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C A P. XL.

An Act to amend several Acts for the Regulation of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in *Scotland*.

[27th *June* 1823.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Parliament of *Scotland* 1 Sess. 1 Parl.
in the First Session of the First Parliament of His Majesty Car. 2.
King *Charles* the Second, intituled *Act discharging the Exportation of Linen Yarn, and regulating the Breadth of Linen Cloth,* et cetera: And whereas another Act was passed in the Parliament of *Scotland,* in the Third Parliament of His said Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *Act for encouraging Trade and Manufactures:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Parliament of *Scotland,* in the Fourth Session of the First Parliament of their Majesties King
William and Queen *Mary,* intituled *Act anent the right making and* 4 Sess. 1 Parl.
measuring of Linen Cloth: And whereas an Act was passed in the W. & M.
Parliament of *Great Britain,* in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her
Majesty Queen *Anne,* intituled *An Act to prevent Abuses in making* 10 Ann. c. 21.
Linen Cloth, and regulating the Lengths, Breadths, and equal sorting of Yarn, for each Piece made in Scotland, *and for whitening the same:*
And whereas another Act was made in the Twelfth Year of the 12 Ann. c. 20.
Reign of Her said Majesty Queen *Anne,* to explain and make more effectual the said recited Act passed in the Tenth Year of Her said Majesty's Reign: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the First,
intituled *An Act for better Regulation of the Linen and Hempen Ma-* 13 G. 1. c. 26.
nufactures in that Part of Great Britain *called* Scotland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of
His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the* 17 G. 2. c. 30.

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more effectual preventing of the affixing of counterfeit Stamps to Foreign or other Linens: And whereas another Act was passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the
18 G. 2. c. 24. Second, intituled *An Act for effectually preventing the Exportation of Foreign Linen, under the Denomination of* British *or* Irish *Linens:*
24 G. 2. c. 31. And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Second, for explaining, amending, and enforcing the hereinbefore recited Act passed of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, and for further regulating and encouraging the said Linen and Hempen Manufactures: And whereas by the said several Acts sundry Rules and Regulations were made relating to the Importation and Sale of Linseed and Hempseed, and of Hemp and Flax, and the Manufacture of Linen, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland;* and it is expedient that such Rules and Regulations, so far as the same relate to the several Matters herein-after specified, should be repealed (except in Cases herein-after mentioned) so far as relates to *Scotland:* May it therefore please Your Majesty that 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 the said several recited Acts, and all or any such Parts of all or any of the said herein-before recited Acts, shall be repealed, whereby any Rule, Regulation, Restriction, Fine, Penalty or Forfeiture, Confiscation or Punishment, is made or imposed in any way relating to the Importation, Exportation, and Sale of Linseed or Hempseed; or to the steeping, making up, or Sale of Hemp or Flax; or to the Exportation and Sale of Linen Yarn, or to the dressing, weaving, and making up thereof; or to the Measure and Length of the Reels, or of the Weaving Graith, such as Heddles and Reeds; or to the Measure, Length and Breadth or Standard of Linen Cloth, bleached and unbleached; or to the Number, Length, Size and Description, Quality or Colour of Threads, to be in any way used in the Manufacture or making up of the several Kinds or Descriptions thereof, or to the making up of the same into Pieces, Half Pieces, or other Classes or Denominations; or to the close and even working, cutting, knitting, taking up, and folding thereof, or to the sealing, measuring, stamping, marking, or lapping of such Linen, by any Person or Persons whomsoever, previous to Exportation or Sale, or to the Fees payable in respect thereof; or to the Use of Lime or Pigeon's Dung, or Soap Dregs or Lees, in the bleaching of Linen; and all Clauses, Provisions, Powers, and Authorities conferred upon or granted to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for inspecting, viewing, searching for, or seizing any Yarn or Linen Cloth, or otherwise for the securing and enforcing the Fulfilment of any such Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, or for the Recovery of any such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, or Confiscations, or for the inflicting of any such Punishment; and so much and such Parts of the said several recited Acts are hereby repealed accordingly, so far as relates to the said several Matters and Things hereinbefore recited; except only in such Cases and for such Purposes as are herein-after mentioned, excepted, and provided for.

Recited Acts repealed, with Exceptions.

II. And

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to spin and reel Linen or Hempen Yarn, and to manufacture Linen and Hempen Cloth in *Scotland*, free from all the Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions by this Act repealed, and without the Necessity of sealing, measuring, stamping, marking, or lapping such Linen or Hempen Cloth as aforesaid; any thing in the said recited Acts or any of them, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding; except only in such Cases as are herein-after mentioned and provided for. Linen and Hempen Yarn may be manufactured without the Restrictions herein mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for every Manufacturer or Weaver of Linen, and every Trader and Dealer in Linen Manufacture in *Scotland*, to weave or cause to be woven his Name, or to fix any such Mark or Seal as he shall think fit, in or to any Piece of Linen Cloth manufactured by or for such Manufacturer, Weaver, Trader, or Dealer, for the Purpose of denoting either the true and correct Length and Breadth, or Quality of any such Piece of Linen Cloth, or the Name of the Manufacturer thereof, or both; and if any other Person or Persons shall counterfeit such Mark or Name, such Person or Persons shall, upon being lawfully convicted thereof, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before Two or more Justices of the Peace or Magistrates within any Burgh, forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds for the Use of the Person whose Mark shall be so counterfeited; to be raised, levied, and paid in such Manner as is directed by the said recited Act of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, with respect to the Penalty of One hundred Pounds for counterfeiting any Mark or Name under the said Act. Manufacturers may weave their Names or Mark in their Cloth. Penalty on counterfeiting Marks, 100*l*.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal any Enactments or Provisions in any of the said recited Acts or any of them contained, whereby Makers of Heckles, Spinning Wheels, Reels, Weaving Looms and Weaving Reeds, or Weavers or Manufacturers of Linen, Flax, or Hempen Cloth, or Hecklers or Dressers of Flax or Hemp, are authorized to exercise their Trades respectively within any City, Town, Corporation, Burgh, or Place in *Scotland*, without any Lett or Hindrance from any Person or Persons whatsoever, and without being chargeable or charged with Payment of any Entry Money or other Duty whatsoever, for or in respect of following such Trade or Business. Act not to extend to Makers of Heckles, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall extend to and shall take effect only in that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Scotland*. Act confined to Scotland only.

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