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An Act for the Encouragement of Navigation and Commerce, by regulating the Importation of Goods and Merchandize, so far as relates to the Countries or Places from whence, and the Ships in which such Importation shall be made.

[24th *June* 1822.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation, on which the Strength and Safety of this Kingdom do greatly depend: And whereas by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the further Increase and Encouragement of Shipping and Navigation*, it was enacted, that the said recited Act passed in *England*, in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, and every Provision therein contained, (so far as the same are not altered or repealed by the said Act of Parliament of *Ireland*), should be of full force and effect within *Ireland*: And whereas divers Acts have been from Time to Time passed for the further Regulation of Shipping, Navigation, and Commerce; and it is expedient that such of the Provisions contained in the said several Acts as relate to the Countries or Places from whence,

12 Car. 2. c. 18.

Irish Act, 27 G. 3. c. 23.

whence, and the Ships in which, Goods and Merchandize shall be imported into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, should be revised and amended, and together with other Regulations, be declared and provided, so that the Law by which such Importation is to be regulated, may be simplified and rendered more certain, as well as more effectual, in promoting the Objects of the said several Acts, and in facilitating and extending the Commerce of the Realm: May it therefore please Your Majesty, that, for the establishing by Law the several Rules and Provisions under which the Importation of Goods and Merchandize into *Great Britain* shall be regulated, so far as relates to the Countries or Places from whence, and the Ships in which, such Importations shall be made, it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, Goods and Merchandize, being of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, shall be imported into the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from any Place whatever, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels only, or in Ships or Vessels which by Law are or may be entitled to the Privileges of *British*-built Ships, registered and navigated according to Law, and not in any Ship or Vessel of any other Country or Place whatever, under Penalty of the Forfeiture of all such Goods and Merchandize, the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, as shall be imported from any Place whatever, in any Ship or Vessel not being a *British*-built Ship or Vessel, or not being entitled to the Privileges of a *British*-built Ship or Vessel, registered and navigated according to Law; except only in Cases herein-after specially excepted or provided for.

Goods of Asia, Africa, or America shall be imported into the United Kingdom from any Place in British-built Ships only; except as otherwise specially provided.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Goods and Merchandize, the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, which shall be imported into the United Kingdom from any Port or Place in *Europe*, shall be so imported for Exportation only, except in Cases where it is by this Act otherwise specially provided.

Such Foreign Goods shall be imported from Europe for Exportation only, except otherwise provided.

III. Provided also, and be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, any Goods or Merchandize being of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any Country or Place in *America* or the *West Indies* being or having been a Part of the Dominions of the King of *Spain*, and which Goods or Merchandize may at any Time be lawfully imported into the United Kingdom in *British*-built Ships, may be imported into the United Kingdom directly from the Place of their Growth, Production, or Manufacture, or from those Ports in such Country or Place where such Goods or Merchandize can only be or have usually been first shipped for Transportation, in Ships or Vessels of the Built of the Country or Place of which such Goods or Merchandize may be the Growth, Production, or Manufacture; or in Ships or Vessels of the Built of the Port in such Country or Place where such Goods or Merchandize can only be or have usually been first shipped for Transportation; and all which Ships or Vessels

Goods of any Country or Place in America or the West Indies, belonging or having belonged to Spain, may be imported direct from the Place of Growth in Ships of the Country.

shall be wholly owned by the People of such Country, Place, or Port, and navigated by the Master and Three-fourths of the Mariners of such Country, Place, or Port.

If such Countries are under the Dominion of Spain, Goods may be imported from thence in Spanish Ships.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if it shall happen that any such Country or Place in *America* or the *West Indies* shall, before or at the Time of the Importation from thence into the United Kingdom of any Goods or Merchandize, be under the Dominion of the King of *Spain*, or if any Doubt shall exist thereon, then and in any such Case the Goods and Merchandize of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of such Country or Place in *America* or the *West Indies*, may be imported directly from thence into the United Kingdom in Ships or Vessels of the Built of any Country or Place within the Dominion of the King of *Spain*, and wholly owned by the People of such Country or Place, and navigated by a Master and Three-fourths of the Mariners thereof of such Country or Place;

Not to permit Importation in Foreign Ships from any Port in America or West Indies where British Ships are not admitted.

V. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing contained in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to admit the Importation into the United Kingdom of any such Goods or Merchandize in any Foreign Ship or Vessel from any such Country, Port, or Place in *America* or the *West Indies*, except only from such Country, Port, or Place where *British* Ships or Vessels shall be entitled to Privileges equal to those by this Act granted to the Ships and Vessels of such Country, Port, or Place.

Certain enumerated European Goods shall be imported in British Ships, or in Ships of the Country or Port of Export in Europe.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the several Sorts of Goods and Merchandize herein-after particularly enumerated, mentioned, and described, being of the Growth or Production of any Place in *Europe*, that is to say, Masts, Timber, Boards, Salt, Pitch, Tar, Tallow, Rosin, Hemp, Flax, Currants, Raisins, Figs, Prunes, Olive Oil, Corn or Grain, Pot-ashes, Wine, Sugar, Vinegar, Brandy, or Tobacco, shall be imported into the United Kingdom, either in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, or in Ships or Vessels which by Law are or may be entitled to the Privileges of *British*-built Ships or Vessels, registered and navigated according to Law, or in Ships or Vessels of the Built of and belonging to the Country or Place in *Europe*, of which such Goods and Merchandize are the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture respectively, or in Ships or Vessels of the Built of and belonging to any Port or Place in *Europe* into which such Goods and Merchandize shall have been brought or imported, and in which the same shall have been landed; and all which Foreign Ships shall be wholly owned by the People of such Country, Port, or Place, and shall be navigated by a Master and Three-fourths at least of the Mariners thereof of such Country, Port, or Place, and not in any other Ship or Vessel whatsoever, under Penalty of the Forfeiture of all such Goods or Merchandize as shall be imported from any Place in *Europe*, in any Ship or Vessel not being such *British*-built Ship or Vessel, or not being a Ship or Vessel entitled to the Privileges of a *British*-built Ship or Vessel as aforesaid, or not being a Ship or Vessel of such Country, Port, or Place in *Europe* as aforesaid, and navigated as aforesaid, and also of the Forfeiture of a Sum

Penalty.

Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds by the Master or Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel; except only in Cases herein-after specially excepted or provided for.

Other Goods of Europe may be imported in any Ships from any Place, as heretofore.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prohibit the Importation of any Goods or Merchandize, the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any Part of *Europe*, and not herein before expressly specified, enumerated, or described, in any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, and from any Place whatsoever, as such Goods or Merchandize might have been imported into *Great Britain* at any Time before the passing of this Act.

Goods of any of the Grand Seignor's Dominions may be imported in British or Turkish Vessels for Home Consumption.

VIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, Goods or Merchandize the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any Places within the Dominions of the Grand Seignor, may be imported into the United Kingdom in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, registered and navigated according to Law, or in Ships or Vessels of the Built of any Country or Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignor, wholly owned by the People of such Country or Place, and navigated by a Master and Three-fourths at least of the Mariners thereof of such Country or Place; and that such Goods and Merchandize may be imported for Consumption in the United Kingdom; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn Produce of Asia, &c.

Raw Silk, &c. from Malta or Gibraltar.

All Goods of Morocco imported into Gibraltar.

IX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn, of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Asia*, exported to the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from any Port or Places in the Streights or *Levant* Seas, within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior; and also Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn, being the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior within the *Levant* Seas, exported to the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from the Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, or from the Port of *Gibraltar*; and also all Goods and Merchandize the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of the Dominions of the Emperor of *Morocco*, and which shall have been imported into *Gibraltar* directly from any Part of the Dominions of the said Emperor, not lying or being to the Southward of the Port of *Mogadore*, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, navigated and registered according to Law, or in Ships or Vessels belonging to the Subjects of the said Emperor of *Morocco*, and which shall be exported from *Gibraltar* to the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and also all Diamonds, Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds, and all other Jewels and Precious Stones, from any Place whatever; may be imported into the United Kingdom in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, registered and navigated according to Law, for Consumption in the United Kingdom; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and that all such Diamonds shall pass inwards without Warrant or Fee.

Jewels, &c. may be imported for Home Consumption in British Ships.

Diamonds shall pass without Warrant.

