

ANNO SEXTO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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5 G. 3. c. 9. tuled *An Act for explaining and amending the Laws relative to the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament, in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the said Reign,
13 & 14 G. 3. c. 21. intituled *An Act for amending an Act passed in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the better Regulation of the 'Linen and Hempen Manufactures;'* also an Act passed in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the said Reign, intituled *An Act to*
17 & 18 G. 3. c. 21. *explain and amend an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the better Regulation of the 'Linen and Hempen Manufactures;'* also another Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of
17 & 18 G. 3. c. 33. the said Reign, intituled *An Act for preventing the cutting or destroying of plain, stained, or printed Linens, Cottons, Lawns, or Muslins, or any other manufactured Goods;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Year of
21 & 22 G. 3. c. 35. the said Reign, intituled, *An Act for prohibiting the Use of Lime in bleaching, regulating Seal Masters of Linens, encouraging the Home Manufacture of Ashes for bleaching Use, enlarging and rendering more commodious the Linen Hall in the City of* Dublin, *and other Purposes therein mentioned;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of the said
23 & 24 G. 3. c. 53. Reign, intituled *An Act for further promoting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*,
26 G. 3. c. 29. in the Twenty-sixth Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Four thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture, and for the Purposes therein mentioned;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-seventh Year
27 G. 3. c. 18. of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Four hundred thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture, and for the Purposes therein mentioned;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-seventh Year of the said Reign,
27 G. 3. c. 20. intituled *An Act to extend the Powers given by Law to certain Persons of making Leases of Lands for the Purposes of building, and carrying on the Linen Manufacture;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-eighth Year of the said Reign, intituled
28 G. 3. c. 8. *An Act to promote the Linen and Hempen Manufacture by increasing the Supply of* Irish *Flax Seed, and encouraging the Export of Linens and Sail Cloth, and for granting to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Duties therein mentioned;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-ninth Year of the said
29 G. 3. c. 34. Reign, intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Four thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture, and for other Purposes;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirtieth
30 G. 3. c. 26. Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Four thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the Linen Manufacture, and for other Purposes;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of
31 G. 3. c. 14. *Ireland*, in the Thirty-first Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws respecting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the
33 G. 3. c. 12. Thirty-third Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Four thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures, and for other Purposes;* also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-fourth Year of the said

Reign, intituled *An Act for a more effectual Redress in Cases of fraudulent or damaged Linens, and for enforcing County Inspectors to an effectual Execution of their Duty, and otherwise promoting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures*; and also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act to amend certain Parts of the Laws respecting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures*; also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-seventh Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for the further Regulations of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures*; also an Act passed in the said Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-eighth Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for promoting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures*; also an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, in the Forty-fourth Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for regulating the Linen Manufacture of* Ireland; also an Act passed in the said Parliament, in the Fifty-fifth Year of the said Reign, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Manufacture of Brown Linens in* Ireland; also an Act passed in the said Parliament, in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of* Ireland,

34 G. 3. c. 17.

36 G. 3. c. 47.

37 G. 3. c. 61.

38 G. 3. c. 44.

44 G. 3. c. 69.

55 G. 3. c. 25.

4 G. 4. c. 90. repealed.

Former Trustees to continue.

II. And to the end that the several Orders and Regulations herein-after contained for the Government of the Linen Manufacture may be effectual, and carried into due Execution, and that the Funds appropriated and granted, and to be appropriated and granted, to the Uses of the said Manufacture, may be properly applied, it will be expedient to establish some superintending Authority for that Purpose; be it therefore enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Persons hitherto appointed, for each of the Four Provinces of *Ireland*, Trustees for encouraging the said Manufacture, pursuant to the Powers in some of the said Acts contained, shall and may continue Trustees for encouraging the said Manufacture, with the Powers and Authorities herein-after vested in them; and that when and as often as any of the said Trustees already nominated or appointed, or hereafter to be nominated or appointed, shall happen to die or resign, that in such and no other Case the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, shall and may from Time to Time nominate and appoint such other Person or Persons as he or they shall think fit, to be a Trustee or Trustees for encouraging the said Manufacture in the Place and Room of such of the said Trustees as shall happen to die or to resign, to be always nominated and appointed as aforesaid, for the same Province for which the respective Person or Persons so dying or resigning was or were formerly appointed; and that the said Trustees for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, shall and may from Time to Time, and as often as they shall think fit, meet and assemble together in some convenient Place within the City of *Dublin*, to settle and adjust such Matters as they shall think most expedient for the establishing and carrying on the said Manufacture, and for preventing all Frauds and Abuses that may happen in the same, or any Branch thereof.

III. And

Trustees to apply Money.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees to apply any Part of the Sums which shall or may be appropriated or granted to the said Trustees for the Use of the Linen Manufacture, in such Manner as they shall think proper and most conducive to the Interest of the said Manufacture, subject however to the Limitations herein-after mentioned in respect to the Appointment and Payment of their Officers and Servants, or other Persons to be employed by them for any temporary Purposes.

No Premium on Linen entitled to Bounty.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Part of the said Sums shall be applied in the Payment of any Premium, Bounty, or Allowance on any Fabric of the Linen Manufacture, which is or shall be entitled to any Bounty upon the Exportation thereof from any Part of the United Kingdom.

Appointment of Officers.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, subject however to the Conditions and Restrictions and Regulations herein-after mentioned, to appoint from Time to Time and at all Times, in any Mode or Manner they may think fit, all such Officers, Servants, and Persons as shall appear to the said Trustees to be necessary or expedient for the Purpose of carrying into effectual Execution the Trusts committed to the Charge of the said Trustees, with such Salaries and Allowances as to the said Trustees shall seem suitable.

Appointments not valid, unless at Meeting of Trustees.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any Appointment or Appointments of any such Officer or Officers, Servant or Servants, Person or Persons as aforesaid, or of the Salary or Salaries, Allowance or Allowances to be paid to them, or any of them, shall not be valid and effectual, unless such Appointment or Appointments shall be made at a Meeting to be held pursuant to Notice for that Purpose, at which Five or more of the said Trustees shall be present.

