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An Act to amend an Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for the Encouragement and Improvement of the *Irish* Fisheries. [24th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the further Encouragement and Improvement of the* Irish *Fisheries*, it is among other Things enacted, that a Bounty of Fifty Shillings *per* Ton shall be paid annually, out of His Majesty's Revenues under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland*, to the Owner or Owners of all such decked Vessel or Vessels, if not less than Fifteen Tons Burthen, or to the Person or Persons hiring or chartering such Vessel or Vessels, which shall be fitted out from any Port in *Ireland* for Fishing and curing Fish in the *Irish* Fisheries, in the Manner and under the Conditions therein particularly described: And whereas it is expedient that the said Bounty should be repealed, so far as regards the Herring Fishery, and another Bounty granted in lieu thereof, and that the said Act should be altered

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and amended: 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 passing of this Act the said Bounty of Fifty Shillings *per* Ton shall cease and determine, and shall be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as regards the Herring Fishery in the said recited Act mentioned; and that in lieu of the Bounty so repealed, a Bounty of Three Pounds *per* Ton shall be paid annually out of His Majesty's Revenues under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland*, to the Owner or Owners of any whole-decked or half-decked Vessel or Vessels, if not less than Fifteen Tons Burthen, or to the Person or Persons hiring or chartering such Vessel or Vessels, being *Irish* or *British* built, or a Prize Vessel legally condemned in any of His Majesty's Courts of Admiralty, and owned in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, and manned, navigated, and registered according to Law, which shall at any Time after the passing of this Act be fitted out from any Port in *Ireland* for and shall be actually employed in the open Sea White Herring Fishery, in the Manner and under the Conditions mentioned in the said Act and in this Act: Provided always, that such Bounty shall not, in respect of any Vessel, be computed or paid on any greater Number of Tons than Sixty, although such Vessel shall be of greater Burthen.

The Bounty of 50s. per Ton granted by recited Act repealed, so far as regards the Herring Fishery; and instead thereof 3l. per Ton shall be paid for Vessels of not less than 15 Tons.

No Vessel to be paid for more than 60 Tons.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Vessel shall be deemed to be properly fitted out for and to be duly employed in the open Sea White Herring Fishery, so as to entitle the Owner or Owners to any Bounty on the Tonnage thereof by virtue of this Act, unless such Vessel be provided with Two sufficient Barrels and Three Bushels of Salt at least for every Ton of the Admeasurement of such Vessel, nor unless such Vessel shall be provided with Three hundred and thirty-five Square Yards of Netting, at the least, for every Ton of her Admeasurement, together with a suitable Rope of proper Dimensions to ride by the Nets of such Vessel, and other necessary Materials for the Equipment and Mounting thereof; nor unless such Vessel shall be manned with the Number of Men following at the least; that is to say, with Five Men if such Vessel shall not exceed the Burthen of Twenty Tons; with Six Men if she shall exceed the Burthen of Twenty Tons, and shall be under the Burthen of Thirty Tons; and if she shall exceed the Burthen of Thirty Tons, then with such Number of Men more than Six as shall from Time to Time be required by any Regulations to be made for that Purpose by the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries.

Vessels to be provided with Two Barrels and Three Bushels of Salt and 335 Square Yards of Netting for every Ton, &c.

To be manned as herein mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted, That in order to entitle any Person who shall claim any Bounty on the Tonnage of any Vessels to receive such Bounty by virtue of this Act, the Crew of every such Vessel shall fish in the open Sea (and not in any River, Bay, or Lock), off some Part or Parts of the Coast of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*,

The Crew shall fish in the open Sea.

or the *Isle of Man*, and shall shoot and haul the Nets directly from and into the Vessel, without the Intervention or Use of a small Boat, the Nets being attached to the Vessel while they are set, and the Vessel not being at Anchor when the Crew are shooting the Nets, during the Time the Nets are set, nor while the Crew are hauling or taking them in, (except in any Case where it may be necessary to cast Anchor for the Safety of the Vessel, such Necessity to be stated in the Journal after-mentioned); that the said Crew shall diligently prosecute the Fishery in an orderly and regular Manner for Sixty Days, exclusive of *Saturdays* and *Sundays*, reckoning from the Day of first shooting the Nets, that the Crew shall have the Nets shot during such Part of every Twenty-four Hours of the said Sixty Days as shall be necessary for the successful Prosecution of the Fishery, and shall not impede or obstruct the Crew of any other Vessel or Boat employed in the Fishery; and if from Stress of Weather, Loss of Nets, or other unavoidable Cause, the Crew shall be compelled to discontinue fishing, they shall, at the Expiration of the said Sixty Days, exclusive of *Saturdays* and *Sundays*, continue to fish for such longer Time as shall be equal to the Number of Days the Fishing shall have been so discontinued by them; that is to say, such Crew shall fish Sixty Nights complete, whatever Interruption they may have experienced, before the Voyage is completed; and if at any Time it shall happen that only Part of the Netting required to be on board shall be set upon any Fishing Night, the Quantity actually set, and the Cause why the whole was not set, shall be distinctly inserted in the Journal.

