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An Act to repeal so much of several Acts as requires Bonds to be given to His Majesty in certain Cases, and the taking of certain Oaths in Matters relating to the Revenue of Customs, and to prevent Fees being offered or given to Officers and other Persons in the Service of the Customs.

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WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for laying certain Duties upon Gum Senega* 5 G. 3. c. 37.
and Gum Arabic imported into or exported from Great Britain, *and for confining the Exportation of Gum Senega from* Africa *to* Great Britain *only*, it is enacted, that no Gum Senega shall be exported from any Port or Place upon the Coast of *Africa* unto any other Place, unless to *Great Britain* only, under the like Securities as are particularly mentioned in an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for the encourag-* 12 C. 2. c. 18.
ing and increasing of Shipping and Navigation, and also in an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of His said Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act to prevent the Planting of Tobacco in* England, *and regulating the Plantation Trade*, or either of them, with respect to the Goods in those Acts particularly enumerated: And whereas by

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another Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His
26 G. 3. c. 40. said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Production of Manifests; and for more effectually preventing fraudulent Practices in obtaining Bounties and Drawbacks; and in the clandestine relanding of Goods*, it is enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any Officers of His Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain* to permit any Ship or Vessel to be cleared out for Foreign Parts from any Port in *Great Britain*, until the Master and Mate of such Ship or Vessel have respectively given Security to His Majesty by Bond in the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with certain Conditions therein specified: And whereas by another Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of His said late
32 G. 3. c. 50. Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Coast Trade of* Great Britain; *for exempting certain Coast Documents from Stamp Duties; for abolishing the Bond usually called* The Isle of Man Bond; *and for permitting Corn and Grain brought Coastwise to be transhipped into Lighters, for the Purpose of being carried through the Canal from the* Forth *to the* Clyde, it is enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any Officers of His Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain* to permit any Ship or Vessel to be cleared out Coastwise, from any Port or Place whatever in *Great Britain*, until the Master, or other Person taking the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, shall give Security to His Majesty by Bond, in the Sum of One hundred Pounds, with certain Conditions therein specified: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Thirtieth Year of His said late
30 G. 3. c. 4. Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for taking off the Duties upon unwrought Tin exported to any of the Countries beyond the* Cape of Good Hope, it is enacted, that the Exporter of such Tin shall, with One or more sufficient Person or Persons, to be approved by the Collector or Comptroller of the Customs at the Port where such Tin shall be entered for Exportation, give Security by Bond in the Penalty of Double the Value of such Tin (which Security the said Collector or Comptroller is thereby authorized and required to take), in the Name and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with Condition that the same shall be landed in some Port or Place in the Countries beyond the *Cape of Good Hope*: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Forty-eighth Year of His said late
48 G. 3. c. 44. Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Wool to* Ireland, *before Bond given for the due Landing thereof*, it is enacted, that no Wool, Woolfels, Mortlings, Shortlings, Combed Wool, Wool Flocks, or Woollen Bay-yarn, Worsted Yarn, Cruels, or Wool slightly manufactured, which are by Law prohibited from being exported, shall be put on board any Ship, Vessel, or Boat to be exported to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*, unless a Bond be first entered into to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Treble the Value of the Goods so intended to be exported, that the same shall (the Danger of the Seas and Enemies excepted) be landed accordingly: And whereas by another Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His said late Majesty's Reign,
43 G. 3. c. 56. intituled *An Act for regulating the Vessels carrying Passengers from the United Kingdom to His Majesty's Plantations and Settlements Abroad, or to Foreign Parts, with respect to the Number of such Passengers*, it is enacted, that no Clearance or Sufferance shall be granted to any Ship or Vessel, bound to any Port or Place in *North America* with

with Passengers, unless the Master, or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command thereof, and also the Surgeon thereof, where a Surgeon is by that Act required, shall have given Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with Condition that such Master or other Person having such Charge or Command as aforesaid, and such Surgeon where a Surgeon is required, shall severally keep a regular and true Journal of the several Particulars therein specified: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the carrying of Passengers to and from the Island of* Newfoundland *and Coast of* Labrador, it is enacted, that before the sailing of any Ship or Vessel from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom to *Newfoundland*, or the Coast of *Labrador*, with Passengers, the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, and the Owner or Owners thereof, shall enter into Security by Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds, with Condition that there shall not be taken on board any such Ship or Vessel any more such Passengers than are therein-after permitted and allowed: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to regulate the Vessels carrying Passengers from the United Kingdom to certain of His Majesty's Colonies in* North America, it is enacted, that no Ship or Vessel shall sail with Passengers from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom to any Port or Place in *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, *Cape Breton*, or *Prince Edward's Island*, unless the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge or Command of every such Ship or Vessel, and the Owner or Owners thereof, shall enter into Security by Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds, with Condition that there shall not be taken on board any such Ship or Vessel any more such Passengers than are therein-after permitted and allowed, and that every Passenger, if alive, shall be landed at the Port or Place to which such Passenger shall have contracted to be conveyed: And whereas it is inexpedient any longer to require the aforesaid Securities or Bonds; 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 so much of the said recited Acts as require the Securities or Bonds before mentioned, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

56 G. 3. c. 83.

57 G. 3. c. 10.

So much of recited Acts as require Bonds for the Purposes therein mentioned, shall be repealed.