Such Appointment of Officers not valid without Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant.

VII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That any Appointment or Appointments of any Officer or Officers, Person or Persons as aforesaid, or of the Salary or Salaries, Allowance or Allowances to be paid to them or any of them, made by the said Trustees at any Meeting to be held for that Purpose, at which Five or more Trustees shall be present, shall not be valid and effectual, unless a Return in Writing of such Appointment or Appointments, Salary or Salaries, Allowance or Allowances as aforesaid, signed by the major Part in Number of the said Trustees present at such Meeting, shall be laid before the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and Privy Council of *Ireland*, for the Time being, by delivering the same at the Office of the Clerk of the Privy Council, Thirty-one Days at the least before such Appointment or Appointments shall be intended to take effect; and if the said Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and Privy Council, shall, within the said Thirty-one Days, signify to the said Trustees in Writing their Disapprobation of such Appointment or Appointments

ments respectively, or any of them, such Appointment or Appointments so objected to shall be of no Force or Effect.

Appointment of such Officers valid, if Lord Lieutenant shall not object.

VIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That if the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, and Privy Council for the Time being, shall not within Thirty-one Days, to be computed from the Day of Delivery at the Office of the Clerk of the Council in manner aforesaid, of such Return as aforesaid, signify to the said Trustees their Disapprobation of such Appointment or Appointments, the same shall, from the Time of the Expiration of the said Thirty-one Days, stand in full Force and Effect, notwithstanding that such Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and Privy Council, shall not have signified any express Approbation thereof.

Trustees may dismiss Officers.

IX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall abridge or restrain, or be construed to abridge or restrain the Power and Discretion of the said Trustees to dismiss from their Service any Officer, Servant, or other Person appointed and approved of in manner aforesaid, who shall afterwards appear to have been guilty of any Neglect or improper Conduct in their Employment, and to nominate such others in their Stead as they shall think fit, subject nevertheless to the Provisions aforesaid.

Five Trustees must be present.

X. And be it enacted, That no Act shall be deemed an Act of the said Trustees, unless there shall be at least Five of the said Trustees, duly assembled by previous Summons, present at such Act, unless otherwise herein particularly provided; and that the Act of the Majority of the Trustees present at any Meeting so assembled shall be and be considered as the Act of the said Trustees, and be good and sufficient for all Purposes whatsoever, save and except as herein otherwise particularly mentioned; any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

May make Rules for Officers.

XI. And be it enacted, That any Five Trustees, or the major Part of them, present at any such Meeting, shall and may, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, make, constitute, and appoint such Rules, Orders, and Directions (provided the same be not contrary to this Act), for regulating, governing, and directing the Conduct of all Inspectors, Seal Masters, Officers, Servants, or other Persons, that are or shall be appointed by them as aforesaid, as they the said Trustees, or such major Part of them, shall think proper; and that all such Persons so appointed, or to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be subject to and observe all such Rules, Orders, and Directions, and under such Fines or Penalties, as any Five of the said Trustees for the Time being, or such major Part of them, shall make, constitute, or appoint; and that the said Trustees for the Time being may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to take Security or Securities, by Bond or otherwise, in the Name or Names of any One or more of them, or in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, for the due Observance of all such Rules, Orders, and Directions as aforesaid; and that if any Complaints shall be made against any such Person or Persons as aforesaid, for any Fraud, Misbehaviour, or Neglect in his or their said Office, that it shall be lawful to and

May take Security for Observance of Rules.

for the said Trustees for the Time being, or any of them, on Examination upon Oath of the Parties, and of such Witnesses as shall appear or be produced before them (which Oath the said Trustees for the Time being, or any of them, are hereby empowered to administer), finally to hear and determine the same by dismissing such Persons, or by imposing upon any such Persons as aforesaid any such Fines as the said Trustees, or any Five of them, shall judge proper: Provided always, that this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to render null and void, interfere with, or affect any Act, Matter, or Thing, heretofore done by the said Trustees in pursuance of any Authority vested in them, or to take away or interfere with any Remedy they may have or might have had in respect of the same before the passing of this Act, or to render void any Appointment of Officers heretofore made by them (except as herein-after is excepted), but that the same shall continue in full Force and Effect as fully to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not been made: Provided always, however, that all Appointments of Lappers or Seal Masters of White Linen heretofore made by the said Trustees, shall from henceforth cease and determine, and be rendered null and void.

Acts heretofore done and Appointments made by Trustees valid.

XII. And be it enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the different Persons appointed Inspectors General shall from Time to Time, and as often as thereunto required by the said Trustees, go through the several Parts of their Inspection, where the said Manufacture is carried on, and that they shall inspect into such Matters relative to the said Manufactures as shall be directed by the said Trustees, from the growing of the Seed to the most finished State of the Linen, and likewise into the State of the Markets, the Conduct of all Seal Masters and Inspectors, the Application of Utensils granted from Time to Time by the Trustees, the Expenditure of the Money by them granted for Bleach Greens, Mills, Buildings, or other Purposes, the Situation and State of such Bleach Greens, Mills, and Buildings, and whether any and what Frauds have been committed in claiming any Premiums, or distributing any Utensils granted by the said Trustees; and the said Inspectors General are hereby authorized to suspend from Office any Local Inspectors or Seal Masters that shall appear to them to have been guilty of any Fraud or Neglect in their Offices, and to make Complaint thereof to the said Trustees, and to appoint any other Person or Persons to be Inspector or Inspectors, Seal Master or Seal Masters, in their Stead, with full Powers to act as such Inspector or Seal Master, until the Determination of the said Trustees shall be had on such Complaint; and that each such Inspector General shall always return upon Oath to the said Trustees a full and true Account of the said several Matters, and of his Progress in the Execution of their Orders, and of every Fraud, Neglect, or Misconduct which he shall have observed or found out in any Inspector or Seal Master, or in the Application of any Utensil, or Claim or Payment of any Premium granted by the Trustees, and for that Purpose to use and exercise, and he is hereby authorized to use and exercise every Power, and to do every Act which any One Trustee is in himself by this Act vested with or authorized to do, to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and effectually as if he

Inspectors General; their Duty and Powers.

he were himself a Trustee, and the said Powers were herein specifically enacted.

