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An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Importation of Corn. [15th *July* 1828.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws now in force for regulating the Importation of Corn:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Importation of Corn:* And whereas a certain Act was passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to make Provision for ascertaining from Time to Time the Average Prices of British Corn:* And whereas it is expedient that the said Acts should be repealed, and that new Provisions should be made in lieu thereof; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of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present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Acts shall be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided nevertheless, that all Acts or Parts of Acts, which by virtue of the above recited Acts, or either of them, were repealed, shall still be deemed and taken to be and remain repealed: Provided also, that all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions, now depending or hereafter to be brought for or by reason of any Breach or Non-performance of any of the Provisions of the said Acts, or for the Recovery of any Duties or Sums of Money payable under and by virtue

55 G. 3. c. 26.

3 G. 4. c. 60.

7 & 8 G. 4. c. 58.

Recited Acts repealed.

virtue of the same, shall and may be proceeded with, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this present Act had not been made.

So much of 6 G. 4. c. 111. as imposes Duties on Buck Wheat and Indian Corn, repealed.

II. And whereas an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for granting Duties of Customs*, whereby certain Duties were imposed on the Importation of Buck Wheat and Indian Corn; and it is expedient that the said Duties should be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said Act passed in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, as imposes Duties on the Importation of Buck Wheat and Indian Corn, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Foreign Corn may be imported on Payment of the Duties specified in the Table to this Act.

III. And whereas it is expedient that Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour, the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of any Foreign Country, or of any *British* Possession out of *Europe*, should be allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom for Consumption, upon the Payment of Duties to be regulated from Time to Time according to the Average Price of *British* Corn made up and published in manner herein-after required; be it therefore enacted, That there shall be levied and paid to His Majesty, upon all Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour entered for Home Consumption in the United Kingdom from Parts beyond the Seas, the several Duties specified and set forth in the Table annexed to this Act; and that the said Duties shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid in such and the same Manner in all respects as the several Duties of Customs mentioned and enumerated in the Table of Duties of Customs Inwards annexed to the said Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty, and by virtue and in pursuance of the several Powers and Provisions in that Act contained, and not otherwise.

Regulations to be observed upon shipping Corn from any British Possession out of Europe.

IV. 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, nor until such Owner or Proprietor or Shipper 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

Regulations as to Corn entered for Importation.

or other Chief Officer of 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 produced by him, without any Admixture or Addition; and if any Person shall, in any such Declaration, wilfully and corruptly make any false Statement 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 to such Person belonging, on board any such Ship, shall also be forfeited; and such Forfeitures shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and applied in such and the same Manner in all respects as any Forfeiture incurred under and by virtue of the said Act so passed in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign: Provided always, 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.

Penalty for importing Malt or ground Corn, except as allowed.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to import, from Parts beyond the Seas into the United Kingdom, for Consumption there, any Malt, or to import, for Consumption, into *Great Britain*, any Corn ground, except Wheat Meal, Wheat Flour, and Oatmeal; or to import, for Consumption, any Corn ground into *Ireland;* and that if any such Article as aforesaid shall be imported contrary to the Provisions aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited.

Account of Corn and Flour imported, of the Duties paid, and of the Quantity in Warehouse, to be published in the Gazette Monthly.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs shall, once in each Calendar Month, cause to be published in the *London Gazette* an Account of the Total Quantity of each Sort of the Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively, which shall have been imported into the United Kingdom; and also an Account of the Total Quantity of each Sort of the Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively, upon which the Duties of Importation shall have been paid in the United Kingdom during the Calendar Month next preceding; together with an Account of the Total Quantity of each Sort of the said Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively remaining in Warehouse at the End of such next preceding Calendar Month.

If any Foreign State shall subject British Vessels, Goods, &c. to any higher Duties

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it shall be made to appear to His Majesty in Council that any Foreign State or Power hath subjected *British* Vessels, at any Port within the Dominions of such State or Power, to any other or higher Duties or Charges whatever than are levied on National Vessels at any such Port, or hath subjected, at any such Port, Goods the Growth, Produce,

or Charges than are levied on the Vessels, &c. of other Countries, His Majesty may prohibit the Importation of Corn from such State.

duce, or Manufacture of any of His Majesty's Dominions, when imported from any of such Dominions in *British* Vessels, to any other or higher Duties or Charges whatever than are levied on such or the like Goods, of whatever Growth, Produce, or Manufacture, when so imported in National Vessels, or hath subjected, at any Port or Place within the Dominions of such Foreign State or Power, any Article of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of His Majesty's Dominions, when imported from any of such Dominions in *British* Vessels or in National Vessels, to any Duties or Charges which would not be payable on the like Article being of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any other Country, and imported from such other Country in National Vessels; or that any such Foreign State or Power hath granted any Bounties, Drawbacks, or Allowances upon the Exportation from any Port or Place within the Dominions thereof of any Articles the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of the Dominions of any other Foreign State or Power, which hath not also been granted upon the Exportation from such Port or Place of such or the like Articles, being the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of His Majesty's Dominions; then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by Him made, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to prohibit the Importation of all or of any Sort of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour from the Dominions of any such Foreign State or Power; and it shall also be lawful for His Majesty from Time to Time, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to revoke and to renew any such Orders or Order as aforesaid, as there shall be Occasion.