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XI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Warrant under their Hands, or the Hands of any Three or more of them, to order and direct that any *British* Ship or Vessel, which at any Time before the First Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six was duly registered as a *British* Ship, shall have and be entitled to all the Privileges and Advantages belonging to a *British*-built Ship, and shall and may be registered as a *British*-built Ship; provided it shall in all Cases be made appear to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, that every such Ship or Vessel, for which such Privilege shall be claimed, was actually and identically registered as a *British* Ship before the said First Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, and that no Foreigner had at any Time, while such Ship or Vessel was so registered, any Share, Property, or Concern in such Ship or Vessel, and that such Ship or Vessel has not been repaired in any Foreign Port at any Expence beyond what is allowed by Law, and that such Ship or Vessel is in every other respect entitled to the Privilege of a *British* Ship; and in such Case every such Ship or Vessel, from and after the Date of the Registry made of such Ship or Vessel as a *British*-built Ship, by virtue of such Warrant, shall be deemed and taken to be a *British*-built Ship, and shall be entitled to all the Privileges and Advantages to which a *British*-built Ship is by Law entitled, and as if such Ship or Vessel had been originally *British*-built, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever. Ships registered as British Ships before 1st May 1786, may, on Warrant of the Treasury, be registered and privileged as British-built Ships.

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, any *British*-built Ship or Vessel which shall have been or shall be registered as such, and which after being so registered shall have been or shall be sold to or become wholly the Property of any Person or Persons, not being a Subject or Subjects of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, shall to all Intents and Purposes be deemed and taken to be a Ship or Vessel of the Built of the Foreign Country, Port, or Place, if in *Europe*, of which the Person or Persons to whom such Ship or Vessel shall be sold shall be a Subject or Subjects, or to which such Person or Persons shall belong; and it shall and may be lawful to import in any such Ship or Vessel any Goods or Merchandize from any such Foreign Country, Port, or Place in *Europe*, in like Manner as if such Ship or Vessel were of the Built of such Foreign Country, Port, or Place in *Europe*; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that in case any such *British*-built Ship or Vessel, having once become the Property of any Person or Persons not being a *British* Subject or Subjects, shall again become the Property of any *British* Subject or Subjects, otherwise than by Capture and legal Condemnation, such Ship or Vessel shall not, on any Pretence whatsoever, be again deemed, taken, or considered to be a *British*-built Ship or Vessel, British-built Ships sold to Foreigners, shall be deemed Foreign Ships, of the Country of the Purchasers, if in Europe; but shall not become British Ships again, except by Capture,

nor entitled to be registered as such, nor to any other Privileges or Advantages as a *British*-built Ship or Vessel, but shall be subject and liable to all the Penalties and Forfeitures to which Foreign Ships or Vessels are or may be subject or liable by Law.

Not to affect 12 Car. 2. c. 18. § 15. as to Bullion or Prize Goods.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal such Part of the herein-before recited Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, for the increasing of Shipping and Navigation, as relates to Bullion, or to Goods taken by way of Reprisal.

Not to affect Intercourse between Great Britain and Ireland.

XIV. Provided also, and be it declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter, or in any way to affect or infringe any of the Provisions contained in Two Acts for the Union of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, the one made in the Parliament of *Great Britain* in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, and the other made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, or in any other Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act, by which the Importation of Goods or Merchandize into *Great Britain* from *Ireland*, or into *Ireland* from *Great Britain*, is in any way permitted, allowed, restrained, prohibited, or regulated in any Manner whatever; but that all Goods and Merchandize shall and may be imported into *Great Britain* from *Ireland*, and into *Ireland* from *Great Britain*, from and after the passing of this Act, in such Manner and under and subject to such Regulations in all respects, as are contained in the said Acts for the Union of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or in any other Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act, until Provision shall be otherwise made by Parliament with respect to the same; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Not to affect the Importation of Goods, the Produce of the British Colonies in America or the West Indies.

XV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or repeal, or in any way to affect or infringe any Act or Acts, or any Provisions contained in any Act or Acts, in force immediately before the passing of this Act, relating to the Importation of any Goods and Merchandize whatsoever from any *British* Colony, Plantation, Territory, or Dominion in *America* or the *West Indies*; and that all Goods and Merchandize the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any such *British* Colony, Plantation, Territory, or Dominion, and all Goods and Merchandize whatsoever which may by Law be imported from any such *British* Colony, Plantation, Territory, or Dominion, shall and may be imported, and shall continue to be imported, in such Manner, and under all such Rules and Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, in all respects, as are contained in any Act or Acts in force in relation to such Goods and Merchandize immediately before the passing of this Act; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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XVI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or repeal any Act or Acts, or any Provisions contained in any Act or Acts, in force immediately before the passing of this Act, which in anyway relate to the Trade or Commerce of the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Sark*, *Alderney* or *Man*, or to the Trade between *Great Britain* or *Ireland* and those Islands respectively; but that the Trade and Commerce of the said Islands respectively shall continue to be carried on and regulated in all respects as if this Act had not been made.

