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An Act to regulate the Importation of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition into *Ireland*, and the making, removing, selling, and keeping of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition in *Ireland*, for Seven Years, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

[11th *March* 1822.]

WHEREAS tumultuous Risings have of late happened in *Ireland*, and the Persons engaged therein have practised various secret Contrivances for being supplied with, and keeping Arms and Ammunition: And whereas the Laws heretofore in force in *Ireland* for regulating the Importation, making, removing, selling, and keeping of Gunpowder, Arms, and Ammunition, have lately expired; and it is expedient that, for preventing the clandestine Importation and secret Keeping of Arms, Ammunition, Gunpowder, and Military Stores, in *Ireland*, the Provisions of the said expired Acts should be renewed 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

After passing of this Act, not lawful to import Cannon, Mortars, or Ordnance, Guns, Pistols, &c. without Licence from Lord Lieutenant or Chief Secretary.

of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Person whomsoever to import or bring into *Ireland* any Cannon, Mortars or Ordnance, Guns, Pistols, Gun Locks or Parts of Gun Locks, Pistol Locks, Gun Stocks, Swords, Sword Blades, Bayonets, Pikes, Spears, Spear Heads, Weapons of War, Cannon Balls, Musquet Balls or Pistol Balls, Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, or other Materials used in the making of Gunpowder, or any Military Accoutrements, without having first obtained a Licence for importing or bringing the same, under the Hand of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, of his Under Secretary for the Time being; which Licence shall specify the Number and particular Kind of Arms, Ordnance, Guns, Pistols, Gun Locks, Gun Stocks, Ball, or Accoutrements, and the Quantity of Gunpowder, Brimstone, and Saltpetre, or other Material for making Gunpowder, thereby licensed to be imported.

Persons may land Arms carried for personal Defence, on registering them with Officer of the Port.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any of His Majesty's Subjects coming into *Ireland*, to land such Arms as he shall have actually carried for the Defence of his Person, and as are usually carried for personal Defence, and no other, upon registering the same, and his Name and usual Place of Abode, with the Chief Officer of the Port where he shall land, and obtaining from such Officer a Licence for landing the same; which Licence shall be granted without any Fee or Reward.

Arms, &c. imported without Licence, forfeited; and any Vessel having such on board, in any Port, without Licence, forfeited, with Arms, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall import any Cannon, Arms, Gun Locks, Parts of Gun Locks, Gun Stocks, Ball, Accoutrements, Gunpowder or Ammunition, Brimstone or Saltpetre, or any of the said Articles, without such Licence for the Importation thereof as aforesaid; or if any Ship or other Vessel, or Boat, shall be found in any Port, Harbour, or Creek in *Ireland*, having on board any Cannon, Arms, Gun Locks, Gun Stocks, Ball, Accoutrements, Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, Ammunition, or other Articles, for the Importation of which such Licence shall not have been obtained, all such Cannon, Arms, Gun Locks, Gun Stocks, Ball, Accoutrements, Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, Ammunition, and other Articles, and also such Ship or other Vessel or Boat, with all her Furniture and Apparel, shall be forfeited to His Majesty, and shall and may be seized by any Justice of the Peace or Peace Officer, or by any Officer of His Majesty's Excise or Customs; and all such Cannon, Arms, Gun Locks, Gun Stocks, Ball, Accoutrements, Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, Ammunition, and other Articles, shall be, by the Person seizing the same, deposited in the Excise Office of the District in which the same shall have been seized, or such other Place or Places as shall be appointed for the Purpose by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*; and the Importer or Importers thereof, whether he or they shall be Owner or Owners thereof or not, shall for every such Importation forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; and the Master or Person commanding the Ship or other Vessel in which such Guns, Cannon, Gun Locks, Parts of Gun Locks, Swords, Bayonets, Weapons of War, Ball,

Penalty on Importer 500*l.*

On Master of Vessel 200*l.*

Ball, Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, Ammunition, Military Accoutrements, or other Articles aforesaid, shall be imported or found, shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

