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CAP. XXIX.

An Act to remove Doubts on the Allowances of the Duty paid on *Irish* Starch imported into *Great Britain*, payable on such Starch consumed in preparing Manufactures of Flax or Cotton in *Great Britain*, and for regulating the Importation thereof. [7th *May* 1821.]

WHEREAS Doubts have arisen, whether the like Allowances are payable of the Duty paid for or upon *Irish* Starch imported into *Great Britain*, when employed and consumed in *Great Britain* in preparing and finishing any Manufactures from Flax or Cotton for Sale, or in finishing new Linen in the Piece for Sale, as are by Law allowed and paid for and upon Starch made in *Great Britain*, and so used: To obviate all such Doubts, be it 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 the like Allowance and Allowances of the Duty paid for or upon Starch made in *Great Britain*, and used, employed, spent, and consumed

The like Allowances of Duty on

Starch made in Great Britain used in the Manufacture of Flax or Cotton, or in finishing Linen, shall be allowed for Starch made in Ireland, and imported into Great Britain.

consumed in *Great Britain* in preparing and finishing any Manufactures of Flax or Cotton for Sale, (except such as shall be used in finishing new Linen in the Piece for Sale), and for or upon such Starch, when used, employed, spent and consumed in *Great Britain* in finishing new Linen in the Piece for Sale respectively, is and are payable and shall be allowed and paid for and upon every Pound Weight Avoirdupois of Starch made in *Ireland*, and imported into *Great Britain*; and for and upon which the Duties payable on the Importation thereof have been duly charged and paid, and which shall be used, employed, spent and consumed in *Great Britain* as aforesaid; subject and liable nevertheless to the like Provisions made by Law for or in respect of such Allowance and Allowances payable on Starch made in *Great Britain* and so employed and consumed as aforesaid.

Notice to be given of Intention to export Starch from Ireland specifying Number of Packages and Weight, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the due and regular Importation into *Great Britain* of Starch made in *Ireland*, and better Security of the Duties payable thereon, all Person and Persons intending to export any Starch made in *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, shall, Six Hours at the least before he or they shall ship the same, give to the proper Officer of the Customs of the Port or Place in *Ireland*, where the same shall be intended to be shipped, a Notice thereof in Writing, specifying in such Notice the Number of Boxes or other external Packages, and also the Number of Pieces or Parcels, and Net Weight of the Starch contained in each such Boxes or other external Package respectively, intended to be so shipped, with the respective Marks and Numbers of every such Box or other external Package, and the Tare thereof, (every such external Package having the Word Starch permanently marked on the Outside thereof in distinct Letters of Two Inches in Length at the least, and containing at the least Two hundred and twenty-four Pounds Net Avoirdupois of such Starch, and the Starch therein being in Pieces or Parcels, and each Piece or Parcel enclosed in a separate Paper, tied up with a String, the Ends of which shall cross each other on that Side of the Piece or Parcel where the Ends of the Paper are folded), and also specifying in such Notice the Quay or Place where such Goods are lying, and from which they are intended to be shipped, and the Time when such Shipment is intended to take place, and the Name of the Ship or Vessel in which the same are intended to be shipped and exported, and of the Master or Commander thereof, and of the particular Port or Place in *Great Britain* to which such Goods are intended to be exported; and such Officer shall, upon the Receipt of such Notice and the Production of such Goods, take an Account of such Starch, and of the Marks and Numbers of each of such Boxes or other external Packages, and shall ascertain the Gross Weight of each of such Boxes or other external Packages of Starch, and

Package not to be less than 224lbs. and the Starch to be in Parcels, tied up in the Manner herein mentioned.

