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CAP. LVII.

An Act to permit, until the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, certain Corn, Meal, and Flour to be entered for Home Consumption. [2d *July* 1827.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit, for a limited Time, certain Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour to be entered for Home Consumption, upon Payment of the respective Duties herein-after mentioned, although such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour may not, at the Time of such Entry, be admissible for Home Consumption under the Provisions of the Laws now in force for regulating the Importation of Corn, or may be admissible only on Payment of higher Duties: 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, and by the Authority of the same, That from the Time of the passing of this Act, until the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, it shall be lawful for the Importer or Proprietor of any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, imported from any Foreign Country, which had either been warehoused, or reported inwards to be warehoused, on or before the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and also for the Importer or Proprietor of any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, imported before the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight from any *British* Possession in *North America*, or elsewhere out of *Europe*, to enter the same for Home Consumption, under

Corn warehoused on 1st July 1827 may be entered for Home Consumption until 1st May 1828, upon Payment of the Duty specified in the Table.

under the Conditions and Regulations herein-after provided, and on Payment of the respective Duties specified and set forth in the Tables annexed to this Act.

Duties to be levied as other Duties of Customs.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Duties imposed by this Act shall be raised, levied, collected, recovered, and paid unto His Majesty in like Manner as any Duties of Customs are or can be raised, levied, collected, recovered, and paid: Provided always, that nothing contained in this Act shall extend to the charging at any Time of any higher Duty upon any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, than would have been payable at such Time on the same if this Act had not been passed: Provided also, that nothing contained in this Act shall extend to admit for Home Consumption any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour prohibited to be entered for Home Consumption, either on account of the Sort or Description of the same, or on account of the Ship in which or of the Place from whence the same had been imported.

Averages.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Average Prices of Corn, by which the Rate and Amount of the Duties imposed by this Act shall be regulated, shall be made up and computed on *Thursday* in each and every Week, in Manner following; that is to say, the Receiver of Corn Returns shall, on such *Thursday* in each Week, from the Returns received by him during the Week next preceding, ending on and including the *Saturday* in such Week, add together the Total Quantities of each Sort of Corn respectively appearing by such Returns to have been sold and the Total Prices for which the same shall thereby appear to have been sold, and shall divide the Amount of such Total Prices respectively by the Amount of such Total Quantities of each Sort of Corn respectively, and the Sum produced thereby shall be added to the Sums in like Manner produced in the Five Weeks immediately preceding the same, and the Amount of such Sums so added shall be divided by Six, and the Sum thereby given shall be deemed and taken to be the aggregate Average Price of each such Sort of Corn respectively, for the Purpose of regulating and ascertaining the Rate and Amount of the said Duties; and the said Receiver of Corn Returns shall cause such aggregate Weekly Averages to be published in the next succeeding Gazette, and shall, on *Thursday* in each Week, transmit a Certificate of such aggregate Average Prices of each Sort of Corn to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs at each of the several Ports of the United Kingdom; and the Rate and Amount of the Duties to be paid under the Provisions of this Act shall from Time to Time be regulated and governed at each of the Ports of the United Kingdom respectively by the aggregate Average Prices of Corn at the Time of the Entry for Home Consumption of any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, chargeable with any such Duty, as such aggregate Average Prices shall appear and be stated in the last of such Certificates as aforesaid which shall have been transmitted as aforesaid, and received by the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at such Port.

Averages to be computed according to

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in the Returns to be made to the Receiver of Corn Returns, and in the Publications

so to be made from Time to Time in the *London Gazette*, and in the Certificate so to be transmitted by the said Receiver of Corn Returns to such Collectors or other Chief Officers of the Customs as aforesaid, the Quantities of each Sort of Corn respectively shall be computed and set forth by, according, and with reference to the Imperial Standard Gallon, as the same is declared and established by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures*, as the said Act is amended by another Act, passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to prolong the Time of the Commencement of an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures, and to amend the said Act.* Imperial Measure. 5 G. 4. c. 74. 6 G. 4. c. 12.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in each of the Five successive Weeks which shall elapse next after the passing of this Act, the said Receiver of Corn Returns shall make up and compute such aggregate Weekly Averages as aforesaid, by adding to the aggregate Average Price of each such Sort of Corn respectively, for each such successive Week, the aggregate Average Prices for the Five Weeks next immediately preceding, as the same shall have been published in the successive Gazettes of such Five preceding Weeks. Manner of computing the Averages for the first Five Weeks.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour shall be shipped from any Port in any *British* Possession out of *Europe* as being the Produce of any such Possession, until the Owner or Proprietor or Shipper thereof shall have made and subscribed, before the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Shipment, a Declaration in Writing, specifying the Quantity of each Sort of such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, and that the same was the Produce of some *British* Possession out of *Europe*, to be named in such Declaration, and shall have obtained from the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs at the said Port, a Certificate, under his Signature, of the Quantity of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour so declared to be shipped; and before any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour shall be entered at any Port or Place in the United Kingdom as being the Produce of any *British* Possession out of *Europe*, the Master of the Ship importing the same shall produce and deliver, to the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs of the Port or Place of Importation, a Copy of such Declaration, certified to be a true and accurate Copy thereof, under the Hand of the Collector and other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Shipment before whom the same was made, together with the Certificate, signed by the said Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs, of the Quantity of Corn so declared to be shipped; and such Master shall also make and subscribe, before the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port or Place of Importation, a Declaration in Writing, that the several Quantities of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour on board such Ship, and proposed to be entered under the Authority of such Declaration, are the same that were mentioned and referred to in the Declaration and Certificate so produced by him, without any Admixture or Addition; and if any Person shall in any such Declaration, wilfully and corruptly make any false State- Declaration of Origin for Corn the Growth of any British Possession.

