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An Act to regulate the Importation of Silk Goods until the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and to encourage the Silk Manufactures by the Repeal of certain Duties. [26th *May* 1826.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to repeal the several Laws relating to the Customs*, the Laws by which the Importation of Wrought Silk is prohibited will, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* next, be repealed; and it is expedient to make Regulations for the Importation of such Goods when the same shall become lawful: And whereas by another Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for granting Duties of Customs*, certain rated Duties are charged upon the Importation of Raw and Thrown Silk according to the Weight thereof, and a Duty of Thirty Pounds *per Centum* is charged upon the Importation of Wrought Silks according to the Value thereof; and it is expedient that during the Pleasure of Parliament, the said rated Duties should be reduced, and also that the Amount of Duty intended to be raised upon the Importation of Wrought Silks should, as far as may be practicable, be ascertained and charged by a rated Duty according to the Weight thereof, instead of a Duty *per Centum* according to the Value: 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 and after the Fifth Day of *July* next, and until the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, in lieu and instead of the Duties imposed by the last-mentioned Act, on Silk Goods, and set forth in a Table thereunto annexed, denominated "Table of Duties of Customs Inwards," the several Duties set forth in Figures in the Table herein-after contained, and denominated "Table of Temporary Duties on Silk Goods," shall be raised, levied, collected and paid unto His Majesty, in like manner as if the same had been imposed by the said Act herein-before mentioned, and set forth in the said Table thereunto annexed; that is to say,

6 G.4. c.105.

6 G.4. c.111.

From 5th July 1826 until 10th October 1828, the Duties herein mentioned shall be paid upon the Importation of Silks.

TABLE OF TEMPORARY DUTIES ON SILK GOODS.

A TABLE of the DUTIES of CUSTOMS payable on SILK and SILK GOODS imported into the United Kingdom from Foreign Parts.

INWARDS.		Duty. £	s.	d.
Silk; *viz.*				
— Knubs or Husks of Silk	the lb.	0	0	1
— Raw Silk	the lb.	0	0	1
— Thrown, not dyed; *viz.*				
- - - Singles	the lb.	0	2	0
- - - Tram	the lb.	0	3	0
- - - Organzine and Crape Silk	the lb.	0	5	0
— Thrown Silk, dyed; *viz.*				
- - - Singles or Tram	the lb.	0	4	0
- - - Organzine and Crape Silk	the lb.	0	6	8
— Manufactures of Silk only, or whereof Nine Tenth Parts are of Silk, and no Part is of Gold, Silver, or other Metal; *viz.*				
- - - Stuffs; *viz.*				
- - - Plain	the lb.	0	15	0
- - - Figured	the lb.	1	0	0
- - - Satin, Plain	the lb.	0	16	0
- - - Figured	the lb.	1	1	0
- - - Tissue, or Brocaded	the lb.	1	0	0
- - - Gauze, Plain	the lb.	0	17	0
- - - Striped, Figured, or Brocaded	the lb.	1	7	6
- - - Crape	the lb.	0	16	0
- - - Lisse	the lb.	0	17	4
- - - China, Plain or Figured	the lb.	0	18	0
- - - Velvet, Plain	the lb.	1	2	0
- - - - Figured	the lb.	1	7	6
- - - Ribbons; *viz.*				
- - - - Plain	the lb.	0	15	0
- - - - Figured	the lb.	0	17	0
- - - - Satin, Plain	the lb.	0	16	0
- - - Figured	the lb.	0	18	0
- - - - of Gauze, Plain or Figured	the lb.	1	11	6
- - - - of Velvet, Plain	the lb.	1	2	0
- - - - - Figured	the lb.	1	7	6
- - - Fancy Silk Net or Tricot	the lb.	1	4	0
— Stockings; *viz.*				
- - - the Dozen Pairs (or if Half Stockings, the Two Dozen Pairs), not being of greater Weight than Nine Ounces	the lb.	4	0	0
- - - the Dozen Pairs (or if Half Stockings, the Two Dozen Pairs), being of greater Weight than Nine Ounces, and not of greater Weight than Twelve Ounces	the lb.	3	0	0
- - - the Dozen Pairs (or if Half Stockings, the Two Dozen Pairs), being of greater Weight than Twelve Ounces, and not of greater Weight than One Pound,	the lb.	1	10	0
- - - the Dozen Pairs (or if Half Stockings, the Two Dozen Pairs), being of greater Weight than One Pound, and not of greater Weight than One Pound and a Half	the lb.	1	1	0
- - - the Dozen Pairs (or if Half Stockings, the Two Dozen Pairs), being of greater Weight than One Pound and a Half, and not of greater Weight than Two Pounds	the lb.	0	16	0
- - - the Dozen Pairs (or if Half Stockings, the Two Dozen Pairs), being of greater Weight than Two Pounds	the lb.	0	12	0
- - - and further, if with Figured or Lace Work, in addition to the above Rates	the lb.	0	12	0