Officers to take an Account of such Starch.

and compare the same with the Particulars expressed in such Notice as aforesaid; and the Shipper or Exporter of such Goods shall thereupon nail, screw, or fasten down each of such Boxes or other external Packages; and before shipping the same, give and enter into Bond with sufficient Sureties, to be approved of by the proper Collector of the Customs in *Ireland*, in a Penalty calculated at the Rate of Seven-pence *British* Currency for every Pound Weight Avoirdupois of the Starch mentioned in such Bond, with a Condition thereunder written, that such Starch (being therein described according to the several Particulars specified and contained in such Notice as aforesaid, if upon such Examination as aforesaid the Goods and Packages are found to agree with such Notice) and that every Part thereof shall be shipped and exported as aforesaid, and shall not be unshipped, unladed, or laid on Land, or put on board any other Ship or Vessel in *Great Britain* (except in case of Shipwreck or other unavoidable Accident); which Bond the Collector of the Customs of the Port or Place in *Ireland* from which such Starch is intended to be exported, is hereby directed to take in His Majesty's Name, and to His Majesty's Use; and shall without Fee or Reward, after the Boxes or other external Packages containing such Starch have been seen and inspected on board of such Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, for the Exportation thereof, deliver a Certificate of such Shipment, describing therein the Number of Boxes, or other external Packages, with the respective Marks and Numbers thereof, and the Number of Pieces or Parcels of Starch papered and tied up as aforesaid contained therein respectively, together with the Tare of each such Box or other external Package, and the Net Weight of the Starch therein contained, and also the Date of such Shipment and Bond as aforesaid, with the Name of the Ship or Vessel, and of the Master or Commander thereof, and the Port or Place in *Ireland* at which shipped and from which exported, and the Port or Place in *Great Britain* to which the same is intended to be exported, according to the Particulars contained in such Bond as aforesaid, and shall thereupon deliver such Certificate to such Master or Commander, to accompany the Goods on the said Voyage, and shall transmit a Duplicate of such Certificate by the Post, at the Expence of the Shipper of such Goods, to the Inspector or Port Surveyor of Excise of the Port or Place in *Great Britain* mentioned in such Certificate; and that upon the Arrival of such Ship or Vessel at such Port or Place as aforesaid, or from Necessity at any other Port or Place in *Great Britain*, such Master or Commander shall shew the same to every Officer of Excise who shall board the said Ship or Vessel and demand the Inspection of such Certificate, and shall deliver such Certificate to the proper Inspector or Port Surveyor of Excise, at the Port or Place in *Great Britain* of such Importation, and upon Entry

Bond to be given for the due Exportation.

Certificate of shipping to be given by the proper Officer to the Master of the Vessel, and a Duplicate sent to the Surveyor of the Port of Importation.

On Arrival of Vessel Certificate to be produced, and on Entry of Goods, and the Officer being satisfied as to the legal Importation, a Certificate there-

of shall be transmitted to Ireland, that the Bond may be cancelled.

Entry of such Goods being made at such Port or Place in *Great Britain* as last aforesaid, for Payment of the Duties payable thereon, the Inspector, Surveyor, or Officer of Excise duly appointed for that Purpose, shall and may open every such Box or other external Package, and weigh and compare the Contents thereof with such Certificate thereof as aforesaid, and if he deem it necessary, open the Ends of the Paper in which each Piece or Parcel of such Starch is enclosed and tied up, so as to satisfy himself that the same contains only Starch made in *Ireland;* and if upon such Weighing and Examination thereof, he shall find the same to agree with the Particulars specified in such Certificate as aforesaid, and to be a fair and legal Importation, he shall forthwith, after the Duties payable on the Importation of such Starch shall be fully paid, make out and deliver to the Master or Commander of such Ship or Vessel, a Certificate of the due Importation, Landing, and Examination of, and Payment of Duty on such Starch, specifying the several Particulars aforesaid, and shall, at the Expence of the Importer of such Starch, transmit by Post a Duplicate of such last-mentioned Certificate to the Collector of the Customs of the Port or Place in *Ireland* from which such Starch was shipped or exported as aforesaid, who upon the Receipt of such Certificate is hereby required, after comparing the same with such Bond as aforesaid, to cancel such Bond, if such Certificate and Bond are found to correspond and agree; and such Importer is, after the Delivery of such Certificate as aforesaid, hereby required thereupon, at his own Expence, but in the Presence of the proper Officer of Excise, strongly to affix with warm Paste made with Glue on every Piece or Parcel of Starch so papered and tied up, a Label of thin Paper Three Inches long and Three Inches broad at the least, of a different Colour to that in which the Starch is wrapped; *videlicet*, if the Starch is wrapped in Blue or Brown Paper, the Label shall be White, and if wrapped in White Paper, the Label shall be Blue; and such Label shall be affixed on that Side of the Piece of Starch where the Ends of the Paper shall be folded, and in such Manner as to prevent the opening thereof without tearing the Label; and the proper Officer of Excise shall thereupon stamp every Label on every Piece or Parcel of such Starch, with such Stamp as shall be directed by the Commissioners of Excise for the Duties upon Starch.