No Person in Ireland shall manufacture Gunpowder without Licence from Lord Lieutenant, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Person shall make or manufacture any Gunpowder in *Ireland*, unless he shall have obtained a Licence for that Purpose, under the Hand of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or of his or their Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, of his Under Secretary for the Time being; in which Licence the Place where such Gunpowder shall be made or manufactured, and every Store belonging to such Manufacturer, in which any Gunpowder shall be kept, shall be described, and the Name of the Person superintending the Work at his or their Mills; and if such Maker of Gunpowder hath an Office or Place of Delivery separate from the Mills, the Name of the Person to whom the Gunpowder shall be consigned at such Office, and the Place where such Office is situated; and if any Person shall, after the said Time, make or manufacture any Gunpowder in *Ireland*, without having obtained such Licence, he shall forfeit Five hundred Pounds; and all Gunpowder and Materials for making the same, found in the Possession of or in any House or other Place belonging to such Manufacturer, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any Justice of the Peace, or any Person authorized thereto by Warrant of any Justice of the Peace.

Penalty on making Gunpowder without Licence, 500*l.*

Manufacturer not to sell without Licence of Lord Lieutenant, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Person not being licensed to manufacture Gunpowder as aforesaid, shall deal in or sell Gunpowder by Retail or otherwise in *Ireland*, unless he shall be licensed for that Purpose by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, or in his Absence the Under Secretary for the Time being, which Licence shall be in force for One Year and no longer; and if any Person, not being so licensed to manufacture Gunpowder, shall deal in or sell Gunpowder by Retail or otherwise, without such Licence, every such Person shall forfeit for every Time such Person shall buy any Gunpowder for Sale, or sell any Gunpowder, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and all Gunpowder, and the Casks or Vessels in which the same shall be contained, found in the Possession of such Person, shall be forfeited and seized by any Justice of the Peace, or any Person authorized thereto by Warrant from a Justice of the Peace.

Licence in force for One Year.

Penalty 50*l.* on selling without Licence, and Gunpowder and Vessels forfeited.

Certificate from Quarter Sessions, that Person to be licensed is a proper Person to sell Gunpowder.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Licence to deal in or sell Gunpowder shall be granted as aforesaid, unless the Person requiring the same shall produce a Certificate under the Hands of Two Justices of the Peace assembled at any Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County or County of the City or Town in which the Person requiring such Licence shall reside, or at any Adjournment thereof, or under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace at such Sessions or Adjournment, in pursuance of an Order made at such Sessions or Adjournment, setting forth that the Person applying for such Licence is a proper Person to be licensed to deal in or sell Gunpowder: Provided

Licence may be refused, notwithstanding such Certificate.

vided always, that notwithstanding such Certificate or any other Matter, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or such Chief or Under Secretary, to refuse such Licence, if he or they shall think proper so to do respectively.

Licences may be suspended or annulled, on Notice to Party licensed, by Order from Chief Secretary, &c.

Service of such Order.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or in his Absence for his Under Secretary for the Time being, by an Order in Writing under his Hand, from Time to Time, as often as shall seem expedient, to recall, annul, suspend, or prohibit the acting under the Authority of any such Licence, for so long a Time as to the said Chief Secretary or Under Secretary shall seem expedient, to be expressed by such Order to be issued as aforesaid; with which said Order the Party so licensed shall be served, by leaving a Copy of the same with such Party, or by leaving the same at the Shop or Warehouse of the Party so to be served respectively, and by shewing the said Order to some Person or Persons above the Age of Twelve Years, of or belonging to the Person or Persons so licensed; of which said Service, the Person so serving the same shall make Affidavit in Writing before the Collector of Excise in the District for the Time being in which the said Party shall reside, which Collector is hereby authorized and empowered to administer an Oath, for the Purpose of taking the said Affidavit; which Affidavit when so taken shall be put upon a File to be kept for that Purpose in the Office of the said Collector, together with the Order or Orders so made by the said Chief Secretary or Under Secretary as aforesaid; and in case any Person so licensed shall at any Time after the Service of the said Order, and during the Continuance thereof, and the Prohibition thereby directed, deal in or sell Gunpowder, he shall forfeit all such Gunpowder as he shall have in his Possession, together with the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, which said Gunpowder so forfeited shall and may be seized by any Justice of the Peace, or by any Person authorized thereto by Warrant from a Justice of the Peace, or by any Officer of His Majesty's Revenue of Custom or Excise, who is and are hereby authorized to seize the same to the Use of His Majesty.