Inspectors to be appointed on Recommendation of Bleachers;

if no Bleachers, then of Dealers;

if no Return, then by Trustees.

Must be a Person dealing in the Linen Trade.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the several Inspectors of Linen and Yarn, to be appointed by the said Trustees for any County or District, shall be so appointed on the Recommendation of the Linen Bleachers, or a Majority of them, resident within such County or District, to the said Trustees, provided there shall be Six Bleachers resident therein; and in case there shall not be Six Bleachers therein, then such Persons shall be appointed on the Recommendation of Persons resident within such County or District, and dealing in Linen or Yarn to the Amount of One thousand Pounds for the Year previous to such Recommendation; provided such Persons shall respectively send with the Return made by them of such Person or Persons so recommended, Affidavits made by themselves of their having sold or bought such Quantity within the said Year: Provided always, that if the said Return shall be omitted to be made by any County or District of the Persons out of whom an Inspector or Inspectors are to be appointed, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five of them assembled as aforesaid, to appoint any Person or Persons they shall think proper to be Inspector or Inspectors for such County or District: Provided always, that such Person or Persons shall have been bred to, or exercised, or dealt in some one Branch of the Linen Manufacture.

Powers and Duty of Inspectors.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every Inspector and Person deputed and employed by such Inspector (being first approved of by the Inspector General of the District) shall have full Power and Authority, and he is hereby required, to seize and inform against every Piece of brown Linen which shall be sold or exposed to Sale, or bought or agreed to be bought in any public Market within his Inspection, and which shall be fraudulent or not stamped, or falsely or improperly stamped or marked, and to carry the same before a Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of a City within their respective Jurisdictions; and for that Purpose he shall have full Power and Authority, and it shall and may be lawful for him to inspect and examine all Linens exposed for Sale in every of the said Markets, or which shall have been sold or agreed to be sold therein; and likewise to seize and inform against all Yarn of *Irish* Manufacture, which shall be sold or exposed to Sale, or agreed to be sold in any of the said Markets, without being reeled, divided, or made up, as by Law required for such Yarn; and every Inspector who shall conceal or connive at any Offence contrary to this Law, touching the Linen Manufacture, or omit to inform against any Seal Master who shall act contrary to his Duty as herein enacted, shall be subject to all the Fines and Penalties enacted against such Offence, as fully as if he himself had been guilty of such Offence.

Regulations as to Yarn sold in open Market.

XV. And be it enacted, That brown or unbleached or unpurged Linen Yarn of *Irish* Manufacture, sold or exposed for Sale in public Market, shall be well and sufficiently spun and made up into Hanks, each Hank to consist of Twelve Cuts, and no more; that every such Cut shall contain One hundred and twenty Threads, and no more; and

and that every such Hank shall be of One Yard and One Quarter in Length, or Two Yards and One Half in Circumference, and no more; and that each such Cut in every such Hank shall be separated as the same shall be reeled, and not afterwards; and that in reeling such Linen Yarn, no more than One Thread at a Time shall be reeled; and that all the Yarn contained in every such Hank shall be of Flax Yarn only, or Tow Yarn only, of the same Colour and Fineness throughout each Hank; and that when the Hank or Twelve Cuts are reeled, the same shall be made up in such a Manner as to admit of opening thereof at every Part at Ten Inches at least, for the Purpose of spreading on the Bleach Green; and that all Yarn of *Irish* Manufacture, under the Size or Grist of Two Hanks in the Pound, commonly called Pound or Head Yarn, shall be reeled according to the above Regulations, and this coarser Description may be made up and sold in Half Hanks of Six Cuts, and no less; and in case any Person or Persons shall sell or expose to Sale in open Market any Yarn which shall not be conformable to the above Regulations respectively affecting the same, or which shall be deficient in Quality, Length, or Count, he or they shall forfeit a Sum not less than Two-pence or not more than Four-pence for each Hank; said Penalty to be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace, or any Chief Magistrate of a Town within their respective Jurisdictions; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for every Inspector in every public Fair or Market, to seize any Yarn that shall be found deficient in Length or Count, and which shall not be conformable to the Regulations aforesaid, and to carry the same before any Justice of the Peace, or any Chief Magistrate as aforesaid, who are hereby authorized to hear and finally determine the said Complaints, and to order the said Yarn to be re-reeled and made conformable to the Regulations of this Act, and issue his or their Warrant to levy the Penalty aforesaid, and the Costs of his or their Warrant, off the Goods and Chattels of the Person so selling the said Yarn, or exposing same to Sale in open Market as aforesaid; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Inspector to retain and keep the said Yarn in his Custody and Possession, until the said Penalty is paid: Provided always, however, that nothing herein-before mentioned shall extend or be construed to extend to or affect the Manufacture and Sale of Yarn, however made up and sold, or exposed to Sale, at other Times and Places save in open Market, it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that all Persons may manufacture and make up Yarn in any Manner they may think proper, and sell the same, without being subject to the above Regulations, unless they sell the same in open Market.

Not to affect any Sale of Yarn, save in open Market.

