

ANNO SEXTO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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said Act, and to enact other Provisions and Regulations in lieu thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,

Recited Act repealed.

and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Certain Acts shall stand and remain repealed, viz.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, so much of an Act made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the First, concerning Conspirators who do confeder or bind themselves by Oath, Covenant, or other Alliance, as relates or extends to Combinations or Conspiracies of Workmen or other Persons to obtain an Advance of 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 regulate or controul the Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof, or to Combinations or Conspiracies of Masters, Manufacturers, or other Persons, to lower or 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 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 so much of a Statute made in the Third Year of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the annual Congregations and Confederacies made by Masons in their General Chapters assembled; and also a certain 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 Act passed in the Second and Third Years of King *Edward* the Sixth, intituled *An Act touching Victuallers and Handicraftsmen;* and also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Fifth Parliament of 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 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 Masones;* also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Seventh Parliament of King *James* the First of *Scotland*, intituled *The Price of ilk Workmanshippe;* also a certain other Act passed in the Parliament of *Scotland*, in the Fifth Parliament of 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 *James* the Sixth of *Scotland*, intituled *Anent the setting of Ordour and Price in all Stuiffe;* also so much of a certain other Act passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of King *Charles* the Second, 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

33 Edw. 1. so far as relates to Combination of Workmen.

3 H. 6. c. 1.

33 H. 8. st. 1. c. 9. (I.)

2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 15.

5 Parl. Jac. 1. (S.)

7 Parl. Jac. 1. (S.)

5 Parl. Mary (S.)

7 Parl. Jac. 6. (S.)

13 & 14 C. 2. c. 15. in part.

whatsoever

whatsoever upon the throwing of Silk, to bind or enforce their Members to work at; also a certain other Act passed in the Seventh 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 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 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 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

7 G. 1. st. 1. c. 13. in part.

12 G. 1. c. 34. in part.

3 G. 2. c. 14. (I.) in part.

17 G. 2. c. 28. (I.) in part.

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

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 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, 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 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 *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

29 G. 2. c. 23. in part.

3 G. 3. c. 17. (I.) in part.

3 G. 3. c. 34. (I.) in part.

8 G. 3. c. 17.

11 & 12 G. 3. c. 18. (I.)

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 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, 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 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, out of the Limits therein mentioned; 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

11 & 12 G. 3. c. 33. (I.) in part.

13 G. 3. c. 68. in part.

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

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

dered 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, 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 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 the 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

19 & 20 G. 3. c. 24. (I.) in part.

19 & 20 G. 3. c. 36. (I.) in part.

25 G. 3. c. 48. (I.) in part.

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

36 G. 3. c. 111.

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

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 Contributions 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 did extend to *Scotland* and *Ireland* any of the Provisions of the Acts intended to be repealed by the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament; and all Enactments in any other Statutes or Acts which, immediately before the passing of the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament, were 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

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

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

47 G. 3. s. 1. c. 43.

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

And all Acts relative to Combination of Workmen or Masters as to Wages, Time of Working, or Quantity of Work, &c.

Mode of carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or the Management thereof, or relative 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, or relative to fixing the Amount of the Wages of Labour, or relative to the obliging Workmen not hired to enter into Work, and every Enactment enforcing or extending the Application of any of the said several Enactments so repealed, shall, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said recited Act of the last Session of Parliament, still be and remain repealed, except only so far as the same or any of them may have repealed any former Act or Enactment.

