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C A P. LXXXIX.

An Act to repeal so much of an Act of the Twenty-second Year of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, as restrains the Proprietors of Wharfs between *London Bridge* and the *Temple*, from erecting any Buildings or Enclosures thereon.

[10th *July* 1821.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An additional Act for the rebuilding of the City of* London, *uniting of Parishes, and rebuilding of the Cathedral and Parochial Churches within the said City*; it was amongst other Things enacted, that there should be left a continued Tract of Ground from *London Bridge* to the *Temple*, of the Breadth of Forty Foot, from the North Side of the River *Thames*, to be converted into a Quay or public and open Wharf, and that thenceforth after the passing of the said Act there should be no Building or Erection whatsoever (except Cranes, Stairs, and Docks) placed or set within or upon the said Forty Foot of Ground or any Part thereof, between the Places aforesaid: And whereas by the said recited Act it was further enacted, that all the said Tract of Ground of the said Breadth of Forty Foot from the said River, should lie open and at large, without any Division or Separation, and that the Bounds of each Proprietor's Ground therein should be distinguished only by Denter-Stones to be placed in the Pavement thereof: And whereas the said Provisions in the said recited Act have not been found so beneficial to the Trade 22 C. 2. c. 11.

and Commerce of the City of *London* as was hoped and looked for at the passing of the said Act, but on the contrary divers and very many Warehouses and other Buildings have, since the passing of the said recited Act, been built and erected, and are now standing and being, nearer to the said River *Thames* than the Breadth of Forty Feet North of the said River: And whereas the Erection and Continuance of the said Warehouses and Buildings have been found greatly beneficial to the Trade, Commerce, and well-being of the City of *London*; 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, so much of the said recited Act as restricts the Erection of Buildings, and the keeping of the said Tract of Ground without any Division or Separation, within the Distance and between the Places therein named, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

For repealing certain Parts of the recited Act.

Not to affect the Rights of the Corporation of London.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any Manner to take away, abrogate, injure, or affect any Right or Claim to or in respect of any Public Way, Street, Wharf or Stairs, or any other Right, Claim, or Interest belonging to or claimed by the Corporation of the City of *London*, or the Proprietors of the *London Bridge* Waterworks, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, other than and except any Claim which might or may be made or arise from, under, or by virtue of the said recited Act.

Not to establish the Right of Persons or Corporations to any Ground embanked from the River, &c.

III. Provided, and it is hereby further enacted, That the Repeal of the said Restrictions, or any thing herein contained, shall not operate, extend, or be construed to ratify, confirm, or establish the Right or Title of any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, to any Ground or Soil which hath been embanked from or taken out of the said River *Thames* since the passing of the said recited Act, either by virtue thereof or by virtue of any Letters Patent, Charter, or Grant from the Crown, or to prejudice, prevent, or restrain any Proceedings on the Part of the Crown to revoke, recall, or repeal any such Letters Patent, Charter, or Grant, by reason of any Breach, Forfeiture, or Non-performance of the Terms or Conditions upon which the same were or was granted, or to prejudice or affect the Right which the Crown had in or to any such Ground or Soil by virtue of any of its Royal Prerogatives, or otherwise howsoever.

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