Flax sold in Market, to be of equal Fineness and Quality.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all Flax of the Growth of *Ireland*, sold or exposed to Sale in any Fair or Market, and all Flax sold by Sample in Fair or public Market in *Ireland*, shall be of equal Cleanness and Quality throughout each Parcel, on pain of Forfeiture of One Shilling *per* Stone by the Person so selling or exposing the same to Sale; and that in all Cases of Fraud or false Representation in the Sale of Linen Yarn or of Flax, whether sold in Fair or Market or otherwise, and also in all Cases of Fraud or Neglect by Persons employed to clean and prepare Flax for Market by the Owners of such Flax, it shall and may be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices

In case of Fraud or Misrepresentation in Sale of Yarn or Flax, or

tices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of a Town within their respective Jurisdictions, upon Complaint made to them, to hear and determine the same in a summary Way, and to award Damages and Costs to the Party aggrieved, against the Persons so selling such Flax or Yarn, or against the Owner or Owners thereof, or against such Persons so employed to clean such Flax as aforesaid: Provided always, that no greater Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for or in respect of such Damages and Costs by any such Justice or Justices or Chief Magistrate, than the Sum of Four-pence *per* each Hank of Yarn, and One Shilling *per* Stone for each Stone of Flax; and in default of Payment of any such Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of a Town, to issue his or their Warrant to any Constable for the Distress and Sale of every such Offender's Goods; and in case of no sufficient Distress, to commit every such Person or Persons to Gaol or the House of Correction for any Period not exceeding One Month, unless such Damages be sooner paid: Provided also, that such Justice or Justices of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, in case it shall seem to them expedient and necessary, shall and may summon before them Three Persons skilled in Flax or Yarn, and swear them (which Oath he and they are hereby empowered to administer) well and truly to examine the said Flax or Yarn, and true Verdict give whether the same is fraudulently made up, or whether there has been any Fraud or Misrepresentation in the Sale thereof, or whether there has been any Fraud or Neglect in the cleaning or preparing of such Flax, whose Opinion shall be final and conclusive upon the same.

Fraud or Neglect in cleaning Flax.

Damages may be recoverable before a Magistrate.

XVII. And be it enacted, That no Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any public Fair or Market any Piece of brown Linen Cloth, being of or exceeding the Set of Twelve Hundred, made or intended to be of the Denomination commonly called Yard wide, that shall not be when brown and before the same shall be bleached Thirty-seven Inches and a Half broad at least; and that all Cloth of the Denomination of Yard wide, being under the Set of Twelve Hundred, shall be when brown Thirty-six Inches broad at least; and that no Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any public Market any Piece of plain Linen Cloth, being of the Denomination commonly called Seven-eighths wide, that shall not be when brown and before the same shall be bleached Thirty-two Inches broad at least; and that no Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any public Market any Piece of plain Linen Cloth, being of the Denomination commonly called Three-quarters wide, that shall not be when brown and before the same shall be bleached Twenty-eight Inches broad at least; and that no Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any public Market any Piece of plain Linen Cloth of the Denomination of Nine-eighths wide Sheeting, that shall not be when brown and before the same shall be bleached Forty-one Inches broad at least; and that no Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any public Market any Piece of plain Linen Cloth of the Denomination of Five-quarters wide Sheeting, that shall not be when brown and before the same shall be bleached Forty-five Inches broad at least; and that no Person shall sell or expose to Sale in any public Market any Piece of plain Linen Cloth of the Denomination of

Brown Linen of certain Denominations sold in open Market to be of certain Widths.

Yard wide.

7-8ths.

3-quarters.

9-8ths.

5-quarters.

6-quarters.

of Six-quarters wide Sheeting, that shall not be when brown and before the same shall be bleached Fifty-four Inches broad at least; and that if any Person or Persons shall sell or expose to Sale in any Fair or Market any Linen Cloth or Sheetings of the Denominations above-mentioned, which shall not be respectively of the Widths above directed and specified, he or they shall be subject to a Penalty of not less than Five Shillings, nor more than Ten Shillings, for each such Piece so sold or exposed to Sale, said Penalty or Penalties to be recoverable before a Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate within their respective Jurisdictions; and that no Piece of brown or unbleached plain Linen Cloth shall be sold or exposed to Sale in any public Market which shall be thicker or finer in the Selvage than in the Body of such Piece, or which shall not be of equal Fineness and Thickness throughout every Part of the Length and Breadth of such Piece, under Penalty of Forfeiture of the same to the said Trustees, and that it shall and may be lawful for any Inspector to seize the same: Provided always, that if any Person shall think him or herself aggrieved by any such Seizure, it shall and may be lawful for such Person within Four Days after the Seizure to appeal to any Magistrate, first giving Notice to the Inspector or other Person as aforesaid of such his or her Intention; and the Magistrate to whom such Appeal shall be made shall summon such Inspector or other Person as aforesaid, to produce the brown Linen so seized, and assign the Cause or Causes why he seized the same, and shall call before him Three Persons skilled in brown Linen to attend and give their Opinion upon Oath of the Sufficiency of the said Cause or Causes, and whether the said brown Linen was seizable and forfeited by virtue of this Act; and if Two of the said Three Persons shall deem the said brown Linen not to have been seizable and forfeited under the Provisions in this Act, the same shall be restored to the Person or Persons from whom the same was seized, and the Inspector, if required by the said Magistrate, shall pay such Damages, not exceeding Five Shillings *per* Piece of brown Linen, to the said Person or Persons from whom he so seized the same, as the said Magistrate shall adjudge, upon pain of being by him committed to close Confinement until he shall pay the same: Provided always, that if Two of the said Three Persons shall deem the said brown Linen to have been seizable and forfeited under the Provisions in this Act, the same shall be immediately returned to the Inspector for the Disposal of the said Trustees.

Penalty not less than 5*s.* nor more than 10*s.*

Linen to be of equal Fineness throughout.

Persons aggrieved by any Seizure may appeal to a Magistrate.

Linen or Yarn deemed seizable shall be returned to Inspector.

