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An Act for the Encouragement and Improvement of the Coasting Trade of *Ireland*.

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WHEREAS several of the Provisions contained in an Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act more* 46 G.3. c.87.
effectually to regulate the Collection of the Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported or exported into or from Ireland, *and the Payment of Bounties, Allowances, amd Drawbacks thereon,* are productive of unnecessary Embarrassment and Expence in the Coasting Trade of *Ireland*; and it is just and expedient that the Coasting Trade, in every Part of the United Kingdom, should, as far as local Circumstances will admit, be placed upon the same Footing; 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,

Goods may be transported by Sea from Port to Port in Ireland, without Cocquet or Bond, under Regulations of this Act.

That from and after the Expiration of Ten Days after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person whatever to convey or remove and carry forth to the open Sea any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, which shall be shipped or put on board according to the Directions of this Act, at any Port, Haven, or Creek in *Ireland*, to be landed or discharged at any other Port or Place in *Ireland*, without taking out any Cocquet or Cocquets, or giving any Security by Bond or otherwise for the delivering or discharge thereof at the Port or Place of Delivery or Discharge, any thing in the said recited Act, or in any other Act or Acts in force, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; subject nevertheless to the several Exemptions, Provisoes, Rules, and Regulations herein-after mentioned.

No Goods, prohibited to be exported, or liable to Duty, above 5l. or entitled to Drawback, or having been warehoused and carried Coastwise to another Warehouse, shall be carried Coastwise without Cocquet and Bond.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Goods, Wares, or Merchandize which are or shall be prohibited to be exported from *Ireland* to Foreign Parts, nor any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize which are or shall be liable to any Duty to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors (unless the Amount of such Duty on the Whole of the Cargo so to be carried Coastwise shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds), or which are or shall be entitled to any Drawback or Bounty on the Export thereof, nor any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize which shall by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament have been warehoused upon the Importation thereof into *Ireland*, and afterwards carried and conveyed Coastwise to be again warehoused or for Exportation, shall be allowed to be removed, or shipped, or carried Coastwise in any Ship, Vessel, Boat, or Hoy, from any Port, Haven, or Creek in *Ireland*, until the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, shall have taken out a Cocquet or Cocquets, and become bound to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Delivery and Discharge of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, in such Manner as is required by any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* immediately before the passing of this Act.

Goods allowed to be carried Coastwise without Cocquet, shall be accompanied by Warrant or Sufferance, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize by this Act intended to be allowed to be carried Coastwise without Cocquet and Bond, shall and may be shipped and laden on board any Ship, Vessel, Boat, or Hoy, *British* or *Irish*-built, and owned by *British* or *Irish* Subjects, and navigated according to Law, and in none other, at any Port, Haven, or Creek in *Ireland*, by Warrant or Sufferance, and shall and may be removed and carried forth to the open Sea, to be landed at any other Port or Place in *Ireland* by Transire or Letpass only.

Penalty on forging Warrant or Sufferance, &c. 500l.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person whatever shall counterfeit, rase, alter, or falsify any Warrant, Cocquet, Sufferance, Transire, or Letpass, or any Custom Warrant, Document, or Instrument, or any Indorsement thereon, or any of them, by this Act or the said herein-before recited Act required, every Person so offending

offending shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and the Warrant, Cocquet, Sufferance, Transire, or Letpass, Document or other Instrument, and Endorsement, so counterfeited, rased, or falsified, shall respectively be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

If the Goods shipped exceed the Quantity in the Cocquet, Sufferance, &c. such Excess shall be forfeited.

V. And for the better preventing Frauds in the shipping of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, to be carried Coastwise as aforesaid; be it further enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Ten Days after the passing of this Act, if after the shipping of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, to be carried Coastwise as aforesaid, and after the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of the Ship, Vessel, Boat, or Hoy in which the same shall be shipped, shall have received a Cocquet, Warrant, Sufferance, Transire, Letpass, or other Coast Document, as is directed or required by this or any former Act, expressing or endorsed with the Particulars of the Goods, Wares, or Merchandize which have been shipped, it shall be found by any Officer of the Customs, on Examination thereof, that the said Goods, Wares, and Merchandize shipped or laden on board, shall exceed in Quantity the Particulars of the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize expressed either in the Cocquet, Transire, or Letpass, or other Coast Document aforesaid, obtained for the removing or carrying the same Coastwise, or on the Endorsement to be made upon any Warrant, Sufferance, Letpass, or other Document, as by this or any former Act is directed, all such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, as shall exceed the Quantity so authorized to be carried Coastwise as aforesaid, shall be forfeited and may be seized by any Officer of the Customs.

Commissioners of Customs may authorize Officers at Creeks, &c. to take Coast Bonds, and grant Cocquets, Sufferances, &c.