INWARDS.	Duty. £	s.	d.
Silk; *viz.* Stocking Web - - - - - - the lb.	0	12	0
—— Gloves - - - - - - - - the lb.	0	15	0
—— Plain Silk Lace, called Net or Tulle - the square yard	0	1	4
—— Manufactures of Silk mixed with other Materials; *viz.*			
- - - Stuffs mixed with Gold, Silver, or other Metal, *viz.*			
- - - Plain - - - - - - the lb.	1	10	0
- - - Figured - - - - - - the lb.	1	16	0
- - - Gauze; *viz.*			
- - - mixed with Gold, Silver, or other Metal, Plain or Figured - - - - - the lb.	2	0	0
- - - mixed with Cotton, Thread, or Worsted; *viz.*			
- - - Plain - - - - the lb.	0	15	0
- - - Striped or Figured - the lb.	1	0	0
- - - mixed also with Gold, Silver, or other Metal, Plain or Figured - the lb.	1	10	0
- - - Velvets or Shags of Silk; *viz.*			
- - - mixed with Gold, Silver, or other Metal, the lb.	2	4	0
- - - shot with Cotton or Thread only; *viz.*			
- - - Plain - - - - the lb.	0	15	0
- - - Figured - - - - - the lb.	0	18	0
- - - mixed with Gold, Silver, or other Metal, Plain or Figured - - the lb.	1	10	0
- - - Ribbons of Silks; *viz.*			
- - - mixed with Gold, Silver, or other Metal; *viz.*			
- - - Plain - - - the lb.	1	10	0
- - - Figured - - the lb.	1	16	0
- - - Ribbons of Gauze, mixed with Gold, Silver, or other Metal, Plain or Figured - - the lb.	2	10	0
—— the Produce of and imported from Places within the Limits of the East India Company's Charter; *viz.*			
- - - Bandannoes and all other Handkerchiefs, in Pieces not exceeding Six Yards in Length - the piece	0	6	0
- - - if more than Six Yards in Length, and not exceeding Seven Yards in Length - the piece	0	7	0
- - - and further, for every additional Length not exceeding a Yard - - - - - - - -	0	1	0
- - - Taffaties and other Plain or Figured Silks, not otherwise described - - - - the lb.	0	10	0
- - - Canton or China Crapes - - - the lb.	0	10	0
- - - if Flowered or Tamboured with Silk the lb.	1	4	0
- - - Manufactures of Silk, or of Silk and any other Material, not otherwise charged with Duty, for every £100 of the Value	30	0	0
- - - all Piece Goods, whether otherwise enumerated or not, and however imported, if entered for Home Use before the 5th Day of January 1827, for every £100 of the Value	30	0	0
—— Millinery of Silk, or of which the greater Part of the Materials is of Silk; *viz.*			
- - - Turbans or Caps - - - - each	0	15	0
- - - Hats or Bonnets - - - - each	1	5	0
- - - Dresses - - - - - - each	2	10	0
- - - or, and at the Option of the Officers of the Customs, for every £100 of the Value	50	0	0
—— Manufactures of Silks, or of Silk and any other Material, not particularly enumerated or otherwise charged with Duty - - for every £100 of the Value	30	0	0
—— Articles of Manufactures of Silk, or of Silk and any other Material, wholly or in part made up, not particularly enumerated or otherwise charged with Duty, for every £100 of the Value	30	0	0

Certain Silks subject to Restrictions on Importation.

