goods to be exported direct from this Country to the United States of* America, *upon the same Terms as when exported to any Foreign Country:* And whereas a further Convention of Commerce and Navigation has been concluded between His Majesty and the United States of *America*, dated the Twentieth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, whereby in the Fourth Article all the Provisions of the aforesaid Convention, concluded on the Third Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, except as therein excepted, are extended and continued in force for the Term of Ten Years from the Date of the Signature of the said further Convention: And whereas it is expedient to give Effect to such Parts of the said Convention as require the Sanction of Parliament, and to make further Provisions than are contained in the said recited Acts passed in the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Years of His said Majesty's Reign; 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,

Convention, dated 20th Oct. 1818.

Recited Acts repealed.

That the said Acts passed in the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Years of His present Majesty's Reign, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Goods of the Produce of the United States imported in American-built Vessels, shall pay the like Duties as Goods imported in British Vessels.

II. And be it further enacted, That upon the Importation into any Part of the United Kingdom, of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, being the Growth, Production, or Manufacture, of any of the Territories of the United States of *America*, imported direct from the said Territories in any Ship or Vessel built in the Countries belonging to the said States, or any of them, or taken by any of the Ships or Vessels of War belonging to the Government or any of the Inhabitants of the said States, having Commissions or Letters of Marque and Reprisal, from the Government of the said States, and condemned as lawful Prize in any Court of Admiralty there, such Ship or Vessel being owned by the Subjects of the said States, or any of them, and whereof the Master and Three Fourths of the Mariners are also Subjects of the said States, no higher or other Duties shall be charged or paid, than such as are charged and payable upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, of the like Denomination or Description, being the Growth, Production, or Manufacture, of any of the Territories of the United States of *America*, and being imported in *British*-built Ships or Vessels navigated and registered according to Law; any thing contained in an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for repealing the several Duties of Customs chargeable in* Great Britain, *and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof*, or any other Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

49 G.3. c.98.

Goods so imported in American-built Vessels may be sold by Auction free of that Duty.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Goods, Wares, Merchandize, and Effects imported in any Ship or Vessel built in the said United States of *America*, or condemned as Prize there, and being owned and navigated as herein-before mentioned, shall and may be sold by Auction free of the Duty imposed by Law on Goods and

Effects sold by Auction: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to authorize the Sale of any such Goods or Effects free of the said Duty, unless on the First Sale of such Goods or Effects by or for the Account of the original Importer thereof, by whom the same were entered at the Custom House at the Port of Importation, nor unless such Sale shall be made within Twelve Months next after the Time when such Goods or Effects shall have been so imported.

The same Duties shall be payable on Exportation of Goods exported in British-built Vessels to America, as on the Exportation of like Articles to Europe.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the same Duties shall be paid or payable on the Exportation of all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of *Great Britain*, exported direct from thence to any Port or Place within the Territories of the United States of *America* in *British*-built Ships owned, registered, and navigated according to Law, or in Ships built in the United States of *America*, or condemned as Prize there, and being owned and navigated as herein-before mentioned, as are or shall be payable on the Exportation of the like Articles to *Europe*.

Same Bounties allowed on Exportation of Goods in American-built Vessels as in British-built.

V. And be it further enacted, That upon the Exportation from the United Kingdom to the United States of *America* of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of the said United Kingdom or any of His Majesty's Territories in *Europe*, in any Ship or Vessel built in the said United States of *America*, or condemned as Prize there, and being owned and navigated as herein-before mentioned, the same Bounty or Allowance shall be paid as at the Time of such Exportation may be allowed upon the Exportation thereof to the said States in any *British*-built Ship or Vessel navigated and registered according to Law.

Vessels of American-built allowed to clear out for the British Settlements in the East Indies, subject to the same Regulations as British-built Vessels.

VI. And whereas it is expedient that Vessels built in the Countries belonging to the United States of *America*, or any of them, or condemned as Prize there, and being owned and navigated as herein-before mentioned, should be allowed to clear out from any Part of the United Kingdom for the principal Settlements of the *British* Dominions in the *East Indies*, *videlicet*, *Calcutta*, *Madras*, *Bombay*, and *Prince of Wales's Island*, with any Articles which may legally be exported from the United Kingdom to the said Settlements in *British*-built Ships; be it therefore further enacted, That all Vessels built in the said United States of *America*, or any of them, or condemned as Prize there, and being owned and navigated as herein-before mentioned, shall be allowed to clear out from any Port of the United Kingdom for the following principal Settlements of the *British* Dominions in the *East Indies*, *videlicet*, *Calcutta*, *Madras*, *Bombay*, and *Prince of Wales's Island*, with any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize which may be legally exported from the United Kingdom to the said Settlements in *British*-

British-built Vessels, subject to the like Rules and Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures as are now by Law imposed upon the Exportation of such Goods to the said Settlements in *British*-built Ships, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duties of Package, &c. payable to the City of London or any other Corporation not to be affected.

