

ANNO QUINTO

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the Quantity of Work, or to regulate or controul the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof, or to oblige Workmen to enter into work; and also a certain other Act passed in the Third Year of King *Henry* the
3 H. 6. c. 1. Sixth, intituled *Masons shall not confederate themselves in Chapiters*
33 H. 8. (I.) *and Assemblies*; also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-third Year of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act for Servants' Wages*; also a certain other Act passed in the
2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 15. Second and Third Years of King *Edward* the Sixth, intituled *The Bill of Conspiracies of Victuallers and Craftsmen*; also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Fifth Parliament of
5 Parl. Jac. 1. (S.) King *James* the First of *Scotland*, intituled *Of the Fees of Craftsmen, and the Price of their Worke*; also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Fifth Parliament of King *James* the
5 Parl. Jac. 1. (S.) First of *Scotland*, intituled *Of the Fees of Workmen*; also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Fifth Parliament of King *James* the First of *Scotland*, intituled *Of Writches and*
5 Parl. Jac. 1. (S.) *Masones*; also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Seventh Parliament of King *James* the First of *Scotland*,
7 Parl. Jac. 1. (S.) intituled *The Price of ilk Workmanshippe*; also a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Fifth Parliament of
5 Parl. Mar. (S.) Queen *Mary* of *Scotland*, intituled *The Price of Craftesmenne's Wark, of Meate and Drinke in Tavernes*; also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Seventh Parliament of King
7 Parl. Jac. 6. (S.) *James* the Sixth of *Scotland*, intituled *Anent the setting of Ordour and Price in all Stuffe*; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of King *Charles* the Second,
13 & 14 C. 2. c. 15. in part. intituled *An Act for regulating the Trade of Silk Throwing*, as provides and enacts, that the Corporation of Silk Throwers should not, by virtue of that Act, nor any thing therein contained, make any Orders, Ordinances, or Bye Laws, to set any Rates or Prices whatsoever upon the throwing of Silk, to bind or enforce their Members to work at; also a certain other Act passed in the Seventh
7 G. 1. st. 1. c. 13. in part. Year of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for regulating the Journeymen Tailors within the Weekly Bills of Mortality*, excepting so much thereof as relates to the Recovery of Wages, or to Journeymen Tailors or Servants departing from their Service, or refusing to enter into Work or Employment, as therein mentioned; also so much
12 G. 1. c. 34. in part. of an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages*, as provides that Contracts, Covenants, or Agreements, Bye Laws, Ordinances, Rules, and Orders, made or entered into by or between Persons brought up in, or professing, using, or exercising the Art and Mystery of a Woolcomber or Weaver, or Journeyman Woolcomber or Journeyman Weaver, as therein mentioned, shall be illegal, null and void, and as punishes Woolcombers, Weavers, Journeymen Woolcombers and Weavers, and other Persons concerned in the Woollen Manufactures, for keeping up, continuing, acting in, making, entering into, signing, sealing, or being knowingly concerned in, presuming or attempting to put in Execution such Agreements, Bye Laws, Ordinances, Rules, or Orders, as therein mentioned, and as provides that the Provisions of the said Act of the

Twelfth of *George* the First, just recited, shall extend to the Persons therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Third Year of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen, Artificers, and Labourers, employed in the several Trades and Manufactures of this Kingdom, and for the better Payment of their Wages; as also to prevent Abuses in making of Bricks, and to ascertain their Dimensions*, as declares illegal, null, and void the Contracts, Covenants, Agreements, Bye Laws, Ordinances, Rules, and Orders therein mentioned, and makes it an Offence to keep up, continue, act in, make, enter into, sign, seal, or to be knowingly concerned therein, and to presume or attempt to put the same into Execution, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Seventeenth Year of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for continuing several Statutes now near expiring, and for amending other Statutes, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, as declares the Assemblies therein mentioned to be unlawful Assemblies, the Houses where they meet common Nuisances, and punishes the Master and Mistress thereof, as likewise those who enter into the Contracts, Covenants, or Articles therein mentioned, or collect or pay Money for the Support of Persons as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of 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 preventing unlawful Combinations of Journeymen Dyers and Journeymen Hotpressers, and of all Persons employed in the said several Manufactures, and for the better Payment of their Wages*, as extends those Provisions of the said Act of the Twelfth of *George* the First herein mentioned to the Persons therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George, *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 Prosecution 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*, as relates to the making of Rates for the Payment of Wages, continuing and altering and notifying them as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Third Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for continuing and amending certain temporary Statutes heretofore made, for the better Regulation of the City of* Cork, *and for enlarging the Salary of the Treasurer, and for the better regulating the Sale of Coals in the said City, and for erecting and continuing Lamps in the same, and for the better preserving the Streets and Highways therein, and for confirming and establishing a Court of Conscience in the said City, and for regulating the Assize*