Penalty on Persons compelling Journeymen to leave their Employment, or to return Work unfinished; or preventing their Hiring themselves; or compelling them to belong to Clubs, &c.; or to pay any Fines, for not having complied with Orders as to Wages; or compelling any Manufacturer, &c. to alter his Mode of carrying on Business, Imprisonment, or Imprisonment with Hard Labour for Three Months.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person shall by Violence to the Person or Property, or by Threats or Intimidation, or by molesting or in any way obstructing another, force or endeavour to force any Journeyman, Manufacturer, Workman, or other Person hired or employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, to depart from his Hiring, Employment, or Work, or to return his Work before the same shall be finished, or prevent or endeavour to prevent any Journeyman, Manufacturer, Workman, or other Person not being hired or employed from hiring himself to, or from accepting Work or Employment from any Person or Persons; or if any Person shall use or employ Violence to the Person or Property of another, or Threats or Intimidation, or shall molest or in any way obstruct another for the Purpose of forcing or inducing such Person to belong to any Club or Association, or to contribute to any common Fund, or to pay any Fine or Penalty, or on account of his not belonging to any particular Club or Association, or not having contributed or having refused to contribute to any common Fund, or to pay any Fine or Penalty, or on account of his not having complied or of his refusing to comply with any Rules, Orders, Resolutions, or Regulations made to obtain an Advance or to reduce the Rate of Wages, or to lessen or alter the Hours of Working, or to decrease or alter 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 shall by Violence to the Person or Property of another, or by Threats or Intimidation, or by molesting or in any way obstructing another, force or endeavour to force any Manufacturer or Person carrying on any Trade or Business, to make any Alteration in his Mode of regulating, managing, conducting, or carrying on such Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or to limit the Number of his Apprentices, or the Number or Description of his Journeymen, Workmen, or Servants; every Person so offending, or aiding, abetting, or assisting therein, being convicted thereof in Manner herein-after mentioned, shall be imprisoned only, or shall and may be imprisoned and kept to Hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Not to affect Meetings for settling Rates

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That this Act shall not extend to subject any Persons to Punishment, who shall meet together

together for the sole Purpose of consulting upon and determining the Rate of Wages or Prices, which the Persons present at such Meeting or any of them, shall require or demand for his or their Work, or the Hours or Time for which he or they shall work in any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or who shall enter into any Agreement, verbal or written, among themselves, for the Purpose of fixing the Rate of Wages or Prices which the Parties entering into such Agreement, or any of them, shall require or demand for his or their Work, or the Hours of Time for which he or they will work, in any Manufacture, Trade, or Business; and that Persons so meeting for the Purposes aforesaid, or entering into any such Agreement as aforesaid, shall not be liable to any Prosecution or Penalty for so doing; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

of Wages to be received, or Hours of Work to be employed by the Persons meeting.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall not extend to subject any Persons to Punishment who shall meet together for the sole Purpose of consulting upon and determining the Rate of Wages or Prices which the Persons present at such Meeting, or any of them, shall pay to his or their Journeymen, Workmen, or Servants, for their Work, or the Hours or Time of working in any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, or who shall enter into any Agreement, verbal or written, among themselves, for the Purpose of fixing the Rate of Wages or Prices, which the Parties entering into such Agreement, or any of them, shall pay to his or their Journeymen, Workmen, or Servants, for their Work, or the Hours or Time of working in any Manufacture, Trade, or Business; and that Persons so meeting for the Purposes aforesaid, or entering into any such Agreement as aforesaid, shall not be liable to any Prosecution or Penalty for so doing, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Not to affect Meetings for Rates of Wages, &c. to be paid by Masters to Journeymen, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons and Person who shall or may offend against this Act, shall and may, equally with all other Persons, be called upon and compelled to give his or her Testimony and Evidence as a Witness or Witnesses on behalf of His Majesty, or of the Prosecutor or Informer, upon any Information to be made or exhibited under this Act, against any other Person or Persons not being such Witness or Witnesses as aforesaid; and that in all such Cases every Person having given his or her Testimony or Evidence as aforesaid, shall be and is hereby indemnified of, from, and against any Information to be laid, or Prosecution to be commenced against him or her, for having offended in the Matter wherein or relative to which he, she, or they shall have given Testimony or Evidence as aforesaid.

Offenders compelled to give Evidence.

Indemnified.

VII. And for the more effectually enforcing and carrying into Execution the Provisions of this Act; be it further enacted, That on Complaint and Information on 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, and within Six Calendar Months before such Complaint or Information

Justices may summon Offenders.

shall be made, such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized and required to summon the Person or Persons charged with being an Offender or Offenders against this Act, to appear before any Two such Justices, at a certain Time or Place to be specified; 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 of the due Service of such Summons upon such Person or Persons, by delivering the same to him or them personally, or leaving the same at his or their 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 Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Person or Persons so summoned, and not appearing as aforesaid, and bringing him or them 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 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 them before such Justices; and upon the Person or Persons complained against appearing upon such Summons, or being brought by virtue of such Warrant or Warrants before such Justices, or upon Proof on Oath of such Person or Persons absconding, so that such Warrant or Warrants cannot be executed, then such Justices shall and they are hereby authorized and required forthwith to make Inquiry touching the Matters complained of, and to examine into the same by the Oath or Oaths of any One or more credible Person or Persons as shall be requisite, and to hear and determine the Matter of every such Complaint; and upon Confession by the Party, or Proof by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, to convict or acquit the Party or Parties against whom Complaint shall have been made as aforesaid.