Act not to extend to Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, or Man.

XVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any way to alter or repeal an Act, passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to permit the Trade between* Great Britain *and the United States of* America *to be carried on in Ships or Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of the said States*, or in an Act made in the Fifty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, among other Things, for carrying into Effect a Convention of Commerce concluded between His Majesty and the United States of *America*, by virtue of which, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize of the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of any of the said United States, may be imported directly from any of the Territories of the said United States, in Ships or Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of the said States, or in such other Ships and Vessels as are described in the said recited Acts: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in the said recited Acts of the Forty-ninth and Fifty-ninth Years of His late Majesty's Reign shall extend or be construed to extend to the restraining or preventing the Importation into *Great Britain* of Goods or Merchandize, being of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of any Part of the United States of *America*, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels registered and navigated according to Law, in like Manner and under such Rules and Regulations as Goods or Merchandize of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any other Part of *America* may by Law be so imported.

Not to affect American Trade Acts, 49 G. 3. c. 59. 59 G. 3. c. 54.

but these Acts shall not restrain Importation from United States in British Ships.

XVIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or repeal an Act passed in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for carrying into effect the Provisions of a Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, concluded between His Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of* Portugal; or in an Act made in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, among other Things, for carrying into effect a Treaty with the Prince Regent of *Portugal*, by virtue of which, any Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, being the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any of the Territories or Dominions of the Crown of *Portugal*, which are not prohibited by Law to be imported from other Foreign Countries, and also Elephants Teeth and Ivory, may be imported direct from any such Territories or Dominions, in Ships or Vessels the Built of any of the said Territories or Dominions of the Crown of *Portugal*, or in such other Ships or Vessels as are described in the said Acts: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in the said recited Acts

Not to affect Portuguese Trade Acts, 51 G. 3. c. 47. 59 G. 3. c. 54.

but those Acts shall not affect Importation from Portuguese Dominions in British Ships.

Acts of the Fifty-first and Fifty-ninth Years of His late Majesty's Reign, shall be construed to restrain or prevent the Importation of Goods or Merchandize, being of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any of the Territories or Dominions belonging to the Crown of *Portugal*, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels registered and navigated according to Law, and in like Manner and under such Rules and Regulations as Goods and Merchandize of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any Part of *Asia*, *Africa*, or *America*, may by virtue of this present Act be so imported.

Not to affect East India Trade under 53G.3.c.155. 57 G.3. c. 36. or other Acts.

XIX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, or in any way to affect the Rights and Privileges of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, as granted to or vested in the said Company by Charter, or by any Act or Acts of Parliament; nor to repeal or alter, or in any way to affect or infringe the Provisions contained in an Act made in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for continuing in the* East India *Company, for a further Term, the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with certain exclusive Privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; and for regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the said Company's Charter*; or in an Act made in the Fifty-seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to regulate the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the Charter of the* East India *Company, and certain Possessions of His Majesty in the* Mediterranean; or in any other Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act, relating to the Trade or Commerce with any of the Countries, Territories, or Places situate within the Limits of the Charter granted to the said United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, or to the Trade and Commerce to be carried on by the said *East India* Company, or by any *British* Subjects, to and from the said Countries, Territories, or Places, under the Provisions and Regulations of the said recited Acts, or of any other Act or Acts; but that the Trade and Commerce with all the said Countries, Territories, or Places respectively, shall continue to be carried on in such Manner, and under and subject to such Regulations, in all respects, as are contained in the said recited Acts respectively, or in any Act or Acts for continuing or amending the same, or any of them, or in any other Act or Acts relating to such Trade and Commerce; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Not to affect 49 G. 3. c.17. 57 G. 3. c. 1. for regulating Trade to Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius.

