

ANNO PRIMO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XCIII.

An Act to amend and render more effectual the Provisions of divers Acts, for securing to certain Artificers, Workmen, and Labourers, in such Acts mentioned, the due Payment of their Wages.

[24th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS in and by certain Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Edward* the Fourth, and by certain other Provisions of an Act, passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the Abuses and Frauds of Persons employed in the working up the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, and Iron Manufactures of this Kingdom*; and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act to prevent unlawful Combination of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufacture, and for the better Payment of their Wages*; and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture, and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein, and for limiting a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by an Act of the Twelfth Year of His Majesty's Reign, in case of Payment of the Workmen's Wages in any other Manner than in Money*; and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen* Anne, *intituled 'An Act for the more effectual preventing the Abuses and Frauds of Persons employed in*

4 Ed. 4. c. 1.
1 Ann. st. 2. c. 18.
12 G. 1. c. 34.
13 G. 1. c. 23.
13 G. 2. c. 8.

'in the working up the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, and Iron 'Manufactures of this Kingdom,' and for extending the said Act to the Manufactures of Leather; and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His said late
22G. 2. c. 27. Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Frauds and Abuses committed by Persons employed in the Manufacture of Hats, and in the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, Iron, Leather, Fur, Hemp, Flax, Mohair, and Silk Manufactures; and for the preventing the unlawful Combination of Journeymen Dyers and Journeymen Hotpressers, and of all Persons employed in the said several Manufactures; and for the better Payment of their Wages;* and by certain Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Second,
29G. 2. c. 33. intituled *An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George, *intituled 'An Act to 'prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen 'Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages;' and also an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture, and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein, and for limiting a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by the aforesaid Act, in case of the Payment of the Workmen's Wages in any other Manner than in Money;* and by certain other Provisions of an Act passed in the Seven-
17G. 3. c. 56. teenth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual the several Laws now in being, for the more effectual preventing of Frauds and Abuses by Persons employed in the Manufacture of Hats, and in the Woollen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton, Iron, Leather, Fur, Hemp, Flax, Mohair, and Silk Manufactures, and also for making Provisions to prevent Frauds by Journeymen Dyers;* as well as by the Provisions of Two other Acts of the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George*
57G. 3. c. 115. the Third, the one intituled *An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King* George *the First, and an Act of the Twenty-second Year of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, against the Payment of Labourers in Goods or by Truck, and to secure their Payment in the lawful Money of this Realm, to Labourers employed in the Manufacture of Articles made of Steel, or of Steel or Iron combined, and of Plated Articles, and of other Articles of Cutlery;*
57G. 3. c. 122. and the other intituled *An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act of the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King* George *the First, and an Act of the Twenty-second Year of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, against Payment of Labourers in Goods or by Truck, and to secure their Payment in the lawful Money of this Realm, to Labourers employed in the Collieries, or in the working and getting of Coal in the United Kingdom of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to* Scotland *and* Ireland; the Payment of the Wages of Workmen, in certain Trades and Occupations in the aforesaid Acts enumerated, in any other Way than in the lawful Coin or Money of this Realm, is prohibited, and made penal: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the
58G. 3. c. 51. Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend certain Acts passed in the Fourth Year of King* Edward *the Fourth; First and Tenth Years of Queen* Anne; *First, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Years of King* George *the First; Thirteenth, Twenty-second,*

