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## CAP. LXVI.

**An Act to make further Provisions for the Regulation of Cotton Mills and Factories, and for the better Preservation of the Health of young Persons employed therein.** [2d *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Preservation of the Health and Morals of Apprentices and others employed in Cotton and other Mills, and Cotton and other Factories:* And whereas it is expedient that some further Provision should be made for the Regulation of Mills, Manufactories, and Buildings, employed in the Preparation and Spinning of Cotton Wool: 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 First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, no Child shall be employed in any Description of Work, for the spinning of Cotton Wool into Yarn, or in any previous Preparation of such Wool, until he or she shall have attained the full Age of Nine Years. 42G.3.c.73. No Child to be employed in Cotton Mills under Nine Years of Age.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Person, being under the Age of Sixteen Years, shall be employed in any Description of Work whatsoever, in spinning Cotton Wool into Yarn, or in the previous Preparation of such Wool, or in the cleaning or repairing of any Mill, Manu- No Person under Sixteen Years of Age, to be employed in any Cotton

Mill, &c. for more than 12 Hours.

Manufactory, or Building, or any Millwork or Machinery therein, for more than Twelve Hours in any one Day, exclusive of the necessary Time for Meals; such Twelve Hours to be between the Hours of Five o'Clock in the Morning and Nine o'Clock in the Evening.

Hours of Meal Time appointed.

III. And be it further enacted, That there shall be allowed to every such Person, in the course of every Day, not less than Half an Hour to Breakfast, and not less than One full Hour for Dinner; such Hour for Dinner to be between the Hours of Eleven o'Clock in Forenoon and Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Time to be made up by accidental Intermission after the Rate of an additional Hour per Day.

IV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That if at any Time, in any such Mill, Manufactory, or Buildings as are situated upon Streams of Water, Time shall be lost in consequence of the Want of a due Supply, or of an Excess of Water, then and in every such Case, and so often as the same shall happen, it shall be lawful for the Proprietors of any such Mill, Manufactory, or Building, to extend the before-mentioned Time of daily Labour, after the Rate of one additional Hour *per* Day, until such lost Time shall have been made good, but no longer.

Ceilings and Walls to be cleansed Twice a Year.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Ceilings and interior Walls of every such Mill, Manufactory, or Building shall be washed with Quick Lime and Water Twice in every Year.

Publication of this Act in every Cotton Mill, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in a conspicuous Part of every such Mill, Manufactory, or Building, a Copy of this Act, or a full and true Abstract of the Regulations provided hereby, shall be hung up and affixed, and signed by the Proprietors, Manager, or Overseer of such Mill, Manufactory, or Building; and that such Copy or Abstract shall be kept and renewed, so that the same shall be at all Times legible.

Penalty on acting contrary to the Provisions of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Master or Mistress, of any such Cotton Mill, Manufactory, or Building, who shall wilfully act contrary to or offend against any of the Provisions of this Act, or any of the Provisions of the above-recited Act, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Ten Pounds, at the Discretion of the Justices before whom such Offender shall be convicted; One Half whereof shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Half to the Overseers of the Poor in *England*, to the Churchwardens in *Ireland*, and to the Ministers and Elders in *Scotland*, of the Parish or Place where such Offence shall be committed; to be by them applied in Aid of the Poor Rate in *England*, and for the Benefit of the Poor in *Ireland* and *Scotland*, of such Parish or Place: Provided always, that all Informations, for Offences against the said recited Act or this Act, shall be laid within Three Calendar Months subsequently to the Offence being committed, and not after the Expiration of such Three Calendar Months: Provided also, that all Penalties inflicted by this Act shall be levied, recovered, and applied in manner directed by the said recited Act.

Application of Penalties.

Limitation of Actions.



VIII. And

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without specially pleading the same. Public Act.

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