XX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter any of the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to authorize His Majesty, during the present War, to make Regulations respecting the Trade and Commerce to and from the* Cape of Good Hope; or in an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, for continuing and extending the

Provisions of the said recited Act of the Forty-ninth Year, and also for regulating the Trade of the Island of *Mauritius*, (which said recited Acts have been continued, and are now in force), whereby His Majesty is authorized, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to give such Directions, and to make such Regulations touching the Trade and Commerce to and from the *Cape of Good Hope*, and to and from all Islands, Colonies, or Places, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, to His Majesty belonging, or in His Possession, in *Africa* or *Asia*, to the Eastward of the *Cape of Good Hope* (excepting only the Possessions of the *East India* Company), as to His Majesty in Council shall appear most expedient and salutary.

Not to affect 18 G. 2. c. 26. § 10, 11, whereby Tea may be imported from Europe in British Ships by Licence from the Treasury.

XXI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter such Part of an Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, among other Things, for repealing the Inland Duty upon Tea sold in *Great Britain*, and granting other Duties in lieu thereof, and for better securing the Duties on Tea, or in any other Act or Acts, whereby it is enacted or provided, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, and their Successors, by Licence under the Hands of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and also to and for any other Person or Persons licensed by the said Commissioners of the Treasury, to import in *British*-built Ships registered and navigated according to Law, from any Ports of *Europe*, such Quantities of Tea as shall be specified in such Licences respectively, and under and subject to such Restrictions, Limitations, Rules, Methods, and Directions as are prescribed and required under or by virtue of the said Act or Acts, or any of them.

Not to affect Importation of Corn under 46 G. 3. c. 97. 55 G. 3. c. 26. &c.

XXII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter any thing contained in an Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to permit the Interchange of every Species of Grain between* Great Britain *and* Ireland; or in an Act made in the Fifty-fifth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws now in force for regulating the Importation of Corn*; or in any other Act or Acts in force on or before the passing of this Act, whereby the Importation of Corn, Grain, Rice, Meal, Malt, Flour, Bread or Biscuit, is permitted, prohibited, or regulated.

Not to affect Regulations as to Import in Packet Boats under 13, 14 Car. 2. c. 11. § 22. 55 G. 3. c. 153.

XXIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or repeal any of the Provisions contained in an Act, passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for preventing Frauds, and regulating Abuses in His Majesty's Customs*; or in an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for granting certain Rates on the Postage of Letters to and from* Great Britain, *the* Cape of Good Hope, *the* Mauritius, *and the* East Indies; *and for making certain Regulations respecting the Postage of Ship Letters*,

Letters, and of Letters in Great Britain; so far as either of the said recited Acts relate to the Importation of Goods or Merchandize into *Great Britain* in any Ship, Vessel, or Boat appointed and employed for the Carriage of Letters and Packets, under the several Regulations and Restrictions prescribed and directed by either of the said recited Acts.

Not to allow Importation of Fish contrary to Stats. 15 Car. 2. c. 7. § 16: 18 Car. 2. c. 2. § 2: 10, 11 W. 3. c. 24. § 13, 14: 1 G. 1. st. 2. c. 18. § 1, 2.

XXIV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to allow the Importation of fresh Herrings, fresh Cod or Haddock, Coal Fish, Gull Fish, or Grill Fish, or of any Ling, Herring, Cod, or Pilchard, fresh or salted, dried or bloated, or of any Salmon, Eel, or Congers, or of any Sort of Fish taken or caught by, or bought of or received from, any Foreigner or Foreigners, or out of any Stranger or Strangers Bottom, in any other Manner than such Importation is permitted or restrained under and by virtue of the Regulations contained in an Act made in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of King King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Trade;* and in an Act made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act against importing Cattle from* Ireland *and other Parts beyond the Seas, and Fish taken by Foreigners*; and in an Act made in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for making* Billingsgate *a free Market for the Sale of Fish*; and in an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for the better preventing fresh Fish taken by Foreigners being imported into this Kingdom, and for the Preservation of the Fry of Fish, and for the giving Leave to import Lobsters and Turbots in Foreign Bottoms, and for the better Preservation of Salmon within several Rivers in that Part of this Kingdom called* England, or in any other Act or Acts relating to the Importation of Fish into any Part of the United Kingdom.

Not to affect Importation of Lobsters and Turbots under 1 G. 1. st. 2. c. 18. § 10.