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ment respecting the Place of which any such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour was the Produce, or respecting the Identity of any such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, such Person shall forfeit and become liable to pay to His Majesty the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and the Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour on board any such Ship shall also be forfeited: Provided also, that the Declarations aforesaid shall not be required in respect of any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour which shall have been shipped within Three Months next after the passing of this Act.

Accounts of the Quantity of Corn in Warehouse to be published.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, cause to be published in the *London Gazette* an Account of the Total Quantity of Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour, distinguishing the Produce of His Majesty's Possessions out of *Europe* from the Produce of Foreign Countries, which shall be in Warehouse on the First of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven; and shall once in each succeeding Calendar Month cause to be so published an Account of all Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, distinguishing the Produce as aforesaid, which shall in the Month next preceding have paid the Duties established by this Act, together with an Account of the Total Quantity of each Sort of the said Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively, as aforesaid, remaining in Warehouse at the End of such next preceding Calendar Month.

Continuance of Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

TABLES

TABLES to which this Act refers.

A TABLE of the TEMPORARY DUTIES payable upon CORN, GRAIN, MEAL, or FLOUR imported from any Foreign Country, and warehoused or reported to be warehoused in the United Kingdom, prior to the First Day of July One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

	£	s.	d.
WHEAT:—			
Whenever the Average Price of Wheat, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Sixty-two Shillings and under Sixty-three Shillings the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter	1	0	8
And in respect of every integral Shilling by which such Price shall be above Sixty-two Shillings, such Duty shall be decreased by Two Shillings, until such Price shall be Seventy-two Shillings.			
Whenever such Price shall be at or above Seventy-two Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - - -	0	1	0
Whenever such Price shall be under Sixty-two Shillings and not under Sixty-one Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - -	1	2	8
And in respect of each integral Shilling, or any Part of each integral Shilling, by which such Price shall be under Sixty-one Shillings, such Duty shall be increased by Two Shillings.			
BARLEY:—			
Whenever the Average Price of Barley, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Thirty-three Shillings and under Thirty-four Shillings the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - - - - - - -	0	12	4
And in respect of every integral Shilling by which such Price shall be above Thirty-three Shillings, such Duty shall be decreased by One Shilling and Sixpence, until such Price shall be Forty-one Shillings.			
Whenever such Price shall be at or above Forty-one Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - - -	0	1	0
Whenever such Price shall be under Thirty-three Shillings and not under Thirty-two Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	0	13	10
And in respect of each integral Shilling, or any Part of each integral Shilling, by which such Price shall be under Thirty-two Shillings, such Duty shall be increased by One Shilling and Sixpence.			
OATS:—			
Whenever the Average Price of Oats, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Twenty-five Shillings and under Twenty-six Shillings the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - - - - - -	0	9	3
And in respect of every integral Shilling by which such Price shall be above Twenty-five Shillings, such Duty shall be decreased by One Shilling and Sixpence, until such Price shall be Thirty-one Shillings.			
Whenever such Price be at or above Thirty-one Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - - -	0	1	0
Whenever such Price shall be under Twenty-five Shillings and not under Twenty-four Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	0	10	9
And in respect of each integral Shilling, or any Part of each integral Shilling, by which such Price shall be under Twenty-four Shillings, such Duty shall be increased by One Shilling and Sixpence.			

	£	s.	d.
RYE, PEASE, AND BEANS:—			
Whenever the Average Price of Rye, or of Pease, or of Beans, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Thirty-six Shillings and under Thirty-seven Shillings the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - -	0	15	6
And in respect of every integral Shilling by which such Price shall be above Thirty-six Shillings, such Duty shall be decreased by One Shilling and Sixpence, until such Price shall be Forty-six Shillings.			
Whenever such Price shall be at or above Forty-six Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	1	0
Whenever such Price shall be under Thirty-six Shillings and not under Thirty-five Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - -	0	16	9
And in respect of each integral Shilling, or any Part of each integral Shilling, by which such Price shall be under Thirty-five Shillings, such Duty shall be increased by One Shilling and Sixpence.			
WHEAT MEAL AND FLOUR:—			
For every Barrel, being One hundred and ninety-six Pounds, a Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on Thirty-eight and a half Gallons of Wheat.			
OATMEAL:—			
For every Quantity of One hundred and eighty-one and a half Pounds, a Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on a Quarter of Oats.			
MAIZE OR INDIAN CORN, BUCK WHEAT, BEER OR BIGG:—			
For every Quarter, a Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on a Quarter of Barley.			

A TABLE of the TEMPORARY DUTIES payable upon CORN, GRAIN, MEAL, or FLOUR, the Produce of any British Possession in North America, or elsewhere out of Europe, and imported from thence before the First Day of May One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

	£	s.	d.
WHEAT:—			
For every Quarter - - - - - - - -	0	5	0
Until the Price of British Wheat, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Sixty-seven Shillings per Quarter.			
Whenever such Price shall be at or above Sixty-seven Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - -	0	0	6
BARLEY:—			
For every Quarter - - - - - - - - -	0	2	6
Until the Price of British Barley, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Thirty-four Shillings per Quarter.			
Whenever such Price shall be at or above Thirty-four Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - -	0	0	6
OATS:—			
For every Quarter - - - - - - - -	0	2	0
Until the Price of British Oats, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Twenty-five Shillings per Quarter.			
Whenever such Price shall be at or above Twenty-five Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - -	0	0	6

	£	s.	d.
RYE, PEASE, AND BEANS: —			
——— For every Quarter - - - - - - - - - -	0	3	0
- - - - Until the Price of British Rye, or of Pease, or of Beans, made up and published in manner required by Law, shall be Forty-one Shillings.			
——— Whenever such Price shall be at or above Forty-one Shillings, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - - - -	0	0	6
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