Linen in Fair or Market, how to be made up.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That every Piece of brown or unbleached Linen Cloth that shall be brought to any Fair or Market, or that shall be sold or exposed to Sale, shall be so brought, sold, or exposed to Sale in open Folds, and no ways tied at either End or in the Middle; and that every such Piece, excepting such as are generally known by the Name of Osnaburghs or Dowlasses, shall be also crisped; and that every single Piece of such Linen Cloth, not containing more than Twenty-five Yards in Length, shall be in Folds not exceeding Twenty-seven Inches in Length in each Fold, and that every double Piece of such Linen Cloth, not containing more than Fifty Yards in Length, shall be in Folds not exceeding Thirty-six Inches in Length in each Fold; and that every double Piece of such Linen Cloth, containing more than Fifty Yards in Length, shall be in Folds

not exceeding Forty Inches in each Fold, upon pain of forfeiting, by the Person or Persons so selling or exposing the same to Sale as aforesaid, a Sum not less than Two Shillings and Sixpence, nor more than Five Shillings for such Piece; and that every Linen Weaver, or Linen Manufacturer, shall across each End of every Piece of Linen Cloth by him, his Journeyman, or Apprentice woven, weave or cause to be woven, Two Coarse Threads or Cords distant from each other about One-fourth Part of an Inch, and shall also write or cause to be written with Pen and Ink, close to such Coarse Threads or Cords, on each End, in legible Characters, his Christian Name, Surname, and Place of Residence; and in case any Weaver shall neglect to weave such Coarse Threads as aforesaid, or cause same to be woven, or to write or cause his Name to be written as aforesaid, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings, to be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate of a Town within their respective Jurisdictions.

Weaver to weave Two Coarse Threads;

and write his Name and Residence.

Penalty not exceeding 5*s.*

XIX. And be it enacted, That all brown Linen shall be measured between Seal and Seal, and that bad and insufficient Ends shall not be taken into the Length thereof, and shall be bought and sold by no other Measure but the Statute Yard, containing Thirty-six Inches; and that no extraordinary Measure or Allowance, except the Breadth of a Thumb, as is now generally practised, to every Yard in the Measuring thereof, shall be made therein by the Seller to the Buyer, or required, or accepted of, or taken by the Buyer from the Seller, upon pain that every Person so buying or selling such Goods, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall forfeit not less than Two Shillings and Sixpence, nor more than Five Shillings for every such Offence.

Linen how measured.

Penalty not less than 2*s.* 6*d.* nor more than 5*s.*

XX. And be it enacted, That no Person shall knowingly sell or expose to Sale in open Market any Piece of brown or unbleached Linen, any Part whereof shall have been pasted or spouted so as to make it look thick, or any brown Linen dyed or stained, either in the Yarn or Cloth, with any Material which has a Tendency to render the Part so stained or dyed difficult to bleach, upon pain of forfeiting not less than Five Shillings, or more than Ten Shillings for every such Piece: Provided always, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to or affect brown Linens not sold or brought to Sale in open Fair or Market, it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act that all Persons may manufacture and make up brown Linens in any Manner they may think proper, and sell the same without being subject to the aforesaid Regulations, unless they sell the same in open Market.

Linen stained or pasted.

Penalty.

But not to affect Sales, except in open Market.

XXI. And be it enacted, That every Seal Master of brown or unbleached Linen, appointed as aforesaid, shall carefully view, examine, and measure every Piece of such Linen that shall be produced and offered to him to be sealed; and if the same shall appear to him to be merchantable, and to be in every respect comformable to the Directions aforesaid, then and not otherwise such Seal Master shall and may affix, or cause to be affixed, a fair Impression of such Seal as shall be appointed for him by the said Trustees, with Lamp-

Seal Masters, their Duty.

black

black or Vermillion, or Stone Blue and Size or common Oil, on the Middle of such Fold, at not more than Thirteen Inches from the End of such Piece; and shall likewise mark or cause to be marked with such Ingredients as aforesaid, on the Back or Outside of every such Piece, the Length of such Piece, and the Number of Inches it contains in Breadth, and also the Half-inch, if the same shall be in Breadth Half an Inch more than any Number of Inches, without regard to any lesser Fractions of an Inch, and the Name of such Seal Master, and the Parish and County where he resides, or the Name of the Market Town for which he may be appointed to act; and that if any Parts of such Piece shall be damaged or faulty, but not so damaged or faulty as to render the same unmerchantable, every such damaged or faulty Part shall be fairly exposed in the Lap or Bosom of such Piece, so as that the same may be easily seen, and that opposite to such damaged or faulty Part upon the Bosom of every such Piece, such Seal Master shall affix, or cause to be affixed, an Impression of his Seal, with such Ingredients as aforesaid, to denote such damaged or faulty Part; and that such Seal Master shall and may demand and take the Sum of One Penny, and no more, for every Piece of brown or unbleached Linen, containing Twenty-five Yards or under, that shall be by him sealed as aforesaid, and so in proportion for a greater Quantity; and that if any such Seal Master shall offend in any of the Matters aforesaid, every such Seal Master shall for every such Offence forfeit such Sum, not less than Five Shillings nor exceeding Twenty Shillings, as the Person or Persons herein-after empowered to determine such Offences shall, upon the Circumstances of the Case, adjudge and determine.

Penalty not less than 5*s.* nor exceeding 20*s.*

Loss to Buyers of brown Cloth to be made good by Seal Master.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall sustain any Loss or Damage in the buying any Piece of brown or unbleached Linen, by any damaged Part being concealed in the Folds thereof, or by its not answering the Measure as to the Length or Breadth marked thereon by such Seal Master, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person to sue for and recover from the Seal Master of such Piece, or the Person who shall, at the Time of such sealing, be bound as Security for his faithful Discharge of the Office of Seal Master, the full Value of the Loss or Damage so sustained, to be determined by the Person or Persons by this Act empowered to determine such Offences.

Seal Master to enter into Security.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That no Person who shall be appointed by the said Trustees to be a Seal Master from and after the passing of this Act, shall receive any Seal or Stamp of brown Linen, or act as Seal Master, until he shall have entered into Security to the said Trustees, or their Secretary, in such Sum as the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, shall appoint, and shall likewise procure Two sufficient Persons, who shall at the same Time enter into a like Security jointly and severally, in a Sum of equal Amount with that he is required to enter into, and all said Persons shall also make Affidavit respectively, each for himself, that he is really and *bonâ fide* worth the Sum for which he is bound in the said Security, over and above all his just Debts; the Condition of every of which Security shall be, that such Person so appointed Seal Master shall duly and diligently execute his Office, and neither seal, stamp, or lap, or suffer the said

Condition.