VII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal or in anywise alter the Duties of Package, Scavage, Bailage, or Portage, or any other Duties payable to the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to any other City or Town Corporate within *Great Britain*, or any other special Privilege or Exemption to which any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, is or are now entitled by Law in respect of Goods imported and exported, but the same shall be continued as heretofore.

Duties leviable on American and Portuguese Vessels entering the Ports of this Kingdom, to be the same as those payable on British Vessels.

VIII. And whereas by the aforesaid Convention it is provided, that no higher or other Duties or Charges shall be imposed in any of the Ports in any of His Majesty's Territories in *Europe*, on the Vessels of the United States of *America*, than shall be payable in the same Ports on *British* Vessels: And whereas a similar Provision was made in a Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, concluded between His Majesty and His Royal Highness The Prince Regent of *Portugal*, dated the Nineteenth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and ten; And whereas certain Rates and Duties, under the Denomination of Light Duties, Pilotage, Ballast, Buoyage, and Beaconage Rates, Harbour Duties, and other Dues, are now payable by Law, Charter, special Privilege, or Grant, to the Corporation of Trinity House of *Deptford Strond*, to the Trustees of *Ramsgate* Harbour, to other Bodies Politic and Corporate, and to sundry Persons in whom such Rates and Duties may be vested respectively on Foreign Ships and Vessels, over and above the Rates and Duties payable on *British* Ships: And whereas it is expedient that the Object of the said Treaties should be effectually carried into Execution; be it therefore enacted, That no higher or other Rates or Duties shall be levied on Ships or Vessels of the United States of *America*, or on *Portuguese* Ships or Vessels entering or touching at any of the Ports of the United Kingdom, or of His Majesty's Territories in *Europe*, than are now or which may become hereafter payable on *British* Ships.

Certain Corporations to be paid the Difference of Duties on British and Foreign Vessels out of the Consolidated

IX. And whereas it is expedient that the said Corporation Trustees of *Ramsgate* Harbour, other Bodies Politic and Corporate, and sundry other Persons, in whom such Rates and Duties are vested respectively, should be indemnified for the Loss sustained by Means of this Act; be it further enacted, That the Difference in such Cases between the Rates and Duties due and payable on *British* Ships, and those payable on Foreign Ships, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Duties of Customs; and

for the more effectual Security of the Public Revenue in respect of any Claims which in virtue of this Act may be made, all and every such Claim or Claims shall be transmitted by the aforesaid Trustees, Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Persons interested, or their Agent or Agents, to the Corporation of Trinity House of *Deptford Strond*, who are hereby required to examine the same, and being satisfied as to the Correctness thereof, are to certify the same accordingly, under the Hand of their Secretary or other proper Officer, together with such Claim as the said Corporation may have, to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in *London* quarterly, for their Order for the Payment thereof; and the said Commissoners are hereby required to direct Payment of such Claims out of the Consolidated Duties of Customs to the said Corporation of Trinity House of *Deptford Strond*; and the said Corporation are hereby required, after retaining what may be due as their Right, to pay over to the Trustees of *Ramsgate* Harbour, to other Bodies Politic and Coporate, and to the sundry Persons in whom such Rates and Duties may be vested respectively, the Amount of their respective Claims, subject only to such incidental or other Charges as have heretofore been made in the Collection of such Rates and Duties. Duties of Customs;

X. And in order that the Objects of the said Treaties may be more fully effected, be it further enacted, That so much of the said Duties of Package, Scavage, Bailage, or Portage, or any other Duties payable to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, as have been heretofore paid for or on account of *American* or *Portuguese* Ships, or *American* or *Portuguese* Subjects respectively, shall, after the passing of this Act, be paid out of the Consolidated Duties of Customs to the Collector appointed to receive such Duties; and the said Collector for the Time being is hereby required to transmit to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, Quarterly, an Account or Certificate of such Duties payable on Foreign Ships, and by *American* or *Portuguese* Subjects, for or on account of Merchandize imported or exported by them; the Amount of which Quarterly Accounts or Certificates, after due Examination, and being satisfied as to the Correctness thereof, the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs are hereby required from Time to Time to order to be paid to the said Collector for the Time being out of the Consolidated Duties of Customs accordingly. and the Duties of Package, &c. payable to the Corporation of London on account of American or Portuguese Subjects, shall be payable in like Manner.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this Session of Parliament. Act may be altered this Session.

XII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force so long as the aforesaid further Convention between His Majesty and the United States of *America*, and the aforesaid Treaty between His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of *Portugal*, Continuance of Act.

and so long as any Treaty to be made with any Foreign Power with the similar Provision herein-before recited, shall respectively continue in force.

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