XXV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter so much of the said last-recited Act of the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, whereby it is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatsoever, as well Foreigners as *British*, freely to import, bring in, and sell, in any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, any Quantity of Lobsters or Turbots, whether they be of Foreign or *British* Catching.

Not to affect Orders of Council under 9 G. 3. c. 39. s. 10. for preventing Importation of infected Hides, &c.

XXVI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter any of the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to permit the free Importation of certain Raw Hides and Skins from* Ireland *and the* British *Plantations in* America, *for a limited Time; and for taking off the Duties upon Seal Skins tanned or tawed in this Kingdom, and for granting another Duty in lieu thereof; for indemnifying all Persons with respect to advising or executing any of His Majesty's Orders in Council, prohibiting the Importation of Raw Hides, Horns, and Hoofs of infected Cattle, and to authorize the Prohibition*

of the Importation of such Hides, Horns, and Hoofs for the future; by which His Majesty is authorized from Time to Time, by Proclamation or Order in Council, to prohibit generally, or from any particular Country, the Importation of any Hides or Skins, Horns or Hoofs, or any other Part of any Cattle or Beast, for such Time or Times, and under such Regulations as His Majesty shall judge most expedient and effectual to prevent any contagious Distemper from being brought into the Kingdom.

Not to affect Importation of Naval Stores by Licence under 47G. 3. st. 2. c. 27.

XXVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter an Act made in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to authorize His Majesty to permit the Importation of Naval Stores from any Place in Ships belonging to States in Amity with His Majesty, and navigated in any Manner whatever;* nor to prevent the Importation of Naval Stores under any Licence granted in pursuance of the said recited Act.

Not to affect Importation of Quercitron or Black Oak Bark under 32 G. 3. c. 49. § 1.

XXVIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter any of the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for allowing the Importation of Quercitron or Black Oak Bark, when the Price of Oak Bark shall be under the Prices mentioned in an Act of the Twelfth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, for encouraging the Manufacture of Leather.

Not to affect Duties payable to the Turkey Company or the Russia Company.

XXIX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, repeal, or in any way affect the Payment of any Duties payable by Law to the several Companies of Merchants of *England*, commonly called or known by the Name of the *Levant* Company, or the *Turkey* Company, and the *Russia* Company; but that all such Duties shall continue and remain payable in like Manner as before the passing of this Act.

Not to affect Duties of Package, &c. to the Corporation of London, &c.

XXX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or in anywise alter the Duties of Package, Scavage, Bailage, or Portage, or any other Duties payable to the Mayor and Commonalty of the Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to any other City or Town Corporate in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any other special Privilege or Exemption to which any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, within the said United Kingdom, is or are now entitled by Law, but the same shall continue as heretofore.

All Goods imported under this Act liable to Duties and Regulations under existing Acts.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Goods and Merchandize which shall be imported pursuant to this Act, and the Importers of such Goods and Merchandize, shall be subject and liable to the Payment of all such Duties of Customs and Excise, and also to all such Conditions, Rules, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as relate to the securing the Payment of the said Duties, and as relate to the due

due and regular Entry, Landing, Warehousing, Securing, and Delivery of such Goods and Merchandize, and as relate to the Burthen of the Ships or Vessels in which, and the Ports into which such Goods and Merchandize shall be imported, and the Packages in which the same shall be contained; and all such Goods and Merchandize, and the Importers thereof, shall in all other respects not especially provided for by this Act, be subject and liable to all such Rules, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures as any such Goods and Merchandize, or the Importers thereof, are subject or liable to under or by virtue of any Act or Acts in force on or immediately before the passing of this Act, or as shall be in force with respect to any such Goods or Merchandize, or the Importers thereof, at the Time of the Importation thereof; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Recovery of Forfeitures under this Act, as under English Act 12 C. 2. c. 18. Irish Act 27 G. 3. c. 23. and other existing Acts.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, or which shall or may be incurred for any Offence against this Act, shall and may be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by such Ways, Means, or Methods, as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture against the said several Acts of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, and of the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation, may be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated under the said recited Acts respectively, or as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, may be sued for, recovered, levied, or mitigated by any Law or Laws relating to the Importation of Goods or Merchandize into *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or *Dublin*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, respectively; and that One Moiety of every such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall inform, discover, or sue for the same.

Act may be altered or repealed this Session.

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

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