Seal

Seal or Stamp to be put upon any Linen which is not sound, merchantable, and free from Mildew, Rottenness, or any Fraud or Damage, except such Holes, not exceeding Three in each Piece, as shall be exposed to View, and marked on the Outside thereof; and that such Person, his Executors or Administrators, shall duly, and without Delay, pay all such Fines as shall be legally imposed on him as a Seal Master from Time to Time; and in case of the Death of One of his Sureties, that he will, within One Month after such Death shall have come to his Knowledge, procure another sufficient Person to enter into a like Security, with a like Affidavit; and that he, his Executors or Administrators, will surrender and give up the said Seal or Stamp when thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them; and that he will not at any Time lend, hire out, or sell the said Stamp or Seal, or suffer the same to be used by any Person but himself, or his known Servant or Assistant, at his usual Place of Residence: Provided always, that a Seal Master appointed for any particular Market shall be at liberty to use his Seal or Stamp in respect to all Linens prepared for Sale in such Market, without reference to his Place of Residence.

Seal Master shall reside in Parish named in Seal.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Seal Master of brown Linen, except such as are or shall be appointed to particular Markets, shall reside within the Parish mentioned on his Seal, and that One of the Persons who shall enter into Security for him as aforesaid shall be resident within the same Parish, or in or within One Mile of the next Market Town thereto, within the same County; and that no Person shall sell or expose to Sale, or buy or agree to buy in open Market, any Piece of brown or unbleached Linen that shall not be at the Time of selling or exposing the same to Sale sealed and marked as aforesaid, upon pain of forfeiting the Sum of Five Shillings for every such Piece.

Brown Linen sold in open Market, to be sealed.

Yarn or Linen brought to Market, to be sold within Custom Gap.

Penalty not exceeding 10s.

Hours of Sale.

Penalty.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all Linen Yarn and brown Linen, which shall be sold or bought in any Fair or Market, shall be sold or bought within the Custom Gap or Custom Gates of such Fair or Market; and in case any Person shall sell or buy any Linen Yarn or brown Linen coming to any Fair or Market, and not within the said Custom Gaps or Gates, such Seller and Buyer shall respectively forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, to be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate of a Town within their respective Jurisdictions; and that no Linen Yarn sold or brought to Sale in any Fair or Market, shall be sold before the Hour of Eight o'Clock in the Morning, on the respective Fairs or Market Days; and that no brown Linen sold or brought to Sale in any Fair or Market shall be sold before Ten o'Clock in the Morning on the respective Fair or Market Days; and that if any Person shall sell, or offer or contract to sell, or shall buy, or offer or contract to buy in such Fair or Market, otherwise than as aforesaid, they shall be liable to a Penalty of Two-pence on each Hank of Yarn, or Five Shillings on each Piece of brown Linen, to be recoverable before a Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate of a Town within their respective Jurisdictions.

Complaints in Fair or Market between Buyer and Seller referred to Justice of Peace.

XXVI. And whereas Disputes frequently arise in Fairs or Markets between the Buyer and Seller of Linen Cloth and Yarn, in respect of Yarn or Cloth bought or sold, or agreed to be bought or sold; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Seller of any Cloth or Yarn, in any Fair or Market, if the Buyer of such Cloth or Yarn shall without just Cause refuse to pay him, her, or them selling the same the Price agreed upon between them, or for the Buyer of such Cloth or Yarn, if the Seller shall without just Cause refuse to deliver to him, her, or them buying the same, the said Cloth or Yarn, on being tendered the Price agreed upon to be paid for the same, to complain immediately, or at any Time within Twenty-four Hours, to the next Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, who are hereby required and authorized forthwith to summon the Parties before him; and if it shall appear to such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate that the Buyer of such Linen Cloth or Yarn shall, without just and reasonable Cause, refuse or have refused to pay the Seller of such Cloth or Yarn the Price first agreed upon between such Buyer and Seller at such Fair or Market, such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, order such Cloth or Yarn to be returned to the Seller thereof, and may by such Warrant direct any Penalty not exceeding the Sum of Ten Shillings to be levied off the Goods and Chattels of such Buyer of Cloth or Yarn, who shall, without just Cause, refuse to pay the Price first agreed upon; the said Penalty to be paid to the Person who had sold or contracted to sell the same, as a Recompence for the Loss of Time and Sale of their Goods at such Fair or Market; and if it shall appear to such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, that the Seller of such Cloth or Yarn shall without reasonable Cause refuse or have refused to deliver up the said Cloth or Yarn to the Person or Persons to whom he had sold or agreed to sell the same, such Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, order such Cloth or Yarn to be delivered up to the Person who had bought or agreed to buy the same; and may also by such Warrant direct any Penalty, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be levied off the Goods and Chattels of such Seller of Cloth or Yarn; the said Penalty to be paid to the Person who had bought or agreed to buy the same.

Penalties.

No Toll on Flax Seed, &c.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That no Custom or Duty whatsoever shall be paid or demanded for any Flax Seed or Hemp Seed, Flax, Hemp, or any Cloth made of Linen, or Hempen Yarn, or Kelp, or Pot Ashes, Wheels, Reels, Hackles, or Looms, for or by reason of their being brought to or kept in any Market or Fair; and that if any Person shall demand, exact, or take any Custom or Duty whatsoever, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Penalty 40*s*.

Justices or Magistrates may take Affidavits.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for every Justice of the Peace, and Chief Magistrate, and any One of the said Trustees, to administer an Oath to and take an Affidavit from any Person whatsoever, touching

or concerning any Matter or Thing in anywise relating to or concerning the Linen or Hempen Manufacture, or any Branch thereof; and that if any Person or Persons shall forge or counterfeit the Name of any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, or Trustee, to any Certificate or Affidavit that shall be ordered or required by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or shall produce to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to their Clerk for the Time being, any such Certificate or Affidavit, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, or shall knowingly swear any thing which is false in such Affidavit, such Person or Persons shall, upon Conviction thereof, suffer such Punishment as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by the Laws of this Kingdom subject to.