Starch so imported shall be labelled and stamped as herein directed.

Notice to be void if Packages do not agree in the Particulars therein specified; and the Person giving Notice shall forfeit 20*l*.

III. And be it further enacted, That if upon the proper Officer of the Customs in *Ireland* taking an Account of and weighing any Packages of Starch produced to him as the Goods specified and described in any such Notice as aforesaid, shall find and discover the same not to agree with the Particulars specified in such Notice, or not according to the Provisions of this Act, every such Notice shall be void, and the Person and Persons giving such Notice shall forfeit

and lose the Sum of Twenty Pounds *British* Currency, to be recovered, paid, and applied as any other Penalty or Penalties by any Law relating to His Majesty's Customs in *Ireland*; and that if any Starch for which any such Bond shall be given as aforesaid, for the due Shipment and Exportation thereof to *Great Britain*, shall not be landed in *Great Britain* (Shipwreck and other unavoidable Accident excepted), and the Duty payable thereon paid, and for which such a Certificate thereof as is herein-before mentioned shall not be delivered to the proper Collector of the Customs in *Ireland* within Three Calendar Months after the Date of such Bond, the Penalty of such Bond shall be forfeited; and if any Starch made in *Ireland* shall, after the Expiration of One Month after the passing of this Act, be shipped in *Ireland* and imported into *Great Britain* otherwise than as aforesaid, or without such *Irish* Certificate as is herein-before provided for that Purpose, or not agreeing therewith in the Weight, Quality, and Description of the Goods or Packages therein specified, or for which such Certificate is not received or delivered at the Time of Importation, or which is not duly entered, and the Duties paid thereon, or on any Piece or Parcel of which the Importer thereof refuses or neglects to affix such Label as aforesaid, or of which any Piece or Parcel shall be removed or concealed from the proper Officer before the same has been marked or stamped thereon by such Officer to denote the Charge of Duty, all such Starch, with the Packages containing the same, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of Excise; and if any Package or Packages shall be imported as aforesaid as Starch made in *Ireland*, which shall be or contain any Foreign Starch or any other Goods or Commodity than Starch made in *Ireland*, all such Goods and Packages shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of Excise; and the Importer and Importers thereof, and every Person concerned therein, shall, over and above such Forfeiture, forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, or Treble the Value of such Goods and Packages, at the Election of His Majesty's Attorney General, to be recovered, paid, and applied as any other Penalty or Penalties by any Law or Laws relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Excise in *Great Britain*.

If Starch be not landed in Great Britain (unavoidable Accident excepted) and Duty paid, &c. within Three Months, Bond shall be forfeited.

If Regulations as to Exportation and Importation be not complied with, Starch shall be forfeited.

If Packages imported as Starch made in Ireland contain Foreign Starch or other Goods, the same shall be forfeited, and the Importer shall also forfeit 100l. or Treble the Value.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Article and Commodity called *British* Gum, or by any other Name or Description, being a Preparation of or from Starch, or of or from any of the Materials from which Starch is made in *Great Britain*, or made in *Ireland* and imported from thence into *Great Britain*, shall be deemed Starch, and subject and liable to all the Duties, Allowances, and Drawbacks imposed, granted, and allowed for and upon Starch, and to the several Laws and Regulations touching or relating thereto.

British Gum to be deemed Starch.

Act may be altered this Session.

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

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