Regulations to be observed in Fishing.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Crew of any such Vessel shall take no Fish other than Herrings, except for their Sustenance, nor receive on board the Vessel any Herrings not taken by them; that the Herrings taken intended for Bounty shall be gutted and packed into Barrels on board the Vessel, and the Barrels shall be headed up and stowed away on the same Day the Herrings are caught, if possible; that the Herrings shall not be landed except in the Presence of an Officer of the Fishery, nor shall any Vessel be allowed to return to Port oftener than at the End of each Week (unless compelled by Stress of Weather, or other unavoidable or necessary Cause, to be specified in the Journal), at which Time whatever Deficiency may have taken place in the Number of the Crew, or in the Quantity of the Fishing Materials and Stores required to be on board, shall be supplied and taken on board before the Vessel proceeds again to Sea.

Crew to take no Fish but Herrings, except for Sustenance.

Herrings to be gutted and packed in Barrels.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Master of every such Vessel shall make Oath, before an Officer of the Fishery, of the Observance of the aforegoing Regulations; that the said Master shall keep a Journal containing an Account of every Day's Transactions, mentioning particularly the Distance of the Vessel from the Shore every Time the Nets are shot and hauled, and to what Place on the Shore the Vessel is then opposite, the Quantity of Herrings caught every Day, together with the Number of Barrels thereof gutted

Master to make Oath as to Observance of Regulations, and to keep a Journal, which shall be verified on Oath.

gutted and packed the same Day, and the Marks put upon the Barrels; and that the Truth of the Journal shall be in like Manner verified upon Oath by such Master, who shall deliver the original Copy thereof to the Officer of the Fishery, together with a fair Copy if required.

Herrings to be inspected and certified for Bounty.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Herrings caught, gutted, and cured by the Crew of any such Vessel shall be kept separate and apart from all other Herrings until they shall be produced to the proper Officer of the Fishery, to be inspected, branded, and certified for Bounty; and that the Master and Two of the Mariners shall make Oath before such Officer that the Herrings so produced to him as Herrings caught and cured by the Crew of such Vessel were all and every Part thereof really and truly so caught and cured by the said Crew, and were taken in the open Sea, according to the Regulations herein-before mentioned.

Every Information required by the Officers to be given.

Regulations prescribed by recited Act, and by Commissioners of the Irish Fishery, shall be observed.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Employer, Master, and Crew of every such Vessel shall honestly and truly give every Information that shall be required of them by the Officers of the Fishery relative to the Manner in which the Voyage has been conducted, exclusive of the Information contained in the Master's Journal; and that every Rule and Regulation prescribed by the said recited Act, as amended by this Act, or which has been or shall be prescribed by the Commissioners for the *Irish* Fishery, with respect to Herrings cured on board Vessels or Boats, or on Shore, shall be observed and complied with in regard to Herrings caught and cured by the Crews of any such Vessel, so far as the same are applicable; and that the said Commissioners shall be fully satisfied of the Industry and faithful Dealings of the Crew of every such Vessel.

Deficiency of Netting and of Men by Accident to be immediately supplied.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the Netting shall be diminished by Stress of Weather or other Accident, and the Number of Men required by this Act shall be reduced by Death, Desertion, or otherwise, the Master shall use his utmost Exertions to have the Deficiency supplied, according to such Regulations as the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries shall make, for the Purpose of satisfying themselves that the Loss or Diminution happened entirely from Accident, and not from Connivance or Design.