Forging Names or Certificate, or false swearing, punished as Perjury.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That wherever any Oath is required by this Act to be taken, the Affirmation of a Person, if a Quaker, shall be sufficient in the Place of such Oath or Affidavit; and that every Person who shall knowingly affirm any thing that is false, in any Affirmation which he or she shall or may affirm, in pursuance or by virtue of this Act, or for the Purpose of obtaining any Bounty or Premium proposed or offered by the said Trustees, such Person shall, upon Conviction, suffer such Punishment as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by the Laws of this Kingdom subject unto.

Affirmation of a Quaker.

XXX. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or counterfeit any Seal or Stamp of any Seal Master appointed or to be appointed by the said Trustees, to any Piece or Part of a Piece of brown Linen, such Person being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be imprisoned for any Period not exceeding Twelve Months, at the Discretion of the Judge or Judges who shall try such Offence.

Forging or counterfeiting any Seal or Stamp.

Punishment.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees for the Time being, to commence, prosecute, and defend, in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, any Suit either in Law or Equity, touching or concerning any Contract or Agreement heretofore made or entered into, or hereafter to be made or entered into, by the said Trustees or their Secretary for the Time being, by such Order as aforesaid; and that all Suits and Proceedings in any Court of Law or Equity, in the Name of such Secretary, shall be as good and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if such Suits and Proceedings had been commenced, prosecuted, defended, or carried on in the Names of the said Trustees, or any of them; and in case any Bill or Petition shall be filed or exhibited in any Court of Equity against the said Trustees for the Time being, or any of them, or their Secretary for the Time being, for or on account of any Matter or Thing by the said Trustees, or any of them, made or done in Execution of the Powers, Authorities, or Trusts heretofore or hereby vested in them, they the said Trustees, or any of them, shall not be obliged to answer such Bill or Petition, but that the Answer of such Secretary to such Bill or Petition

Trustees to sue in the Name of their Secretary;

Petition shall be deemed and taken to be the Answer of the said Trustees, and shall be binding upon them to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and in case such Secretary shall happen to die or be removed while such Suit shall be depending, that then and in such Case such Suit shall not abate by the Death or Removal of such Secretary, but shall be carried on in the Name of the succeeding Secretary, and shall stand to all Intents and Purposes in the same Plight and Condition as it was immediately before such Death or Removal.

Suit not to abate by Death or Removal of Secretary.

In all Indictments it shall be sufficient to name Secretary instead of Trustees.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That in all Indictments, Informations, and Complaints, of what Nature or Kind soever, for Fraud upon or against, or for Embezzlement, Robbery of or stealing the Property of the said Trustees, or the Funds committed to their Charge, or for any other Offence committed against or with Intent to injure or defraud the said Trustees, it shall and may be lawful to state the said Property or Funds to be the Property of the Secretary for the Time being of the said Trustees; and it shall be sufficient Proof that such Property or Funds be the Property or Funds of the said Secretary, if the same shall be proved to be the Property or Funds of the said Trustees; and every Offence committed with Intent to injure or defraud the said Trustees shall and lawfully may in all Cases be laid to have been committed with Intent to injure or defraud the said Secretary for the Time being of the said Trustees, and any Offender or Offenders may thereupon be lawfully convicted of any such Offence; and the Death, Resignation, or Removal of such Secretary shall not abate any such Action, Suit, or Prosecution; and that in all such Cases it shall not be deemed necessary to name the said Trustees individually, but it shall be a sufficient Designation and Description of them to designate and describe them by the Name of "The Trustees of the Linen Manufacture of *Ireland*;" and that such Designation and Description shall be as good, sufficient, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Trustees were a Corporate Body.

Offences how tried and determined;

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Offences or Breaches committed of or against any Clause or Article contained in this Act, or in any of the Acts of Parliament now in force for regulating the Linen Manufacture of *Ireland*, where the Penalty or Forfeiture does not or may not exceed in Value the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterling, shall and may be heard and finally determined by any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, or by any Chief Magistrate of any City or Town Corporate, where such Offences or Breaches shall be done or committed within their respective Jurisdictions: Provided always, that no such Determination shall be made, unless sufficient and reasonable Notice shall be given previously to the Party complained of; and that all Penalties or Forfeitures for Offences or Breaches done or committed of or against any Clause or Article in this present Act, or any other Act contained, where the Penalty or Forfeiture does or may exceed in Value Ten Pounds Sterling, shall or may be sued for and recovered by Suit or Action at Law, or by

if exceeding 10*l.*,

Bill,

Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer in *Ireland*, wherein no Essoign or Wager of Law shall be allowed. then in superior Courts.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions or Suits to be brought, committed, and prosecuted for Recovery of Forfeitures or Penalties for Offences or Breaches done or committed against this Act, or any of the said Acts, where the Penalties or Forfeitures shall exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterling, the same shall be laid in the County, or in the County of the City or the County of the Town, wherein such Offences or Breaches shall be committed, and no other. Venue in County.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the several Person or Persons, and Courts hereby empowered to hear and determine the said Offences respectively, to summon and examine upon Oath all and every Witness as shall be produced before them respectively, which Oath they are hereby empowered respectively to administer upon any Complaint or Information to him or them made of any Breach committed of or against this Act, or any of the said Acts, and to issue their Executions or Warrants respectively to the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the respective Counties, Counties of Cities, Counties of Towns, and Constables, requiring and empowering him or them to execute the same, as in all other Cases is usual. Witnesses may be summoned.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person whatsoever, for doing or causing to be done any Act, Matter, or Thing in pursuance of this Act, or any Act of Parliament for regulating the Linen Manufacture of *Ireland*, or any Branch thereof, or any thing relating thereto, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if upon such Action, or in such Suit, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein shall become nonsuit, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, that the Defendant or Defendants therein shall have Treble Costs. Defendant may plead General Issue.

XXXVII. And be it also enacted, That all Forfeitures and Penalties to be recovered under this Act before the several Courts and Persons herein-before mentioned, shall go to and be paid to the said Trustees (except when the same is otherwise particularly enacted), to be applied by them in rewarding their Inspectors, or otherwise towards promoting the Linen and Hempen Manufactures. Penalties to go to Trustees.

