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An Act to allow the Importation of Tobacco from the *East Indies* and other Places; and for confining the Exportation of Tobacco from *Great Britain*, and the Importation thereof into *Ireland*, to Vessels of Seventy Tons Burthen and upwards. [6th *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for* 29 G.3. c.68. *repealing the Duties on Tobacco and Snuff, and for granting new Duties in lieu thereof,* it is enacted, that no Tobacco whatever shall be imported or brought into *Great Britain* from any Port or Place whatever, other than some Port or Place within His Majesty's Colonies, Plantations, Islands, or Territories in *America*, or some Port or Place within the United States of *America*, (although the same shall have been legally imported into and exported from *Great Britain*, and returned for want of Sale or otherwise), upon Pain of Forfeiture thereof, together with the Hogsheads, Casks, Chests, Cases, and Packages respectively containing the same, and also the Ship or Vessel in or on board which the same shall be imported or brought, together with her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel; and such Tobacco, Hogsheads, Casks, Chests, Cases, and Packages respectively, and also such Ship or Vessel, with her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel, shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs or Excise: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's

54 G.3. c.36. Reign, intituled *An Act to repeal the Duties of Customs payable on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into* Great Britain *from any Port or Place within the Limits of the Charter granted to The United Company of Merchants trading to the* East Indies; *and to grant other Duties in lieu thereof; and to establish further Regulations for the better Security of the Revenue on Goods so imported; and to alter the Periods of making up and presenting certain Accounts of the said Company to Parliament; to continue in force until the Tenth Day of* April *One thousand eight hundred and nineteen;* and by Table (B.) annexed to the said Act, a Duty of Customs is payable on Tobacco imported into *Great Britain* from some Port or Place within the Limits of the Charter granted to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, either by the said United Company or by Persons authorized so to trade: And whereas it is provided by the said Act, that nothing in that Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to permit or allow any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatever to be imported into or exported from *Great Britain*, in any Way or Manner contrary to any Act or Acts of Parliament in force on or immediately before the Tenth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, except in any Case where Provision is expressly made for that Purpose by that Act, or by an Act passsed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled,

53G.3. c.155. *An Act for continuing in the* East India *Company for a further Term the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with certain exclusive Privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; and for regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the said Company's Charter:* And whereas it is expedient to allow the Importation of unmanufactured Tobacco from Places within the Limits of the Charter granted to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies;* 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 Tobacco may be imported from any Port or Place within the Limits of the Charter granted to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, in any *British* Ship or Vessel owned, registered, and navigated according to Law, any thing in the aforesaid Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that such Tobacco shall not be imported or brought into *Great Britain* in any Cask, Chest, Case, or other Package which shall not contain at the least One hundred Pounds Weight Nett of Tobacco, not packed in Bags or Packages within any such Cask, Chest, Case, or other Package, nor separated or divided within any such Cask, Chest, or Case, or in any Manner whatever, on pain of forfeiting all such Tobacco, with the Casks, Chests, Cases, and other Packages containing the same, and also the Ship, Vessel, or Boat in which the same shall be so imported or brought, with her Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel; and such Tobacco, Casks, Chests, Cases, and other Packages, and also such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, Guns, Furniture, Ammunition, Tackle, and Apparel, shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs or Excise:

Tobacco may be imported from the East Indies in British Vessels:

But in Casks containing not less than 100 lbs. and not in Bags or Packages within such Casks, on pain of Forfeiture.

Provided

Provided always, that such Tobacco shall be subject and liable to all the Provisions of the Acts now in force regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the Charter granted to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*.

Unmanufactured Tobacco may be imported from the Place of its Growth in any Country whatever, either in British-built Vessels or Vessels of the Country whence imported, &c.

II. And whereas it is expedient to permit the Importation of Tobacco from the Place of its Growth, wherever that may be; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import unmanufactured Tobacco from any Place whatever, being the Place of its Growth, in any *British* Ship or Vessel owned, registered, and navigated according to Law, or in any Ship or Vessel of the Built of the Country or Place of which such Tobacco is the Growth, and whereof the Master and Three Fourths of the Mariners at least are of the said Country or Place, or in Vessels which shall have been lawfully condemned as Prize in such Country or Place, and which shall be navigated as aforesaid, any thing in the aforesaid Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His said Majesty's Reign to the contrary notwithstanding; but subject nevertheless to all the Rules, Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures of the said Act, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and not repugnant to the before-mentioned Provision with respect to Tobacco imported from Ports or Places within the Limits of the Charter granted to the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*.

29 G. 3. c. 68.

III. And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for repealing the Duties on Tobacco and Snuff, and for granting new Duties in lieu thereof*, it is enacted, that no Tobacco, either manufactured or unmanufactured, shall be entered or shipped for Exportation to any Parts beyond the Seas, *Ireland* excepted, in any Ship or Vessel whatever, unless such Ship or Vessel shall be of the Burthen of Seventy Tons or upwards: And whereas it is expedient to limit the Exportation of Tobacco to *Ireland* to Vessels of the Burthen of Seventy Tons or upwards in like Manner; be it therefore enacted, That no Tobacco, either manufactured or unmanufactured, shall be entered or shipped for Exportation to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, in any Ship or Vessel whatever, unless such Ship or Vessel shall be of the Burthen of Seventy Tons or upwards; and if the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel outward bound to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, having Tobacco in or on board her, shall enter and clear out such Ship or Vessel at the Custom House as of the Burthen of Seventy Tons or upwards, and such Ship or Vessel shall not be of so great Burthen as Seventy Tons, according to the Rule for Admeasurement prescribed by Law, such Master or other Person shall forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds for every such Offence.

No Tobacco, manufactured or unmanufactured, shall be exported to Ireland in any Vessel under 70 Tons.

Penalty, 100l.

Nor shall any such Tobacco be imported into

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Tobacco, either manufactured or unmanufactured, shall be imported into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland* from that Part of the United Kingdom

Ireland from Great Britain in any Vessel under 70 Tons.

dom called *Great Britain* in any Ship or Vessel whatever, unless such Ship or Vessel shall be of the Burthen of Seventy Tons or upwards; and if the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel which shall import any Tobacco into that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland* from that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain* shall enter such Ship or Vessel at the Custom House as of the Burthen of Seventy Tons or upwards, and such Ship or Vessel shall not be of so great Burthen as Seventy Tons, according to the Rule for Admeasurement prescribed by Law, such Master or other Person shall forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds for every such Offence.

Penalty, 100 l.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

V. And be it further enacted, That such Penalties shall be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated, by such Ways, Means, or Methods as any Penalty may be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by any Law or Laws now in force, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or *Dublin*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* respectively; and that One Moiety of every such Penalty shall be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall inform, discover, or sue for the same.

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