Affidavit of Notice to be filed with Order in Collector's Office.

Penalty on Persons who deal in Gunpowder during Prohibition, 500*l.*; and all such Gunpowder may be seized.

Persons not licensed as aforesaid not to keep more than 2 lbs. Weight of Gunpowder, nor any Ordnance, without Licence from Lord Lieutenant, &c. Penalty 500*l.*

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person, not licensed as aforesaid, shall keep in his or her Custody any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight, or any Cannon or other Ordnance, without Licence from the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or the Chief Secretary, or in his Absence the Under Secretary, which Licence shall be of force for One Year and no longer, upon Pain of forfeiting all such Gunpowder, Cannon and other Ordnance to His Majesty, and also a Sum of Five hundred Pounds; and it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, or other Magistrate, to seize, or by Warrant to cause to be seized, any such Cannon or Gunpowder so kept, unless such Licence shall be produced on Demand.

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IX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder shall sell any Quantity of Gunpowder to any Person licensed to deal in or sell Gunpowder, such Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder, or his known Clerk or Manager, shall endorse on the Licence granted to such Person the Quantity sold, and the Time when, and shall sign his Name thereto, or shall for every Neglect therein forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and if any Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder shall sell or deliver to any Person any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight, unless the Person buying the same shall produce such Licence as aforesaid from the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor of *Ireland*, or his Principal or Under Secretary, authorizing the Person buying the same to keep in his or her Possession a greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight, every such Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder shall, for every Time he shall so sell or deliver Gunpowder, forfeit One hundred Pounds; and that it shall be lawful for the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, for his Under Secretary, upon such Licence with the aforesaid Endorsement thereon being produced to him, to grant a Licence for removing and conveying the Quantity of Gunpowder mentioned in such Endorsement to the Person licensed to sell the same.

Manufacturer, &c. shall indorse Certificate as herein.

Penalty 20*l.*

100*l.* Penalty on selling more than 2 lbs. Weight, unless Licence produced by Person buying.

Licence for removing Gunpowder.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder shall, within any Period of Two Calendar Months, sell or deliver to any Person not licensed to deal in or sell Gunpowder under the Provisions of this Act, any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight, so that there shall be sold or delivered to any one and the same Person not so licensed, any greater Quantity than such Quantity of Two Pounds Weight, within any Period of Two Calendar Months as aforesaid; then and in such Case, every such Maker of and Dealer in Gunpowder so selling the same, for every Time he shall so sell or deliver such Gunpowder above the Quantity aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Penalty for selling more than 2lbs. of Gunpowder to any one Person within any Period of Two Months.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person whomsoever to remove from any Part of *Ireland*, either by Inland Carriage or Coastways, any Cannon, Arms, Gun Locks, Balls or Bullets, or any Gunpowder exceeding the Weight of Two Pounds, or any Brimstone or Saltpetre, without such Licence for removing and conveying the same as aforesaid; and that it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace or Peace Officer, or any Officer of the Revenue of Customs or Excise, upon Information, to search for and seize all such Cannon, Arms, Gun Locks, Balls or Bullets, and Gunpowder, or other Articles herein-before mentioned, which shall be removing or removed, or conveying or conveyed, without such Licence, or without producing such Licence on Demand; and the same shall be forfeited to His Majesty, together with the Cart, Car, or other Vehicle on which the same shall be put for Conveyance, and every Horse or other Beast which may be employed for drawing or carrying the same, and the Ship or other Vessel or

Cannon, Arms, &c. not to be removed, nor more than 2lbs. of Gunpowder, without Licence.