3 G. 2. (I.) in part.

17 G. 2. (I.) in part.

22 G. 2. c. 27. in part.

29 G. 2. c. 33. in part.

3 G. 3. (I.) in part.

Assize of Bread therein, and for securing the Quays by Parapet Walls, as relates to the Assemblies and Combinations of Artificers, Journeymen, Apprentices, Labourers, and Manufacturers therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland,* in the Third Year of King *George* the Third,

3 G. 3. (I.) in part. intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures,* as relates to meeting in order to consult upon or enter into Rules, Agreements, or Combinations to ascertain or fix the Price of Labour or Workmanship, and as relates to administering Oaths or Declarations tending to fix the Price of Wages or Workmanship, and as relates to issuing and delivering Tickets, Certificates, and Tokens of Parties being licensed to work, and as relates to Rules, Orders, and Regulations relating to the Price or Wages of Labour or Workmanship, and as relates to Oaths to enter into Combinations or Agreements to ascertain or fix the Price of Wages or Workmanship, and to Oaths and Combinations not to work for a particular Employer, as therein mentioned; also a certain other Act, passed in the Eighth Year of King *George* the

8 G. 3. c. 17. Third, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the Seventh Year of King* George *the First, intituled 'An Act for regulating the Journeymen Tailors within the Weekly Bills of Mortality;'* also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King *George* the Third, intituled

11 & 12 G. 3. (I.) in part. *An Act for the Regulation of the City of* Cork, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned relative to the said City,* as relates to the Meetings and Assemblies therein mentioned, the administering and taking Oaths and Declarations, to the Tickets, Certificates, Advertisements, and Writings, and to the Rules, Orders, Agreements, and Regulations, and to the Combinations and Agreements to ascertain or fix the Price of Wages, Labour, or Workmanship, or not to work, and as relates to the Refusal or Neglect, by Persons not in actual Service, to work on Application made, and as relates to the Detection and Discovery of Assemblies and Combinations for any of the above recited Purposes, and as relates to ascertaining Wages as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of

11 & 12 G. 3. (I.) in part. King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the Journeymen Tailors and Journeymen Shipwrights of the City of* Dublin *and the Liberties thereof, and of the County of* Dublin, as punishes those who permit the Clubs and Societies therein mentioned to be kept or held in their Houses or Apartments, and as makes the Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements therein mentioned, and Oaths to enforce them, illegal, and as punishes Persons for keeping up, continuing, acting in, making, entering into, signing, sealing, or being knowingly interested or concerned in such Contracts, Covenants, or Agreements, and as punishes Persons not retained or employed for refusing to enter into Work or Employment on Request made, as therein mentioned, and as regulates the Hours of Work and the Rate of Wages as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act,

13 G. 3. c. 68. in part. passed in the Thirteenth Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to empower the Magistrates therein mentioned to settle and regulate the Wages of Persons employed in the Silk Manufacture within their respective Jurisdictions,* as relates to settling, regulating, ordering