Not appearing, Warrants may be issued.

On their Appearance, or Proof of absconding,

Proceedings.

Hearing and determining.

Justices may summon Witnesses.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace before whom any such Complaint and Information shall be made as aforesaid, 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 or Persons so summoned to appear as a Witness or Witnesses 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 or Witnesses, and give his or their 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 Justices of the Peace, of the due Service of such Summons on every such Person, by delivering

Non-appearance, &c.

Proceedings.

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the same to him or her, 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, to commit such Person or Persons 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 Three Calendar Months, or until such Person or Persons shall submit to be examined and give Evidence before such Justices as aforesaid.

Form of Convictions and Commitments, set forth in Schedule annexed.

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

Convictions to be transmitted to the next General or Quarter Sessions to be filed.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Justices before whom any such Conviction shall be had, shall cause the same (drawn up in the Form or to the Effect herein-before directed) to be fairly written on Parchment, and transmitted to the next General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place wherein such Conviction was had, to be filed amongst the Records of the said General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions; and in case any Person or Persons shall appeal, in manner herein-after mentioned, from the Judgment of the said Justices, to the said General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions, the Justices in such General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions are hereby required, upon receiving such Conviction, to proceed to the Hearing and Determination of the Matter of the said Appeal, according to the Directions of this Act.

Proceedings under this Act in Scotland.

XI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in *Scotland* all Prosecutions under this Act may be insisted on at the Instance of the Public Prosecutor, and may be judged of, either by Two Justices of the Peace, or by the Sheriff of the County within which the Offence may have been committed.

Persons thinking themselves aggrieved may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person convicted of any Offence or Offences punishable by this Act, shall think himself or herself aggrieved by the Judgment of such Justices, before whom he or she shall have been convicted, such Person shall have liberty to appeal from every such Conviction to the next Court of General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be held for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place wherein such Offence was committed; and that the Execution of every Judgment so appealed from shall be suspended, in case the Person so convicted shall immediately enter into Recognizances before such Justices (which they are hereby authorized and required to take) himself in the penal Sum of Ten Pounds, with Two sufficient Sureties

Sureties in the penal Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, upon Condition to prosecute such Appeal with Effect, and to be forthcoming to abide the Judgment and Determination of the said next General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions, and to pay such Costs as the said Court shall award on such Occasion; and the Justices in the said next Court of General Sessions or General Quarter Sessions are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of the said Appeal, and to award such Costs as to them shall appear just and reasonable, to be paid by either Party, which Decision shall be final; and if upon hearing the said Appeal, the Judgment of the Justices before whom the Appellant shall have been convicted shall be affirmed, such Appellant shall immediately be committed by the said Court to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, without Bail or Mainprize, according to such Conviction, and for the Space of Time therein mentioned.

No Master to act as Justice.

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Justice of the Peace, being also a Master in the particular Trade or Manufacture, in or concerning which any Offence is charged to have been committed under this Act, shall act as such Justice under this Act.

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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 Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here set forth the Title of this Act*]; 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], there to be kept to Hard Labour for the Space of . Given under our Hands, the Day and Year above written.

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 by [*the Informer or Prosecutor*] before us, against *A. B.* of having [*stating the Offence as laid in the Information*] contrary to the Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here insert the Title of this Act*]: 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 [*or* her] 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 [*or* her] 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 said Statute commit the said *C. D.* to the [*describing the Prison*], there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for his [*or* her] Contempt aforesaid, for Three Calendar Months, or until he [*or* she] shall submit himself [*or* herself]

herself] to be examined, and give his [*or* her] 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 [*or* her] safely to convey to the said Prison, and him [*or* her] 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 [*or* her] 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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