Penalty on Removal, 500*l.*

Boat conveying the same; and the Person or Persons who caused the same to be so removed, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Not to prevent carrying Arms for personal Defence or Sporting.

XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Person from carrying Arms for the Defence of his Person, or for Sporting, as by Law he might before the passing of this Act.

None shall keep Gunpowder who are not authorized to keep Arms.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person, not by Law authorized to keep and carry Arms, to keep any Quantity of Gunpowder whatever, whether such Person shall have a Licence or not; and that any Person herein offending shall be dealt with as if he had not any Licence.

Makers and Dealers in Cork and Dublin may send Arms to their Customers there.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Makers of and Dealers in Arms in the Cities or Liberties of *Dublin* and *Cork*, being licensed as hereinafter mentioned, to send Arms to their Customers in the said Cities, in the Day-time, either uncovered, or in Packages conspicuously marked with the Word "Arms," without obtaining a Licence for so removing the same.

Licensed Dealers in Gunpowder to give Notice to Magistrates when they receive any, who shall view the same and Certificates.

Penalty 100*l.*

XV. And be it further enacted, That every Person licensed to deal in or sell Gunpowder shall, within Forty-eight Hours after he or she shall receive any Gunpowder brought to him or her by virtue of such Licence as aforesaid, give Notice of the Arrival thereof to the next Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate, and thereupon it shall be lawful for such Justice or Magistrate to enter into the House of such Persons, and view and examine such Gunpowder, and the said Certificate, with the Endorsement made thereon by the Person who sold such Gunpowder; and such Person shall declare and shew to such Justice or Magistrate, if required, all the Stock of Gunpowder in his or her Possession; and if any such Person shall not give such Notice, or shall not permit such Justice or Magistrate to view or examine such Gunpowder, or shall not declare and shew to such Justice or Magistrate all his or her Stock of Gunpowder, every such Person, for every such Offence, shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and if any Gunpowder, not declared or shewn, shall be found in the Possession of such Person, the same shall be forfeited, and shall be seized by such Justice of the Peace or Magistrate.

Persons licensed, who procure Gunpowder for Persons unlicensed, forfeit 200*l.* and Licences.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if the aforesaid Licence to any Person to deal in or sell Gunpowder, shall be made use of for procuring Gunpowder for the Use of any other Person than the Person named in such Licence; or if any Gunpowder bought in the Name of any Person licensed to deal in or sell Gunpowder, shall be carried, brought, or delivered to any Person other than the Person so licensed, the Person so licensed shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and the Licence before granted to such Person shall become void.

XVII. And

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Maker or Manufacturer of Gunpowder, and every Person dealing as a Factor or Agent in selling the same in *Ireland*, shall, within Thirty Days after the passing of this Act, return an Account to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, or in his Absence to the Under Secretary, of all the Stock of Gunpowder in his or her Possession, describing the Place or Places where the same shall be kept, and the Packages containing the same, and shall verify such Return by Affidavit at the Foot thereof, to be sworn before any Magistrate, and shall provide a Book, in which such Quantity shall be entered; and shall from Time to Time, in the First Week of every Calendar Month, and also upon completing the Manufacture of any Quantity or Quantities of Gunpowder, or receiving the same to be sold, (as the Case may be), make a like Return, verified as aforesaid, and like Entry; and shall also enter in a separate Account to be kept in the said Book, an Account of every Parcel of Gunpowder sold or disposed of, the Time when, and to whom; and it shall be lawful for any Person authorized by the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or in his Absence by his Under Secretary, at all reasonable Times to have Access to the said Book, and to examine the Stock of such Maker or Seller of Gunpowder, and compare and balance the same with the Account kept in the said Book; and if it shall appear that any Fraud hath been committed, or that any Gunpowder hath been sold, sent, or disposed of contrary to the Provisions of this Act, the Person or Persons licensed shall forfeit Fifty Pounds, and the Licence to him, her, or them shall become void, and he, she, or they shall be disabled in future to make or manufacture or sell Gunpowder.