The Bounty of 3s. per Barrel granted by recited Act repealed as to Herrings; and instead thereof a Bounty of 4s. shall be paid for every

IX. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, it is among other Things enacted, that in order to give Employment and Encouragement to the Industrious Poor residing on the Coasts of *Ireland*, there shall and may be paid a Bounty of Three Shillings *per* Barrel to all Persons residing in *Ireland* who shall cure and pack Herrings, Pilchards, and Mackerel, according to such Rules and Regulations as the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries shall make and appoint for that Purpose; and it is expedient that the said Bounty should

be repealed, and that another Bounty should be granted in lieu thereof, under the Regulations contained in the said recited Act and this Act: Be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Bounty of Three Shillings shall cease and determine, and shall be and the same is hereby repealed, in so far as regards Herrings; and that in lieu thereof a Bounty of Four Shillings a Barrel shall be paid, out of His Majesty's Revenues under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland*, for every Barrel containing Thirty-two Gallons of White Herrings which shall be caught on any Part of the Coasts of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or the *Isle of Man*, and landed in *Ireland*, and which shall be cured and packed according to the Directions of the said Act and of this Act, and which shall be produced to and inspected by the proper Officer of the Fishery.

Barrel containing 32 Gallons of White Herrings.

X. And whereas by the said recited Act it is among other Things enacted, That the Bounties thereby granted *per* Barrel on Herrings, Pilchards, and Mackerel, shall not be paid or allowed unless, among other Things, the Barrel shall contain of Fish, exclusive of the Salt and Brine, Two hundred and twenty-four Pounds Weight, except Herrings, Pilchards, and Mackerel intended to be exported to any Place out of *Europe*, which shall and are thereby required to be re-packed with Great Salt, the Barrel of which Herrings, Pilchards, and Mackerel shall contain Two hundred and twelve Pounds of net Fish: Be it enacted, That (over and above the several Particulars in the said Act required for the obtaining of the Bounty *per* Barrel, and which are not repealed or altered by this Act), the Bounty of Four Shillings *per* Barrel granted by this Act shall not be paid or allowed for any Herrings of which the Barrel shall not contain of Fish, exclusive of the Weight of Salt and Brine, Two hundred and thirty-five Pounds Weight, except Herrings intended to be exported to any Place out of *Europe*, which shall and are hereby required to be re-packed with Great Salt, the Barrel of which Herrings shall contain Two hundred and twelve Pounds of net Fish; and that the said Bounty of Four Shillings *per* Barrel shall not be paid or allowed for any Herrings that were not originally gutted and cured and packed within Twenty-four Hours after they were caught, or for any Herrings which were cured in Bulk, or otherwise than in Barrels, or which, having been cured in Barrels, shall have been afterwards laid in Bulk, or which shall not be bung-packed or re-packed, and in all respects properly cured and packed, or for any Barrel of Herrings on which any Mark or Character whatsoever formerly branded shall be found to have been altered or defaced; and if any Herrings (other than Herrings re-packed with Great Salt) of which the Barrel shall not contain of net Fish, exclusive of the Weight of Salt and Brine, Two hundred and thirty-five Pounds, or if any Herrings re-packed with Great Salt, of which the Barrel shall not contain of net Fish Two hundred and twelve Pounds Weight, or any Herrings which were not originally gutted, cured, and packed within Twenty-four Hours after they were caught, or which were cured in Bulk, or otherwise than in Barrels, or which having been cured in Barrels shall have been afterwards

Barrel of Fish, exclusive of Salt and Brine, to contain 235 lb. except Herrings to be exported out of Europe, which shall be re-packed, and the Barrel to contain 212 lb. of net Fish.

Herrings to be packed within 24 Hours, &c.

Non-compliance with the above Regulations subjects the Herrings to Forfeiture, on Production for the Bounty.

afterwards laid in Bulk, or any Herrings mixed or packed with any such Herrings as aforesaid, shall be produced to any Officer of the Fishery, to be branded in his Presence and certified by him, for the Purpose of obtaining the said Bounty of Four Shillings for the same, all such Herrings, with the Barrel or Barrels containing the same, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Fishery.

No Barrel of Herrings re-packed or bung-packed entitled to Bounty, unless 15 Days shall have intervened from the original Packing, &c. Liable to Forfeiture.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Barrel of Herrings re-packed or bung-packed shall be deemed entitled to the Bounty of Four Shillings *per* Barrel granted by this Act, unless a Space of Time not less than Fifteen Days shall have intervened from and after the Day when the said re-packed Herrings were originally cured and packed, and before the Day when the same were begun to be re-packed, or unless a Space of Time not less than Fifteen Days shall have intervened from and after the Day when such bung-packed Herrings were originally cured and packed, and before the Day when the same were completely bung-packed; and if any Barrel of Herrings re-packed or bung-packed shall be produced to any Officer of the Fishery in order to obtain the said Bounty, not being entitled thereto according to the Provisions of this Act, the same shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Fishery.

Herrings to be gutted with a Knife.

Commissioner of Irish Fisheries to make Regulations.