XXXVIII. Be it also enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Indictments and Criminal Proceedings, and in all other Cases whatsoever, in all Courts of Law or Equity, and before all Magistrates in this Kingdom, a Certificate of any Order, Proceeding, Appointment, or other Act of the said Trustees, under the Hand and Seal of their Secretary for the Time being, shall, without further Proof, be deemed and taken as conclusive Evidence that such Order, Proceeding, Certificate under Hand and Seal of Secretary to be Evidence.

ceeding, Appointment, or other Act, as shall be thereby certified, is the Order, Proceeding, Appointment, or Act of the Trustees of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures; and every such Certificate of the Appointment of their Secretary shall be conclusive Evidence, in like Manner that the Person so named in such Appointment is their Secretary.

Property vested in the Trustees.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That the Linen and Yarn Halls in the City of *Dublin*, and the House, Offices, and Grounds adjoining thereto, and all other Estates and Property whatsoever, whether Real or Personal, now vested in the said Trustees, shall continue to be and are hereby vested in the said Trustees for the Time being, and their Successors.

Factors to pay Rent to Trustees for Use of Halls.

XL. And whereas the Expence of maintaining and keeping in good Condition the said Linen and Yarn Halls, and the said Houses adjoining thereto, has hitherto been a heavy Charge upon the Funds of the said Trustees, from which Charge it is expedient and necessary to relieve their said Funds; be it therefore enacted, That the said Trustees may and shall and they are hereby required to demand, take, and receive from the Factors or others engaged in the said Trade a reasonable and sufficient Rent for the Use of the said Halls, or such Parts of the same as the said Factors or others shall require, and for such Term, not exceeding Seven Years from the First of *November* next after the passing of this Act, as it may be the Pleasure of the said Trustees to let the same.

In case any Part of Hall be not wanted for Linen Trades, same may be let by Trustees.

XLI. And should any Part or Parts of the said Linen and Yarn Halls be found unnecessary for the Purposes of the said Linen and Yarn Trades, be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby empowered and required to appropriate such Part or Parts of the said Halls to any other public Purpose to which it may seem to the said Trustees to be expedient to apply them, demanding, taking, and receiving such Rent for the same as shall appear to be reasonable and proper, and for such Term as the said Trustees shall please to appoint, not exceeding Seven Years; all such Rents to be applied by the said Trustees towards defraying the Expence of maintaining the said Buildings in good Order and Condition, and for promoting the Linen Manufactures.

Limiting Continuation of certain Acts.

XLII. And whereas various Acts have been passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* to regulate the Inspection and Sale of Flax Seed on Importation, for the Purpose of securing the Growers thereof against having unsound or defective Seed imposed upon them; and said Acts were all repealed by an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of His late Majesty, and new and other Provisions were made by said Act and subsequent Acts, for the Sale and Inspection of Flax Seed in *Ireland*; and it has been deemed expedient, that from and after the First of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, Flax Seed should be imported into *Ireland* free from any Legislative Regulation with respect to the Inspection or Sale thereof; and it is therefore expedient that the several Acts herein-after mentioned, so far forth as the same relate to the Inspection and Sale of

Flax Seed, shall be in force only until the said First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six; that is to say, an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture of* Ireland; also another Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the Forty-second Year of His Majesty, to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in* Ireland; also another Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relative to the Sale of Flax Seed and Hemp Seed in* Ireland; be it therefore enacted, That the said several Acts shall continue in force until the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, so far forth as the same are not inconsistent with the Provisions of this Act; and that from and after the said First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, the said several Acts, and every thing therein contained, so far forth as the same relate to the Inspection and Sale of Flax Seed, be repealed, and thereby are repealed; any Law to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

42 G. 3. c. 75.

44 G. 3. c. 42.

50 G. 3. c. 82.

Recited Acts to be in force only till the 1st July 1826, so far as relates to the Inspection and Sale of Flax Seed.

XLIII. And whereas by the said Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, certain Provisions and Regulations are made for the Inspection, Examination, and Branding of all Flax Seed and Hemp Seed imported into *Ireland*, and certain Fees are thereby made payable on such Examination and Branding to the Inspectors of Flax Seed and Hemp Seed: And whereas by the Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the Forty-second Year of His said Majesty, to amend the Laws for the better Regulation of the Linen Manufacture in* Ireland, it is provided that all Flax Seed and Hemp Seed shall be imported into *Ireland* in Hogsheads, Casks, or Packages, and that all Flax Seed or Hemp Seed imported shall be inspected and examined, and the Hogsheads, Casks, or Packages in which the same are contained shall be branded or marked: And whereas the said Provisions, and the said Clause, have been found inconvenient to Persons importing Flax Seed for crushing into Oil; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That from and after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, all Flax Seed imported into *Ireland* for crushing into Oil may be so imported in Bulk or otherwise, and that the same shall not be subject to any Inspection or Branding of the Inspector of Flax Seed, or the Payment of any Fee thereon: Provided always, that the Importer thereof or his Agent shall, within Twenty-four Hours after the landing of such Flax Seed, give Notice in Writing to the Port Inspector of Flax Seed that he intends to crush the same into Oil, or to sell the same for being crushed into Oil, and shall enter into Security to the said Inspector at the Rate of Twenty Shillings *per* Bushel that the said Flax Seed shall not be sold for sowing, but that the same shall be crushed into Oil or exported out of *Ireland*.

44 G. 3. c. 42.

Flax Seed may be imported into Ireland for crushing into Oil, without being subject to Inspection or Branding.

But Notice to be given to the Inspector, &c.

XLIV. Provided also always, and be it enacted, That if any such Importer or his Agent shall neglect to give such Notice, or shall give any

Penalty for not giving Notice, &c.

any false or untrue Notice, or shall remove such Flax Seed from the Place mentioned in such Notice, or from the Place were such Flax Seed shall have been landed or stored, before he shall have given such Security as aforesaid, then and in either of such Cases every such Importer or his Agent shall for every such Offence forfeit a Sum of Twenty Shillings *per* Bushel thereof, to be recovered as other Penalties under this Act.

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