ing and declaring the Wages and Prices of Work, and the Notification thereof, and makes it an Offence to deviate from such Settlement, Regulation, Order, and Declaration, or to ask, receive, or take more or less Wages or larger or less Prices than shall be so settled, or to enter into Combinations, or for that Purpose to decoy or solicit, or to assemble, as therein mentioned, and as relates to the Detection of such Offences, and as makes it an Offence to retain or employ Journeymen Weavers, or to give, allow, or pay, or cause to be given, allowed, or paid, more or less Wages than shall be settled, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Seventeenth Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better regulating the Hat Manufactory*, as relates to the keeping up, acting in, making, entering into, signing, sealing, or being knowingly concerned in the Contracts, Covenants, or Agreements, Bye Laws, Ordinances, Rules, or Orders of the Clubs, Societies, or Combinations therein mentioned, or the presuming or attempting to put the Agreements, Bye Laws, Ordinances, Rules, or Orders in Execution, or to the attending Meetings, Clubs, Societies, or Combinations, or to the summoning, giving Notice to, or calling upon, collecting, demanding, or receiving, persuading, enticing, or inveigling, or endeavouring to persuade, entice, or inveigle, paying Money, making or entering into Subscriptions or Contributions, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to prevent Combinations, and for the further Encouragement of Trade*, as declares that Combinations in Trade are public Nuisances, and that the Acts therein enumerated shall be considered as Evidences of unlawful Combinations, and sufficient for the Conviction of any Person who shall be guilty of the same, and as avoids Rules, Bye Laws, and Regulations contrary to its Provisions, and Oaths for obeying or executing the same, and as provides for the Case of an Act of Combination for which no specific Punishment is pointed out, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Silk Manufacture*, as relates to the Wages and Prices for Work, to Combinations to raise Wages, and the decoying or soliciting Journeymen Weavers, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the curing and preparing Provisions, and for preventing Combinations among the several Tradesmen and other Persons employed in making up such Provisions, and for regulating the Butter Trade in the City of* Dublin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, as relates to summoning Persons to appear at Meetings and Assemblies, and as relates to administering Oaths or Declarations, to the issuing and delivering of Messages, Tickets, Certificates, and Tokens, Advertisements or Writings, to making or joining in making Rules, Orders, Agreements, and Regulations, as therein mentioned, and as relates to taking Oaths, or entering into Combinations or Agreements to ascertain or fix the Price of Wages or of Labour or Workmanship, or to make any Rule, Order, Agreement, or Regulation, and to taking Oaths, and entering into Combinations and

17 G. 3. c. 55. in part.

19 & 20 G. 3. (I.) in part.

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and Agreements not to work for a particular Person, as therein mentioned, and as relates to the fixing of Wages; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-fifth Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for granting the Sums of Twenty thousand Pounds, Five thousand Pounds, and Four thousand Pounds, to certain Trustees, and for promoting the several Manufactures therein named,* as relates to ascertaining the Rates of Labour and Prices of Workmanship, as therein mentioned, and as requires an Affidavit to be filed previous to the Commencement of a Suit, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act, passed in the Thirty-second Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act to empower 'the Magistrates therein mentioned to settle and regulate the Wages 'of Persons employed in the Silk Manufacture within their respective 'Jurisdictions,' to Manufactories of Silk mixed with other Materials, and for the more effectual Punishment of Buyers and Receivers of Silk purloined and embezzled by Persons employed in the Manufacture thereof,* as extend the Provisions of the said Act of the Thirteenth of *George* the Third, hereby repealed, to the Persons therein mentioned; also a certain other Act, passed in the Thirty-sixth Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Paper Manufactory*; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to explain and amend the Laws relative to Colliers in that Part of* Great Britain *called* Scotland, as relates to the fixing and appointing of Hire and Wages; also an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of 'Workmen,' and to substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof,* excepting so much thereof as relates to the Adjustment of Disputes between Masters and Workmen, as therein mentioned; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Forty-third Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen, Artificers, Journeymen, and Labourers, in* Ireland, *and for other Purposes relating thereto,* as makes illegal and void Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements for obtaining an Advance of Wages, or for lessening or altering the Hours or Time of working, or for decreasing the Quantity of Work, or for controlling or affecting the Conduct or Management of any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, and as prohibits the making or entering into or being concerned in the same, and as punishes Persons for so doing, and as relates to the Combinations therein mentioned, and as relates to endeavouring by Gift, Persuasion, or Solicitation to prevent Persons hiring themselves, and as relates to attending the Meetings therein mentioned, or endeavouring to induce the Attendance of others, and collecting, demanding, asking, or receiving Money for the Purposes therein mentioned, and as relates to persuading, enticing, soliciting, or endeavouring to induce others to enter into or be concerned in the Combinations therein mentioned, and to paying Money, making or entering into Subscriptions or Contributions, and to Oaths and Declarations, and to Tickets, Certificates, and Tokens, and to Contri-

25 G. 3. (I.) in part.

32 G. 3. c. 44. in part.

36 G. 3. c. 111.

39 G. 3. c. 56. in part.

39 & 40 G. 3. c. 106. in part.