and Twenty-ninth Years of King George *the Second; and Thirteenth and Fifty-seventh Years of King* George *the Third, prohibiting the Payment of the Wages of Workmen in certain Trades, otherwise than in the lawful Coin or Money of this Realm;* it was made lawful for all Persons concerned in the Trades or Occupations, or concerned in the Employment of Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers of the Descriptions mentioned in the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, to pay the Wages of their Workmen, Labourers, or Artificers, in a Note or Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or in a Note or Notes of any duly licensed Banker or Bankers, issued under the Authority of the Statutes for the Time being in that Behalf made and provided, and according to the Provisions of the Statutes for the Time being, for granting and regulating the Stamp Duties, in all Cases where their Labourers, Workmen, or Artificers should be willing to accept and receive the same in Payment of their Wages, but not otherwise: And whereas the Protection intended to be afforded to Artificers, Workmen, and Labourers of the Description in the said Acts mentioned, by requiring the Payment of their Wages in Money or Bank Notes, is not effectually given by the Provisions in the said Acts contained: 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 if any Person or Persons concerned in the Employment of Artificers, Workmen, or Labourers of the Descriptions mentioned in the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, shall after the passing of this Act at any Time make or impose, or cause to be made or imposed, any Restriction, Stipulation, or Agreement, either directly or indirectly, as to the Place or Manner of expending or laying out the Whole or any Part of any Wages, Money, or Bank Notes, agreed to be paid to any Artificer, Workmen, or Labourer of the Descriptions mentioned in the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, or as to the Person or Persons with whom the same or any Part of such Wages, Money, or Bank Notes shall be expended or laid out, or shall in any way do any thing contrary to or in violation of any of the Provisions of the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, so far as respects the Payment or Receipt of Wages, every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay, in lieu of any Penalty or Penalties imposed by the said recited Acts or any of them, any Sum not less than Ten Pounds nor more than Twenty Pounds, in the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom any such Offender shall be convicted, together with the full Costs and Charges attending such Conviction, and which Costs and Charges such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to ascertain and settle; any thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Persons concerned in the Employment of Workmen shall not make any Stipulation for expending their Wages in Violation of the recited Acts, on Penalty of forfeiting (in lieu of any Penalty imposed by recited Acts) not less than 10*l.* nor more than 20*l.*

II. And be it also further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, and Regulations in the said Acts before mentioned, or any of them contained, for the levying, enforcing, or recovering any Penalty or Forfeiture thereby imposed, shall and may be exercised and applied for the levying, enforcing, or recovering any Forfeiture or Penalty by this Act imposed, in as ample and full a Manner as if the same had been hereby enacted; and all and every Penalties and Penalty, when recovered, shall be applied and disposed of in such Manner as

Powers in former Acts for Recovery of Penalties, to be exercised for enforcing Penalties of this Act.

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Forfeitures and Penalties under the said recited Acts or any of them are, by the said Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, directed to be paid and applied.

Quarter Sessions on Appeal may in certain Cases award Treble Costs.

III. And be it also further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any Court of Quarter Sessions to which any Appeal may be made in pursuance of any Provisions contained in the aforesaid Acts, or any of them, or of this Act, respecting the Payment or Receipt of Wages, to award Treble Costs to be paid by the Appellant or Appellants, in any Case where the Cause of such Appeal shall be by such Court of Quarter Sessions determined against any such Appellant or Appellants, and to enforce the Payment of such Treble Costs in like Manner as such Court may be authorized to enforce the Payment of common Costs awarded by such Court in ordinary Cases.

20 G. 2. c. 19.

IV. And whereas it is by an Act made in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the better adjusting and more easy Recovery of the Wages of certain Servants, and for the better Regulation of such Servants, and of certain Apprentices*, it is enacted, that all Complaints, Differences, and Disputes which shall arise between Masters and Mistresses, and Artificers and Labourers, hired for a Year or longer, respecting Wages, shall be determined by One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace; and in case of Non-payment of the Sum ordered by the Space of Twenty-one Days, then the same may be levied by Distress and Sale: And whereas by another Act made in the Thirty-first Year of His said late Majesty, the Provisions of the said Act are extended to all Servants in Husbandry, although hired for a less Period than a Year: And whereas it is expedient that the Justice or Justices before whom Complaint shall be made shall be empowered to order Payment of the Wages due within a shorter Period; be it therefore enacted, That every Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom any Complaint shall be made in pursuance of the said Acts, or either of them, shall and may order the Amount of the Wages that shall appear due to any such Artificers or Labourers to be paid to the Person entitled thereto within such Period as the said Justice or Justices shall think proper; and in case of Refusal or Non-payment thereof, to levy the same by Distress and Sale, in Manner directed by the said first-recited Act.

Justices may order Payment of Wages within such Period as they think proper.

Distress in case of Refusal.

Continuance of Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be put in force and be executed for the Term of One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer, from the passing thereof.

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