Manufacturers and their Agents shall give Accounts to Chief Secretary as herein, verified on Oath, and shall keep Books for entering such:

And shall keep Accounts of all Gunpowder sold, and to whom.

Penalty 50*l.* Licence void, and Person disabled.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Maker or Manufacturer of Gunpowder, or Factor or Agent selling Gunpowder, shall not make such Returns as aforesaid, verified as aforesaid, or shall not keep such Book, or shall omit any Entries therein required as aforesaid by this Act, or shall not permit the Person thereto authorized to inspect the same, and to examine the Stock of Gunpowder of such Maker, Manufacturer, Factor, or Agent, every such Maker, Manufacturer, Factor, or Agent, shall, for every such Offence respectively, forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Manufacturers or their Agents who do not make such Returns, keep Books, permit Officers to inspect, &c. forfeit 100*l.*

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Maker of Gunpowder, having obtained such Licence as herein-before mentioned, may send at any Time between Sun-rise and Sun-set, any Quantity thereof to his Office or Place of Delivery mentioned in the Licence granted to him, or to His Majesty's Stores, and not elsewhere, without obtaining a Licence for the Carriage of the same as aforesaid; provided that with every Quantity of Gunpowder so sent, the Maker or his Superintendant shall send a Manifest, expressing the Quantity sent, and whether in Barrels, Half Barrels, or Quarter Barrels, the Place from whence it is sent, and to what Place; which Manifest shall be dated and signed by the Maker of such Gunpowder, or his said Superintendant.

Licensed Manufacturers may send Gunpowder between Sunrise and Sunset to their Offices, or to King's Stores, without Licences.

XX. And

Penalty 500*l.* on having a greater Quantity than mentioned in Manifest, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than what is expressed in such Manifest shall be so sent, or if the Gunpowder therein mentioned shall be sent to any other Place than to such Office or Place of Delivery, or to His Majesty's Stores, the same shall be forfeited to His Majesty, and the Person sending the same shall forfeit Five hundred Pounds.

Gunpowder exceeding 5 lbs. shall be made up in Casks, and marked in large Letters, on Penalty of 500*l.*

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Gunpowder exceeding Five Pounds that shall be removed from any Part of *Ireland* to any other Part of the same, shall be made up in Casks, with the Word "Gun-"powder" marked thereon in large Letters, upon Pain of forfeiting the same to His Majesty; and that it shall be lawful for any Person to seize and carry the same to His Majesty's Stores; and the Person who shall have caused such Gunpowder to be carried without such Mark, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

No Person shall make Arms of any Sort without Licence from Chief Secretary, &c.

Penalty 500*l.*

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall make, construct, or amend or repair, or keep for, or expose to Sale in *Ireland*, any Cannon, or other Ordnance, or any Sort of Guns, Muskets, or Pistols, or any Gun Locks, or Parts of Gun Locks, Pistol Locks, Gun Stocks, Bayonets, Swords or Sword Blades, or other Military Weapons, without a Licence from the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or in his Absence his Under Secretary, which Licence shall be granted to any known Gunsmith or Sword Cutler; and if any Person shall make or construct, or mend or repair, any Cannon or other Ordnance, or any sort of Gun, Musket or Pistol, or any Gun Lock, Pistol Lock, Gun Stock, Bayonet, Sword or Sword Blade, or other Military Weapon, without having obtained such Licence, every such Article found with him shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, or Officer of Customs or Excise, or by any Person authorized thereto by the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, and any such Offender shall forfeit a Sum of Five hundred Pounds; and such Licence shall be of force for One Year, and no longer, from the Time of the granting thereof.