43 G. 3. c. 86. in part.

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butions supporting and maintaining others, as therein mentioned, and as punishes Persons for permitting Assemblies in their Houses or Apartments, as therein mentioned; also a certain other Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to declare that the Provisions of an Act, made in the Parliament of* Ireland *in the Thirty-third Year of King* Henry *the Eighth, relating to Servants Wages, shall extend to all Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in* Ireland; also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of King *George* the Third, 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, as extends such of the Provisions of the said Acts as are hereby repealed to *Scotland* and *Ireland;* together with all other Laws, Statutes, and Enactments now in force throughout or in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, relative to Combinations to obtain an Advance of Wages, or to lessen or alter the Hours or Duration of the Time of working, or to decrease the Quantity of Work, or to regulate or controul the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof; relative also to Combinations to lower the Rate of Wages, or to increase or alter the Hours or Duration of the Time of working, or to increase the Quantity of Work, or to regulate or controul the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof; relative also to fixing the Amount of the Wages of Labour; relative also to obliging Workmen not hired to enter into Work; together with every other Act and Enactment enforcing or extending the Application of any of the Acts or Enactments repealed by this Act, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, save and except in as far as the same may have repealed any prior Act or Enactment.

47 G. 3. st. 1. c. 43.

57 G. 3. c. 122. in part.

And all Acts relative to Combinations of Workmen or of Masters, as to Wages, Time of working, or Quantity of Work, &c. repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That Journeymen, Workmen, or other Persons who shall enter into any Combination to obtain an Advance or to fix the Rate of Wages, or to lessen or alter the Hours or Duration of the Time of working, or to decrease the Quantity of Work, or to induce another to depart from his Service before the End of the Time or Term for which he is hired, or to quit or return his Work before the same shall be finished, or not being hired, to refuse to enter into Work or Employment, or to regulate the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof, shall not therefore be subject or liable to any Indictment or Prosecution for Conspiracy, or to any other Criminal Information or Punishment whatever, under the Common or the Statute Law.

Workmen exempted from Punishment for combining to raise their Wages, alter the Time of working, or Quantity of Work.

III. And be it further enacted, That Masters, Employers, or other Persons, who shall enter into any Combination to lower or to fix the Rate of Wages, or to increase or alter the Hours or Duration of the Time of working, or to increase the Quantity of Work, or

Masters exempted from Punishment for combining to depress

Wages, alter the Time of working, or Quantity of Work.

or to regulate the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof, shall not therefore be subject or liable to any Indictment or Prosecution or for Conspiracy, or to any other Criminal Information or Punishment whatever, under the Common or the Statute Law.

Penal Proceedings under any Act hereby repealed void.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all penal Proceedings for any Act or Omission against any Enactment hereby repealed, and not made punishable by the Provisions of this Act, or for any Act or Omission hereby exempted from Punishment, shall become null and void; and that no penal Proceedings for any Act or Omission against any Enactment hereby repealed, and not made punishable by the Provisions of this Act, or for any Act or Omission hereby exempted from Punishment, shall be instituted against any one in relation to any such Offence already incurred; provided that no Person shall be subjected to Loss or Liability for any thing already done, touching any Act or Omission the penal Proceedings against which are hereby made null and void, or shall lose any Privilege or Protection to which the Enactments hereby repealed entitle him.

Punishment for forcing Workmen, by Violence, Threats, or Intimidation, to leave their Service, quit or spoil their Work, or refuse to enter upon Work, and for using Violence, Threats, or Intimidation towards another for not assenting to Combinations of Workmen:

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Person, by Violence to the Person or Property, by Threats or by Intimidation, shall wilfully or maliciously force another to depart from his Hiring or Work before the End of the Time or Term for which he is hired, or return his Work before the same shall be finished, or damnify, spoil, or destroy any Machinery, Tools, Goods, Wares, or Work, or prevent any Person not being hired from accepting any Work or Employment; or if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously use or employ Violence to the Person or Property, Threats or Intimidation towards another, on account of his not complying with or conforming to any Rules, Orders, Resolutions, or Regulations made to obtain an Advance of Wages, or to lessen or alter the Hours of working, or to decrease the Quantity of Work, or to regulate the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof; or if any Person, by Violence to the Person or Property, by Threats or by Intimidation, shall wilfully or maliciously force any Master or Mistress Manufacturer, his or her Foreman or Agent, to make any Alteration in their Mode of regulating, managing, conducting, or carrying on their Manufacture, Trade, or Business; every Person so offending, or causing, procuring, aiding, abetting, or assisting in such Offence, being convicted thereof in manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be imprisoned only, or imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