If Herrings are gutted otherwise than with a Knife, Commissioners may withhold Part of the Bounty.

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, Herrings, in respect of which the Bounty by this Act granted shall be intended to be claimed, shall be gutted with a Knife in the Manner practised by the *Dutch* Fishermen; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries to make Rules and Regulations for carrying the Purposes of this Provision into effect; and every Person who is required by the said Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His late Majesty to keep a Journal or Account of Herrings cured shall mention therein whether the Herrings taken, cured, and gutted every Day, or what Part thereof, were wholly gutted with a Knife according to the Regulations to be made pursuant to this Act; and if any Barrels or Half Barrels of Herrings which shall have been gutted otherwise than with a Knife in the Manner hereby directed shall be produced to any Officer of the Fishery in order to be branded and certified for the Bounty hereby granted, the said Officer shall, in the Debenture or Certificate to be granted by him pursuant to the said Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, describe or distinguish such Barrel or Half Barrels of Herrings as have been gutted otherwise than as hereby directed; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries, in the Allowance under the Hands of the said Commissioners required by the said Act to be made at the Foot of the Debenture or Certificate of the Officer, to cause to be disallowed and withholden a Part of the Bounty granted by this Act, not exceeding Sixpence for each and every Barrel, and Threepence for every Half Barrel of such Herrings as last above-mentioned.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That every Half Barrel of White Herrings shall, whether bung-packed or re-packed, contain Half the Quantity of Fish, exclusive of Salt and Brine, which a Barrel of Herrings, whether bung-packed or re-packed, is by this Act required to contain respectively, and shall be entitled to Half of the Bounty, and be subject to all Rules, Regulations, Penalties and Forfeitures, to which a Barrel of Herrings in the like Case is liable.

Half Barrels to contain Half the Quantity of Fish required for a whole Barrel.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Person shall use in any River or Lock, or at Sea, in or on the Coast of *Ireland*, any Herring Net, or any Traul Net, Drag Net, or other Sea Net for the taking of Herrings, which shall have a Mesh of less than One Inch from Knot to Knot, or which shall have any False or Double Bottom, Cod, or Pouch, or shall put any Net, though of legal Size, behind any other Net or Nets, to destroy the small Fish; and that every Person offending herein shall forfeit every such Net as aforesaid, and the Sum of Forty Pounds for every such Offence; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries to cause every such Net to be burnt.

No Herring Nets, &c. shall have a Mesh of less than One Inch from Knot to Knot, or any false or Double Bottom, &c. Penalty 40*l*.

XV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no White Herrings or Pilchards or Mackerel, or other Fish, shall be cured, packed, or put up in *Ireland*, or on board any Vessel or Boat employed in the *Irish* Fishery, in any Barrel which shall be made in Whole or in Part of Fir; and that no White Herrings, Pilchards, or Mackerel shall be cured, pickled, or put up in any Barrel which shall not be One-half Part of an Inch in Thickness throughout of made Work, or which shall contain less than Thirty-two Gallons *English* Wine Measure; and that no Cod, Ling, Hake, Haddock, Glassen, or Conger Eel, shall be cured, pickled or put up in any Barrel which shall not be Three-fourth Parts of an Inch in Thickness throughout of made Work, nor in any Barrel which shall not be Three Quarters bound (but not twigged), nor in any Barrel which shall contain less than Thirty-two Gallons *English* Wine Measure; and that if any White Herrings, Pilchards or Mackerel, Cod, Ling, Hake, Haddock, Glassen or Conger Eel respectively, shall be cured, packed, or put up in any Barrel contrary to the Directions of this Act, all such Herrings, Pilchards, Mackerel, Cod, Ling, Hake, Haddock, Glassen, or Conger Eel respectively, with the Barrel containing the same, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Fishery, Customs, or Excise.

No White Herrings &c. shall be packed in a Fir Barrel.

Thickness, &c. of Barrels to be used.

Fish packed in Barrels contrary to the Directions of this Act, forfeited.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any White Herrings caught and cured in the *British* Fishery, and for which the Bounty granted for the Encouragement thereof shall have been paid or allowed, shall be produced to any Officer of the *Irish* Fishery for the Purpose of obtaining the Bounty granted by this Act; or if any White Herrings caught and cured in the *Irish* Fishery, and for which the

If Herrings caught in the British Fishery, for which Bounty shall have been paid, shall be produced to the Officer

of the Irish Fishery for the like Purpose; or if caught in the Irish Fishery and produced to the Officer of the British Fishery, the Fish shall be forfeited, and the Offender shall forfeit 500l.

the Bounty granted by this Act shall have been paid or allowed, shall be produced to any Officer of the *British* Fishery for the Purpose of obtaining the Bounty granted for the Encouragment of the Herring Fishery in *Great Britain*, all such Herrings with the Barrels containing the same shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Fishery, Customs, or Excise; and the Person or Persons producing the same shall also forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Five hundred Pounds *British* Currency, to be received and applied in such Manner as any Penalty is directed to be received and applied under any Act or Acts in force for the Encouragement of the Fisheries in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively.