II. And whereas by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for (amongst other Things) amending such Parts of Two Acts made in the last Session of Parliament as relate to certain* East India *Goods and Bugles exported to* Africa; it is enacted, that in every Case where the Owner or Proprietor of any Wrought Silks, *Bengals*, and Stuffs mixed with Silk or Herba of the Manufacture of *Persia*, *China*, or *East India*, or Calicoes painted, dyed, printed, or stained there, or any Bugles which shall have been warehoused according to Law, shall desire to remove the same from one Port of *Great Britain* to any other Port within the same

6 G. 3. c. 40.

same Kingdom, in order to be from thence exported to *Africa*, the Warehouse-keeper or other proper Officer of the Customs shall pack up and secure such Goods under his or their Seal or Seals of Office, and before the same shall be taken out of the Warehouse or Warehouses in which they shall have been deposited, one Bond shall be entered into with sufficient Security to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Double the Value of such Goods, that the same and every Part thereof shall be well and truly delivered without Alteration into the Custody and Possession of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs for the Time being, at some other Port in this Kingdom, to be named and expressed in such Bond: And whereas by another Act passed in the Forty-first Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for permitting* East India *Goods prohibited to be used or worn in* Great Britain, *and warehoused in pursuance of an Act made in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to be removed by Land Carriage to certain Ports for the Purpose of being exported to the* British *Colonies or Plantations in the* West Indies; it is enacted, that whenever *East India* Goods prohibited to be worn or used in *Great Britain* shall be intended to be exported to any *British* Colony or Plantation in the *West Indies*, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs may grant Permission for such Removal by Land Carriage to the Ports of *Liverpool*, *Lancaster*, and *Bristol*, for the Purpose of being exported from thence respectively to the said *British* Colonies or Plantations in the *West Indies*, under such Securities as are now by Law required for certain *East India* prohibited Goods when removed from one Port of *Great Britain* to another, to be from thence exported to *Africa*: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Fiftieth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to permit the Removal of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize from the Port in* Great Britain *where first warehoused, to any other warehousing Port, for the Purpose of Exportation*; Bond is required on the Removal of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize from Ports wherein they have been secured in Warehouses according to Law, to other Ports for the Purpose of being exported, with Condition that the same and every Part thereof shall be delivered without Alteration or Diminution into the Custody and Possession of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Port of *Great Britain* to which the same is intended to be conveyed: And whereas it is expedient to make other Provision in respect of such Goods removed under the Authority of the said recited Acts respectively; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Acts as require the Securities or Bonds before mentioned, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

41 G. 3. c. 21.

50 G. 3. c. 64.

So much of recited Acts as requires Bonds to be given, shall be repealed.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Goods, removed under the Authority of the said recited Acts respectively, shall not be well and truly delivered, without Alteration or Diminution, into the Custody and Possession of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Port of that Part of the United Kingdom called *Great Britain* to which the same are intended to be conveyed, within Three Months from the Time of such Removal, the same shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any

Goods removed under recited Acts to be delivered without Diminution into the Custody of the Collector within Three Months.

Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs; and the Owner, Proprietor, or other Person at whose Instance the same shall be removed, or to whose Hands the same or any Part thereof shall knowingly come, and every Person who shall knowingly harbour, keep, or conceal, or who shall knowingly permit or suffer the same to be harboured, kept, or concealed, shall forfeit Treble the Value thereof; which Forfeitures shall and may be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or Exchequer in *Scotland* respectively; One Moiety whereof shall be to His Majesty, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall inform or sue for the same. Penalty.