Punishment for combining to effect such Purposes.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Persons shall combine and by Violence to the Person or Property, or by Threats or Intimidation, wilfully and maliciously force another to depart from his Service before the End of the Time or Term for which he or she is hired, or return his or her Work before the same shall be finished, or damnify, spoil, or destroy any Machinery, Tools, Goods, Wares, or Work, or prevent any Person not being hired from accepting any Work or Employment; or if any Persons so combined shall wilfully

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or maliciously use or employ Violence to the Person or Property, or Threats or Intimidation towards another, on account of his or her not complying with or conforming to any Rules, Orders, Resolutions, or Regulations made to obtain an Advance of Wages, or to lessen or alter the Hours of working, or to decrease the Quantity of Work, or to regulate the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof; or if any Persons shall combine, and by Violence to the Person or Property, or by Threats or Intimidation, wilfully or maliciously force any Master or Mistress Manufacturer, his or her Foreman or Agent, to make any Alteration in their Mode of regulating, managing, conducting, or carrying on their Manufacture, Trade, or Business; each and every Person so offending, or causing, procuring, aiding, abetting, or assisting in such Offence, being convicted thereof in manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be imprisoned only, or imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall alter or affect any Law now in force for the Prosecution and Punishment of the said several Offences; only that a Conviction under this Act for any of such Offence shall exempt the Offender from Prosecution under any other Law or Statute.

But not to affect any Law now in force for the Punishment of such Offences; only a Conviction under this Act shall exempt from Prosecution under any other Law.

VII. And for the more effectual Prosecution of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That on Complaint and Information upon Oath before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of any Offence having been committed against this Act within his or their respective Jurisdictions, such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized and required to summon the Person or Persons charged with any such Offence against this Act to appear before any Two Justices at a certain Time and Place to be specified, such Place to be as near to the Place where Cause of such Complaint shall have arisen as may be; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall not appear according to such Summons, then such Justices (Proof on Oath having been first made before them or him of the due Service of such Summons upon such Person or Persons, by delivering the same to him or her personally, or leaving the same at his or her usual Place of Abode, provided the same shall be so left Twenty-four Hours at the least before the Time which shall be appointed to attend the said Justices upon such Summons) shall make and issue their or his Warrants or Warrant for apprehending the Person or Persons so summoned and not appearing as aforesaid, and bringing him or her before such Justices; or it shall be lawful for such Justices, if they shall think fit, without issuing any previous Summons, and instead of issuing the same, upon such Complaint and Information upon Oath as aforesaid, to make and issue their Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Person or Persons by such Information charged to have offended against this Act, and bringing him or her before such Justices; such Justices shall and they are hereby authorized and required forthwith to make Enquiry touching the Matters complained of, and to examine into the same, and to hear and determine the Matter of every such Complaint; and upon Confession by the Party, or Proof by Two or more credible Witnesses upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized to administer,) to convict or acquit the Party against whom Complaint shall have been made as aforesaid; such

Summary Conviction before Two Justices for Offences against this Act.

such Conviction, and the Commitment thereon, to be in the Form or to the Effect of the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

No Justice being a Master Manufacturer, &c. shall act.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Justice of the Peace, being also a Master, or the Father or Son of any Master, in any Trade or Manufacture, shall act as such Justice under this Act.