VI. And whereas Ships and Vessels, employed in the Coasting Trade of *Ireland*, frequently take in their Lading at Creeks, Havens, and Harbours where there are no Officers of the Customs authorized to take the Coast Bond, or to grant the Warrant, Cocquet, Sufferance, Transire, or Letpass required by Law, and great Inconvenience and Expence has arisen to the Merchants and Traders, and to Masters of such Ships or Vessels in consequence thereof; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland*, or any Three of them, whenever it shall appear to be necessary and proper, for the Relief and Accommodation of the Coasting Trade of *Ireland*, to authorize and require any Officer or Officers of the Customs, stationed at any Creek, Haven, or Harbour of *Ireland*, at which any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize may be shipped, in order to be carried Coastwise within the same, to take the Coast Bond, and to grant the Warrant, Sufferance, Cocquet, Transire, Letpass, or other Documents required to be given for the Clearance of such Vessels, and for the Shipping, Delivery, and Discharge of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize in the Port or Place for which the same shall have been entered, or in some other Port or Place in *Ireland*, as the Case may

be, and for returning to the proper Officer of the Customs of the Port where any Coast Bond shall have been given, the Certificate or other Document which in any such Case may be required to be produced to them from the Officer or Officers of the Customs of the Port, Haven, Creek, or Harbour where such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize are intended to be landed and discharged, certifying that such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize were there landed and discharged accordingly; and every Coast Bond, Warrant, Sufferance, Transire, Letpass, Certificate, or other Document taken or granted by and in the Presence of any such Officer or Officers, shall be deemed and taken to be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if taken or granted at the Custom House by and in the Presence of the Collector, Comptroller, or other proper Officer of the Customs for the Port to which such Creek, Haven, or Harbour may belong or appertain; any thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Certain Duties on Entries under 52G.3.c.115. (as to Light Houses) and certain Duties of Tonnage, and on Invoices, &c. under 56 G.3.c.62. (for Dunleary Harbour) repealed as to Coasting Vessels.

VII. And whereas several of the Duties now due and payable on certain Documents required to be taken out on the Entry, Clearance, and Discharge of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize brought and carried Coastwise, or from one Port in *Ireland* to another Port therein, pursuant to an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to make Provision for enabling the Corporation for preserving and improving the Port of* Dublin, *to erect, repair, and maintain Light Houses round the Coasts of* Ireland, *and to raise a Fund for the Discharge thereof;* and also pursuant to another Act, passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for erecting an Harbour for Ships to the Eastward of* Dunleary, *within the Port of* Dublin, are found to be productive of Inconvenience, and to operate to the Discouragement of the Coasting Trade of *Ireland*, and it is therefore expedient to repeal certain of the said Duties; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Ten Days after the passing of this Act, so much of the said first recited Act of the Fifty-second Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, as imposes upon every Entry inwards, and on every Entry outwards, of any Ship or Vessel made in any Port of *Ireland*, and upon every Entry, Cocquet, or Warrant, in any such Port for landing or unshipping, or for shipping any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize inwards or outwards, brought or carried from any Port in *Ireland* to any other Port therein, where the Value of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds, the Sum of Sixpence; and where such Value shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds, the Sum of Two Shillings, so far as the said Duties apply to any Ship or Vessel entering inwards or outwards Coastwise, or to any Entry, Cocquet, or Warrant for any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, shipped to or brought from any Port in *Ireland* to any other Port therein, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that so much of the said last recited Act, passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, as imposes on

every Vessel coming Coastwise from any Port in *Ireland*, and which shall enter the Port and Harbour of *Dublin*, a Duty on the Burthen thereof *per* Ton of Two-pence; also upon each and every Invoice, Outvoice, Coast Cocquet, Cross Channel Cocquet, General Receipt, Tobacco or any other Receipt, and Luggage Permit, which may be had, got, passed, or procured at any Custom House within the Port and Harbour of *Dublin*, a Duty of Two Shillings; upon each and every Coast Permit and Cross Channel Permit, a Duty of Two Shillings; also upon each and every Ship which shall enter the said Port and Harbour of *Dublin*, for Anchorage, Slippage, and City Dues, a Sum or Duty of Seven Shillings and Sixpence, so far as the said several Duties apply to Ships, Vessels, or other Bottoms entering the Port and Harbour of *Dublin*, inwards or outwards, Coastwise, or to any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize brought from any Port in *Ireland* to *Dublin*, or carried from *Dublin* to any other Port in *Ireland*, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

No Bond for the Delivery of Goods to be charged with a Stamp Duty, except Bonds for Goods to be carried Coastwise.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Ten Days after the passing of this Act, in all Cases where, notwithstanding this Act, Security is by Law to be taken, by any Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs in *Ireland*, for any Matter or Cause relating to the carrying or removing any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize Coastwise in *Ireland*, no Bond or Bonds for the Delivery or Discharge of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, at any Port or Place in *Ireland*, shall be charged or chargeable with, or subject or liable to any of the Duties on Stamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, save and except the Duties on such Bonds, as may be taken for the due Delivery at any Port in *Ireland* of any Goods intended to be removed Coastwise, which have been secured in Warehouses without Payment of Duties, pursuant to an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for extending the Provisions of an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, for permitting certain Goods imported into *Ireland* to be warehoused or secured, without the Duties due on the Importation thereof being first paid.

Penalties to be recovered by Laws of Customs or Excise.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, shall be paid, levied, and recovered in *British* Currency, and shall and may be sued for, recovered, levied, and applied in such Manner and Form, and by such Ways and Means, and with such Powers and Authorities, as are prescribed, directed, and appointed in and by any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, relating to the Revenues, Matters, and Things under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties, or of the Commissioners of Inland Excise and Taxes in *Ireland*, as fully to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were herein particularly mentioned and enacted, and with the like Remedy of Appeal to and for the Parties who shall think him, her,

her, or themselves aggrieved or injured as is provided by the said Acts, or any of them.

Act may be altered this Session.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed in this present Session of Parliament.

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