II. And whereas another Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the general Regulation of the Customs;* and in a Table contained in such Act, denominated "A Table of Prohibitions and Restrictions Inwards," there is set forth a List of Goods subject to certain Restrictions on Importation, and it is expedient to subject Wrought Silks to certain Restrictions inwards; be it therefore enacted, That until the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, the several Restrictions set forth in a List herein-after contained, denominated a List of Wrought Silks subject to Restrictions on Importation, shall be obeyed and enforced in like manner as if the same were set forth in the List before mentioned contained in the said Act; (that is to say),

A List of Wrought Silks subject to certain Restrictions on Importation.

Wrought Silks shall not be imported into any Port other than the Port of *London*, until after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven:

——— except into the Port of *Dublin* direct from the Port of *Bordeaux:*

——— and except - Silks the Produce of and imported from Places within the Limits of the *East India* Company's Charter, into any Port into which Goods in general, the Produce of such Places, may be imported:

——— and except - Crape, Gauze, Lace, Net or Tulle, Fancy Net or Tricot, Millinery and Dresses, imported into the Port of *Dover*, or into any Port into which Goods, the Produce of Places within the Limits of the *East India* Company's Charter, may be imported:

——— and except - Silks imported to be warehoused for Exportation only, into Ports into which Goods, the Produce of Places within the Limits of the *East India* Company's Charter, may be imported:

Wrought Silks shall not be imported in Vessels of less Burthen than Seventy Tons, except direct from the Port of *Calais* into the Port of *Dover*, in Vessels of Sixty Tons or upwards:

Wrought Silks shall not be imported unless in Packages each of which shall contain at least One hundred Pounds Weight of Wrought Silk:

——— or, - (being Crape, Gauze, Lace, Net or Tulle, Fancy Net or Tricot, Millinery or Dresses,) in Packages each of which shall be of the Capacity of Nine Cubic Feet at least, and shall contain only such Silks:

——— being Broad Silks or Ribbons, (except Handkerchiefs, Shawls, Scarfs, Net or Tulle, Fancy Net or Tricot, and except Silks the Produce of and imported from Places within the Limits of the *East India* Company's Charter,) shall not be imported for Home Use, unless in Pieces or Half Pieces, of the respective Lengths herein-after mentioned; (that is to say),

——— Broad Silks, - in Pieces not less than Sixty Yards in Length, nor more than Sixty-six Yards in Length:

——— - - - or, (being Velvets, or Silks mixed with other Materials,) in Half Pieces not less than Twenty-nine Yards in Length, nor more than Thirty-two Yards in Length:

——— Ribbons, - in Pieces not less than Thirty-five Yards in Length, nor more than Thirty-seven Yards in Length; or in Half Pieces not less than Seventeen Yards in Length, nor more than Nineteen Yards in Length:

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All such Pieces and Half Pieces shall be separate and entire, and each of uniform Quality throughout, and, if of Broad Silks, shall be finished in the Loom with Ferrels or Marks at each End wove in:

Wrought Silks in Pieces, wound or rolled, whether on Blocks or Rollers, or not, shall not be imported for Home Use:

except Silks the Produce of and imported from Places within the Limits of the *East India* Company's Charter.

The following Articles, although partly composed of Silk, shall not be subject to the Regulations or Restrictions contained in this Table; (that is to say),

Artificial Flowers and other similar Imitations:

Umbrellas, Parasols, Fans, Screens, and other Articles not for Dress or Furniture:

Articles of Materials other than Silk made up with Silk, or to which Silk is only applied by Needlework or Embroidery:

Stuffs, of the Materials of which Silk shall not amount to One Tenth Part.

Certain Silks not to be subject to the Restrictions of this Act.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prohibit the entering, for Home Use, of any Wrought Silks which shall have been warehoused before the Fifteenth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six; nor to prevent any Passenger coming into the United Kingdom from bringing with him or her, into any Port, any Wrought Silks, in Pieces which may legally be imported for Home Use, and any Articles of Silk made up, whether worn or not, although not in Packages of the Weight or Size herein-before required, provided such Pieces and such Articles be *bonâ fide* for his or her own Use, and not for Sale, and the Quantity in the whole be not more than Ten Pounds Weight: Provided also, that the Duty on such Articles, whether worn or not, be paid, and be in all Cases ascertained according to the Value thereof.