Witnesses may be summoned, and on refusing to appear, or appearing to be examined, may be committed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any such Complaint and Information shall be made as aforesaid, and he and they are hereby authorized and required, at the Request in Writing of any of the Parties, to issue his or their Summons to any Witness or Witnesses to appear and give Evidence before such Justices at the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining such Complaint, and which Time and Place shall be specified in such Summons; and if any Person so summoned to appear as a Witness as aforesaid shall not appear before such Justices at the Time and Place specified in such Summons, or offer some reasonable Excuse for the Default, or appearing according to such Summons shall not submit to be examined as a Witness, and give his Evidence before such Justices touching the Matter of such Complaint, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Justices, and they are hereby authorized (Proof on Oath, in the Case of any Person not appearing according to such Summons, having been first made before such Justice or Justices, of the due Service of such Summons on every such Person, by delivering the same to him, or by leaving the same, Twenty-four Hours before the Time appointed for such Person to appear before such Justices, at the usual Place of Abode of such Person) by Warrant under the Hands of such Justices, in the Form and to the Effect of the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed, to commit such Person so making Default in appearing, or appearing and refusing to give Evidence, to some Prison within the Jurisdiction of such Justices, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months, or until such Person shall submit himself or herself to be examined, and give his or her Evidence before such Justices as aforesaid: Provided always, that in case such Complaint shall be heard and determined before such Offender shall submit to be examined and give Evidence as aforesaid, then and in every such Case he, she, or they shall be imprisoned the full Term of such Commitment.

Offenders obliged to give Evidence for the Crown, but shall be indemnified.

X. And be it further enacted, That any Person offending against this Act shall be compellable to give his Testimony as a Witness on behalf of the Crown, Prosecutor or Informer, upon any Information under this Act against any other Person not being such Witness; but every Person having given his Testimony as aforesaid shall be indemnified from any Information or Prosecution for having offended in the Matter wherein or relative to which he shall so have given his Testimony.

Forms of Convictions and Commitments.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Justices before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or by whom any Person shall be committed to Prison for not appearing as a Wit-

ness, or not submitting to be examined, shall cause all such Convictions, and the Warrants or Orders for such Commitments, to be drawn up in the Form or to the Effect set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

No Appeal allowed.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Appeal shall be allowed against any Conviction under this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action shall be brought against any Person for any Matter or Thing whatsoever done or committed under or by virtue or in the Execution of this Act, unless such Action shall be brought within Six Calendar Months next after the doing or committing of such Matter or Thing.

Persons sued for any thing done under this Act, may plead the General Issue.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action shall be brought against any Person for any thing done under, by virtue, or in the Execution of this Act, such Person may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or suffer Discontinuance, or forbear further Prosecution, or if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant, such Defendant shall recover his full Costs, for which he shall have like Remedy as in Cases where Costs by Law are given to Defendants.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FORM of Conviction and Commitment.

BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before us [*naming the Justices*] Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] of of having [*stating the Offence*] contrary to the Statute made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal the Laws relative to the Combination of Workmen; and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* and we the said Justices do hereby order and adjudge the said *A. B.* for the said Offence to be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol for the said County [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, *or* Place] for the Space of [*or* to be committed to the House of Correction at within the said County, [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, *or* Place; *and if the Offender is to be kept to hard Labour*] there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of . Given under our Hands the Day and Year above written.

FORM

FORM of Commitment of a Person summoned as a Witness.

WHEREAS *C. D.* hath been duly summoned to appear and give Evidence before us [*naming the Justices who issued the Summons*] Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] of on this Day of at being the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining the Complaint made on the Oath of [*the Informer or Prosecutor*] before us, against *A. B.* of having [*stating the Offence as laid in the Information*] contrary to the Statute made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal the Laws relative to the Combination of Workmen; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*: And whereas the said *C. D.* hath not appeared before us at the Time and Place aforesaid, specified for that Purpose, or offered any reasonable Excuse for his Default [*or*, And whereas the said *C. D.* having appeared before us at the Time and Place aforesaid, specified for that Purpose, hath not submitted to be examined as a Witness and give his Evidence before us touching the Matter of the said Complaint, but hath refused so to do]: Therefore we the said Justices do hereby, in pursuance of the Statute, commit the said *C. D.* to the [*describing the Prison*], there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for his Contempt aforesaid, until he shall submit himself to be examined and give his Evidence before us touching the Matter of the said Complaint, or shall otherwise be discharged by due Course of Law; and you the [*Constable or other Peace Officer or Officers to whom the Warrant is directed*] are hereby authorized and required to take into your Custody the Body of the said *C. D.* and him safely to convey to the said Prison, and him there to deliver to the Gaoler or Keeper thereof, who is hereby authorized and required to receive into his Custody the Body of the said *C. D.*, and him safely to detain and keep, pursuant to this Commitment. Given under our Hands this Day of in the Year of our Lord

[*This Commitment to be directed to the proper Peace Officer and the Gaoler or Keeper of the Prison.*]

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