The annual Sum of 5,000l. granted by recited Act shall not be applied in any Way to increase the Tonnage or Barrel Bounty granted by this Act.

XVII. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, it is among other Things enacted, That a Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five thousand Pounds in any one Year may be paid to the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries out of the Revenues of the Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland*, to be applied by the said Commissioners in the Encouragement of such Coast Fisheries, under such Orders, Rules, Regulations, and Directions as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time think fit to make for that Purpose: Be it enacted, That the said Sum or Sums of Money shall not be applied by the said Commissioners in any Manner or Way so as to increase the Tonnage or Barrel Bounty granted by this Act for the Encouragement of the Herring Fishery in *Ireland*; any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

A Bounty of 2s. 6d. for every Barrel of Cod, &c. cured on the Coasts of Ireland shall be paid.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That there shall and may be paid a Bounty of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every Barrel of Cod, Ling, Hake, Haddock, Glassen or Conger Eel taken on the Coasts of *Ireland*, and cured with Pickle, by Persons residing in *Ireland*, and curing such Fish according to such Rules and Regulations as the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries shall from Time to Time make and appoint for that Purpose.

Fish taken by Vessels fitted out before the passing of this Act entitled to the Bounty under recited Act.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Vessel or Vessels shall have been fitted out or shall have sailed from any Port in *Ireland* for the *Irish* Fisheries at any Time before the passing of this Act, all Fish which shall be taken or purchased by the Crew of every such Vessel, and which shall be cured according to the Directions of the said recited Act, shall be entitled to the Bounties granted by the said recited Act, and under the Rules and Regulations in the said recited Act contained; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Salt to be taken Duty free under

XX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to take, free of Duty, any Quantity of Salt from and out of

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any Store House, Warehouse, or Cellar, in which such Salt shall have been deposited, under the Regulations 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 effectually to regulate the Collection of the Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes imported or exported into or from* Ireland, *and the Payment of Bounties, Allowances, and Drawbacks thereon;* provided that the Person or Persons so taking out such Salt shall first enter into a Bond to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Fifteen Shillings for every Bushel of such Salt, containing Fifty-six Pounds to every Bushel, which shall be so taken out of Warehouse, with Condition that such Salt, or any Part thereof, shall not be landed in *Great Britain* or the *Isle of Man;* but that the same shall really and truly be used and expended in the curing of Fish under the Regulations of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful for the superior Officers of the Customs (not being under the Degree of a Coast Surveyor or Land Waiter) at the Port or Place where such Salt shall be warehoused, to take such Bond; and the giving such Bond or Security shall vacate the Bond or Security entered into on the warehousing of such Salt, so far only as relates to the Quantity of such Salt so taken out of such Warehouse and used in the curing of such Fish, but no further; and such Bond so given under the Directions of this Act shall be vacated on the Production of such Certificate for the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries as shall be satisfactory to the Commissioners of Customs and Port Duties in *Ireland.*

the Regulations of 46 G. 3. c. 87.

Bond to be entered into that the Salt shall not be landed in Great Britain or the Isle of Man.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the *Irish* Fisheries from Time to Time to make such Regulations as to them shall seem fit and necessary, for the regulating the Quantity of Salt to be taken on board any Vessel employed in fishing for Cod, Ling, Hake, Haddock, Glassen, or Conger Eel; and also to make such Regulations as to the said Commissioners shall seem expedient, for the Payment of the Bounties granted by this Act in respect of such Vessels as shall be employed in taking and curing such Cod, Ling, Hake, Haddock, Glassen or Conger Eel.

Commissioners of Irish Fisheries to make Regulations as to the Quantity of Salt to be taken, &c.

XXII. And be it declared and enacted, That the Bounties which after the passing of this Act shall be payable under the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and this present Act, shall be paid according to the Amount thereof in *British* Currency.

Bounties to be paid in British Currency.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be and remain in force for Four Years from the passing thereof, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Continuance of Act.

Act may be altered this Session.

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

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