Drawback on Soap used in Silk Manufactures.

IV. And whereas it would tend to encourage the Manufacture of Silk Goods in the United Kingdom if the Duties of Excise on certain Materials were remitted or repealed; be it therefore enacted, That in respect of all Soap used and consumed in the Process of throwing, printing, or dying of Silk from and after the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and for which the Duties of Excise shall have been duly paid, or secured to be paid, a Drawback of all such Duties shall be allowed and paid to the Person so using the same, upon such Proofs and under such Regulations as the Commissioners of Excise shall require and appoint.

Repeal of Excise Duties on printing of Silks.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, all Duties of Excise imposed upon the printing of Silks, save and except any Arrears thereof, and all Drawbacks in respect of such Duties, shall cease and determine; and if any such Duty shall have been paid before the Commencement of this Act, which shall have been charged after the said Fifth Day of *April*, the same shall be returned, under such Regulations as the Commissioners of Excise shall appoint.

For repealing the several Duties and Drawbacks on Gold and Silver Wire, and Gold and Silver Thread and Lace, and so much of 10 Anne, c. 26. as relates to Gold and Silver Wire.

VI. And whereas by an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, to repeal the Duties of Excise payable in *Great Britain*, and to grant other Duties in lieu thereof; and also by another Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, for granting to His Majesty several additional Duties of Excise in *Great Britain*, certain Duties are imposed upon Gilt Wire and Silver Wire respectively made in *Great Britain*, and certain countervailing Duties are imposed upon *Irish* Gilt Wire and upon *Irish* Silver Wire respectively, and upon *Irish* Gold Thread, Gold Lace, or Gold Fringe made of Plate Wire spun upon Silk, and upon *Irish* Silver Thread, Silver Lace, or Silver Fringe made of Plate Wire spun upon Silk, and which shall be severally imported into *Great Britain* direct from *Ireland*; and certain Drawbacks are also by the said recited Acts respectively allowed upon Gold Thread, Gold Lace, or Gold Fringe made of Plate Wire spun upon Silk, such Plate Wire being made of Gilt Wire made in *Great Britain*, for which all the Duties shall have been paid, and upon all Silver Thread, Silver Lace, or Silver Fringe made of Plate Wire spun upon Silk, such Plate Wire being made of Silver Wire made in *Great Britain*, for which all the Duties imposed in respect thereof shall have been paid, and which shall severally be duly exported as Merchandize to Foreign Parts: And whereas by another Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, to repeal several Duties payable on Excise Licences in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to impose other Duties in lieu thereof, and to amend the Laws for granting Excise Licences, a Duty is imposed upon every Licence thereby required to be taken out by every Wire Drawer or other Person who shall draw or cause to be drawn any Gilt or Silver Wire, commonly called Big Wire: And whereas it is expedient to repeal the several Duties and Drawbacks herein-before recited, and so much and such Parts of a certain Act, passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, (amongst other Things) for laying additional Duties on Hides and Skins, Vellum and Parchment, and new Duties on Starch, Coffee, Tea, Drugs, Gilt and Silver Wire, and Policies of Insurance, to secure a yearly Fund for Satisfaction of Orders to the Contributors of a further Sum of One million eight hundred thousand Pounds towards Her Majesty's Supply, as relate to Gilt and Silver Wire and Big Wire respectively; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, the said several Duties and Drawbacks herein-before recited, and so much and such Parts of the said Act passed in the said Tenth Year of the Reign of Her said late Majesty as relates to Gilt Wire, Silver Wire, and Big Wire respectively, shall be and the same are hereby respectively repealed, save and except as to any Arrear of such Duties which shall at that Time remain unpaid, and as to any Penalty or Forfeiture theretofore incurred in respect of such Duties and Drawbacks, or under so much of such Act of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne* as is hereby repealed.

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