IV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for granting a Bounty upon certain Species of* British *and* Irish *Linens exported, and taking off the Duties on the Importation of Foreign raw Linen Yarns made of Flax*; it is provided and enacted, that no Linen of the Manufacture of *Ireland* to be exported from *Great Britain* shall be entitled to the Bounty, unless such Linen shall be at the Time of such Exportation the Property of a Person or Persons residing in *Great Britain*, or in some of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, of which the Exporter or Seller for Exportation of such *Irish* Linen is required to make Oath before the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs of the Port where such *Irish* Linen shall be entered for Exportation, which Oath such Officer or Officers is or are empowered to administer: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for repealing the several Duties of Customs and Excise, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof, and for applying the said Duties together with the other Duties composing the Public Revenue; for permitting the Importation of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, the Produce or Manufacture of the* European *Dominions of the* French *King, into this Kingdom; and for applying certain unclaimed Monies remaining in the Exchequer, for the Payment of Annuities on Lives, to the Reduction of the National Debt*; it is provided, that in order to obtain the Drawback of the Duties of Customs paid upon the Importation of Foreign Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, on the Exportation thereof to Foreign Parts, Proof is first to be made by Certificate from the proper Officers of the Customs of the due Entry and Payment of the Duties inwards, and by the Oath or Affirmation of the Merchants importing and exporting the same: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Thirty-third Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to permit Goods and Commodities of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of* Asia, Africa, *or* America, *legally imported into* Ireland, *to be imported from thence into* Great Britain, it is enacted, that the Master or other Person taking Charge of any Ship or Vessel importing such Goods from *Ireland*, shall, on his Arrival in *Great Britain*, make Oath before the Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer, (who are required to administer the same), that the Casks, Parcels, and Goods mentioned in the Documents and Certificates required by that Act to be produced to the said Collector, Comptroller, or other Chief Officer, are the same Casks, Parcels, and Goods as were taken on board such Ship or

29 G. 2. c. 15.

27 G. 3. c. 13.

33 G. 3. c. 63.

Vessel in *Ireland*: And whereas by another Act, passed in the Forty-
47 G. 3. c. 22. seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to allow for Two Years from and after the passing of this Act, an additional Bounty on Double Refined Sugar, and to extend former Bounties on other Refined Sugar, to such as shall be pounded, crushed, or broken; and to allow for One Year certain Bounties on* British *Plantation Raw Sugar exported*; certain Oaths are thereby required to be made by the Exporter and Refiner of Double Refined Sugar, in order to obtain the Bounty thereon allowable by Law: And whereas by another Act, passed in
58 G. 3. c. 34. the Fifty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to repeal the several Bounties on the Exportation of Refined Sugar from any Part of the United Kingdom, and to allow other Bounties in lieu thereof, until the Fifth Day of* July *One thousand eight hundred and twenty; and for reducing the Size of the Packages in which Refined Sugar may be exported*; it is enacted, that before any Bounty granted and allowed by that Act shall be paid, or any Debenture made out for the same, certain Oaths are required to be made by the Refiner or Refiners, Exporter or Exporters of such Sugar, as therein specified: And whereas it is found not to be expedient to require the said Oaths any longer; be it therefore enacted, That the said recited Acts, so far as regards the taking the Oaths severally required thereby, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

So much of recited Acts as require the taking of Oaths, shall be repealed.

V. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-first Year of
51 G. 3. c. 71. His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the Abolition and Regulation of certain Offices in the Customs*, it is, amongst other Things, enacted, that no Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatever, shall be required, taken, or received by any Officer, Clerk, or other Person executing or performing or assisting in the Execution or Performance of any of the Duties, or acting in any of the Offices or Employments in or belonging to His Majesty's Customs in the Port of *London*, for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing done or performed, or to be done or performed, by any or either of such Officers, Clerks, or other Persons, on account of or relating to any such Office or Employment, except as therein-after is provided: And whereas the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* have, by virtue of a Power granted to them by the said Act, extended the Provisions thereof to the Outports of *Great Britain*, and to the Officers, Clerks, and other Persons employed in the Service of the Customs therein: And whereas it has been found that many evil-disposed Persons do, notwithstanding the Provisions of the said Act, offer and give Fees, Perquisites, Gratuities, or Rewards to Officers, Clerks, and other Persons employed in the Service of the Customs, who are by the afore-recited Act prohibited from receiving the same, whereby the Provisions of the said Act have been very much defeated; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the passing of this Act, give, offer, or promise to give any Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatever, to any such Officer, Clerk, or other Person, for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing done or performed, or to be done or performed, by any or either of such Officers,

Penalty on giving Fees to Officers, &c. 500*l*.

Officers, Clerks, or other Persons, on account of or relating to any such Office or Employment, every such Person or Persons shall, for each and every such Offence (whether the same Offer or Promise be accepted or performed or not), forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Forfeiture how to be prosecuted and applied.

VI. And be it further enacted, That such Forfeiture shall and may be prosecuted and sued for in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh*; One Moiety to be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Use of such Person or Persons who shall prosecute or sue for the same.

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