Licences in force One Year.

Accounts to be kept of all Arms made, sold, or repaired, and for whom.

Monthly Returns to be made to Chief Secretary on Oath.

Officers of Chief Secretary to have Access to such Books.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall make, repair, or sell any Guns, Pistols, or other Fire Arms, or any Gun Locks, or Pistol Locks, or Gun Stocks, or any Swords, Bayonets, or other Military Weapons, shall keep a Book in which he or she shall enter or cause to be entered a monthly Account of all Arms and Military Weapons made, sold, or repaired by him or her, and to and for whom the same were sold or repaired, and the respective Times when; and shall monthly return a Copy of such Account, verified on Oath, to be made before any Magistrate, to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or in his Absence the Under Secretary; and any Person empowered for that Purpose by the said Chief Secretary, or in his Absence by his Under Secretary, shall at all reasonable Times, on Demand, have Access to the said Book, and shall examine the same; and if any Person making, repairing, or selling any Guns, Pistols, or

other Fire Arms, or any Gun Locks, Pistol Locks, or Locks of other Fire Arms, or any Swords, Bayonets, or other Military Weapons, shall not keep such Book, and truly enter therein such Account as aforesaid, or shall omit to make any such Return as aforesaid, verified as aforesaid, or shall not produce to such Person as shall be authorized as aforesaid, after Demand, the said Book, or shall not permit such Person to examine the same, every Person offending shall for every such Offence forfeit One hundred Pounds. Penalty 100*l.*

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace to enter and search, or to grant a Warrant to any Person or Persons to be by him named, to enter and search any House, Place, Ship, Boat, or Vessel, where or in which he shall have reasonable Grounds to suspect such Arms, Ammunition, or Gunpowder as aforesaid to be deposited for Sale, without Licence as aforesaid. Justices may enter all Places where they suspect Arms or Ammunition are sold without Licence.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, at any Time, by Order under his Hand, or signified by the Chief Secretary, or in his Absence by the Under Secretary, to annul and make void any Licence heretofore granted, or hereafter to be granted, to any Maker of Gunpowder, to remove Gunpowder to his Office or Stores, or to His Majesty's Stores; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Lord Lieutenant may annul Licences granted for removing Gunpowder.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, shall go and be paid, One Moiety to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, by any Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and all Forfeitures of any Articles or Things which by virtue of this Act shall and may be seized, shall be sued for, recovered, 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 an Act of Parliament, made in *Ireland* in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for the settling of the Excise or new Impost upon His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, according to the Book of Rates therein inserted*, or by any other Law or Laws relative to His Majesty's Revenue of Excise, as fully and effectually, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if the same were particularly mentioned and expressed and re-enacted in this Act, with the like Remedy of Appeal to and for the Party or Parties who shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved or injured, as in and by the said Act of Excise, or any other Law or Laws relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Excise is provided. Pecuniary Forfeitures, not otherwise directed, shall go to the King and Informers. Articles seized shall be applied as by 14 & 15 C. 2. or any other Revenue Law, with the like Remedy of Appeal.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or Privy Council, at their Discretion, to remit any Penalty or Forfeiture sued for under this Act, as well the Moiety belonging to the Informer as that belonging to His Majesty, and to restore any Arms seized as aforesaid. Lord Lieutenant or Privy Council may remit Penalties and restore Arms.

Actions within Three Months.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Matter or Thing by him or them done or executed in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the alleged Cause of Action shall accrue; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence on any Trial to be had thereon, and that the same was done under the Authority of this Act; and if a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his or their Action or Prosecution, or Judgment shall be given against him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwise, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs awarded to him or them against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Defendant may plead General Issue.

Double Costs to Defendant if Plaintiff nonsuited, or Verdict against him, &c.

Continuance of Act.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be and remain in force for the Term of Seven Years from and after the passing thereof, and until the End of the Session of Parliament next after the Expiration of the said Term of Seven Years.

Act may be altered this Session.

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

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