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An Act for the Indemnity of Magistrates in Proceedings against Persons using unlawful Weights in *Ireland*. [24th *June* 1824.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for regulating the Weights used in this Kingdom, and that Salt and Meal shall be sold by Weight*, it was amongst other Provisions therein enacted, that there should be provided, at Her Majesty's Charge, a Set of just and true Weights; (that is to say), One Ounce Weight, One Pound Weight, One Four Pound Weight, One Seven Pound Weight, One Fourteen Pound Weight, One Twenty-eight Pound Weight, and One Half Hundred Weight or Fifty-six Pounds; all which Weights were to be made and sized according to the true and just Avoirdupois Weight, and to be made of Brass, and to be marked with the Letters A. R. with the Crown over them; and the said Weights so made, assized, adjusted, and prepared, were to be lodged in Her Majesty's Exchequer, in the Custody of the Lord Treasurer, or of the Vice Treasurer, or his Deputy or Deputies for the Time being, there to remain as the Standard Weights for *Ireland*: And whereas the Standard Weights required to be provided by the said recited Act have been lost from, or are not now to be found in the said Exchequer; be it therefore

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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 within One Calendar Month next after the passing of this Act, and afterwards from Time to Time, whenever Occasion may require, there shall be provided by the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three of them, a Set of just and true Weights; (that is to say), One Ounce Weight, One Pound Weight, One Four Pound Weight, One Seven Pound Weight, One Fourteen Pound Weight, One Twenty-eight Pound Weight, and One Half Hundred Weight or Fifty-six Pounds; all which shall be made and sized according to the true and just Avoirdupois Weight, and shall be made with Brass, and shall be marked with the Seal of His Majesty's Exchequer, and shall be lodged at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, in the Office of the Vice Treasurer of *Ireland* for the Time being, or in such other Place as the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury shall from Time to Time direct, there to be and remain as the Standard Weights for that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Ireland*; and such Weights, when so lodged, shall be and are hereby declared to be the just and true Standard Weights for *Ireland*; and that all such Weights so to be provided shall be, to all Intents and Purposes whatever, and the same are hereby declared to be of the same and the like Effect and Validity for the ascertaining, examining, trying, sizing and sealing, and regulating any other Weights whatever; and with respect to all Informations, Actions, Suits, or Proceedings whatever, had, commenced, prosecuted, or brought at any Time before the passing of this, or to be had, commenced, prosecuted, or brought at any Time after the passing of this Act, as if such Weights were or had been the original Weights prescribed by the said recited Act, and as if the same had been and remained in the said Exchequer at and from the Time mentioned and directed in the said recited Act.

Standard Weights to be provided by Lords of the Treasury.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Rules, and Regulations in the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, or in any other Act or Acts contained, specified, and set forth, for ascertaining, examining, trying, sizing and sealing, and regulating of any Weights whatever, or for the seizing, breaking, or destroying of any Weights not conformable to the Standard Weights, and for the Punishment of any Person or Persons having any defective Weights, shall be applied and put in Execution in like Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if the Weights ascertained by this Act had been specified in the said recited Act or any other such Acts, or in every of them respectively, and as if such Powers, Rules, and Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and the Modes of recovering thereof, had been repeated and re-enacted in this Act, except only so far as the said Acts, or any of them, or any Part thereof, are or is expressly repealed or varied or altered by this Act.

Powers of Act 4 Anne extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Action, Suit, or Prosecution hath been or shall be commenced or prosecuted against any

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Mayor, Magistrate, or other Person or Persons, for any Act, Matter, or Thing whatever, done, advised, or commanded under or by virtue or colour of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, or under or by virtue or colour of this Act, or any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* relating to Weights, or for or concerning the trying, condemning, seizing, taking, carrying away, or detaining of any Weights of any Merchant, Dealer, or Chapman, for not being just Weights, or not being equal to the said Standard Weights, or for the taking and seizing of any fraudulent Beam and Scales, it shall and may be lawful for such Mayor, Magistrate, or other Person or Persons to plead the General Issue, or in replevin to avow generally that he the Defendant did take the Goods and Chattels in question, as Chief Magistrate, Clerk of the Market, or other Officer, as the Case may be, because the said Weights were not just and true Weights, or that the said Beam and Scales were not just Beam and Scales, and shall give his Right and Authority so to try, condemn, seize, and take away the said Goods and Chattels, and other the special Matter and this Act in Evidence, without pleading the same; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or shall forbear further Prosecution, or shall suffer a Discontinuance, or if a Verdict shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, such Defendant respectively shall have and receive their Double Costs, for which such Defendants respectively shall have the like Remedy as in Cases in which Costs are by Law given to Defendants.

gistrates and others for any thing done under this or recited Act, they may plead the General Issue.

Double Costs.

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