Weekly Returns of Purchases and Sales of Corn to be made in the Places herein mentioned.

VIII. And whereas it is necessary, for regulating the Amount of such Duties, that effectual Provision should be made for ascertaining from Time to Time the Average Prices of *British* Corn; be it therefore enacted, That Weekly Returns of the Purchases and Sales of *British* Corn shall be made in the Manner herein-after directed, in the following Cities and Towns; that is to say, *London, Uxbridge, Hertford, Royston, Chelmsford, Colchester, Rumford, Maidstone, Canterbury, Dartford, Chichester, Guildford, Lewes, Rye, Bedford, Windsor, Aylesbury, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Sudbury, Huntingdon, Hadleigh, Stowmarket, Bury Saint Edmunds, Beccles, Bungay, Lowestoft, Cambridge, Ely, Wisbeach, Norwich, Yarmouth, Lynn, Thetford, Watton, Diss, East Dereham, Harleston, Holt, Aylesham, Fakenham, North Walsham, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Glanford Bridge, Lowth, Boston, Sleaford, Stamford, Spalding, Derby, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, Worcester, Coventry, Reading, Oxford, Wakefield, Warminster, Birmingham, Leeds, Newark, York, Bridlington, Beverley, Howden, Sheffield, Hull, Whitby, New Malton, Durham, Stockton, Darlington, Sunderland, Barnard Castle, Walsingham, Belford, Hexham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Morpeth, Alnwick, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Carlisle, Whitehaven, Cockermouth, Penrith, Egremont, Appleby, Kirkby-in-Kendal, Liverpool, Ulverston, Lancaster, Preston, Wigan, Warrington, Manchester, Bolton, Chester, Nantwich, Middlewich, Four Lane Ends, Denbigh, Wrexham, Carnarvon, Haverford West, Carmarthen, Cardiff, Gloucester, Cirencester, Tetbury, Stow-on-the-Wold, Tewkesbury, Bristol, Taunton, Wells, Bridgewater, Frome, Chard, Monmouth, Abergavenny,*

venny, Chepstow, Pont-y-Pool, Exeter, Barnstaple, Plymouth, Totness, Tavistock, Kingsbridge, Truro, Bodmin, Launceston, Redruth, Helstone, Saint Austel, Blandford, Bridport, Dorchester, Sherbourne, Shaston, Wareham, Winchester, Andover, Basingstoke, Fareham, Havant, Newport, Ringwood, Southampton, and *Portsmouth;* and for the Purpose of duly collecting and transmitting such Weekly Returns as aforesaid, there shall be appointed in each of the said Cities and Towns, in manner herein-after directed, a fit and proper Person to be Inspector of Corn Returns. Inspectors to be appointed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty to appoint a fit and proper Person to be Comptroller of Corn Returns, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, and to grant to such Comptroller of Corn Returns such Salary and Allowances as to His Majesty shall seem meet: Provided always, that such Person shall be appointed to and shall hold such his Office during His Majesty's Pleasure, and not otherwise; and shall at all Times conform to and obey such lawful Instructions, touching the Execution of the Duties of such his Office, as shall from Time to Time be given to him by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council appointed for the Consideration of all Matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations. Appointing Comptroller of Corn Returns.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said Comptroller of Corn Returns before he enters on the Execution of such his Office shall, before some or one of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Westminster*, or before One of the Masters in ordinary of the High Court of Chancery, take and subscribe an Oath in the following Words; that is to say, Comptroller to take Oath on entering Office.

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will, to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute the Office of Comptroller of Corn Returns, according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*]. So help me GOD.' Oath.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall at all Times execute the Duties of such his Office in Person, and not by Deputy; but that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty to appoint a fit and proper Person, who shall act as Deputy Comptroller of Corn Returns, in case of the Sickness or other Incapacity of the said Comptroller, or in case he the said Comptroller should, with the Permission of the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council, be absent from the Duties of such his Office; and all and every the Powers hereby vested in the said Comptroller of Corn Returns, and all and every the Acts, Matters, and Things hereby directed to be done and performed by him, shall be vested in, and shall and may be done and performed by, any such Deputy as aforesaid, during the Continuance of any such Sickness, Incapacity, or Absence as aforesaid of the said Comptroller of Corn Returns; and such Deputy shall hold such his Office during His Majesty's Pleasure, and not otherwise, and shall receive and be paid such Salary and Allowances as to His Majesty shall seem meet. Comptroller not to act by Deputy, except in certain Cases.

Comptroller may send and receive Letters free from Postage.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Comptroller of Corn Returns to send by the Post to any Part of the United Kingdom, and to receive by the Post from any Place whatever, any Letters or Packets relating exclusively to the Duties of such his Office, free from all Duties of Postage, provided that the Words "On His Majesty's Service" shall be written or printed on the Outside of each of the said Letters or Packets so sent by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns, and that such Words shall be subscribed with the Name of the said Comptroller of Corn Returns in his Handwriting; and also provided, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty's Postmaster General, or for his Secretary or other Officer authorized by him in that Behalf, to examine and search all such Letters and Packets, and to charge against the Person or Persons sending the same Treble Postage on any Letter or Packet which may be so sent to or by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns contrary to the Provisions of this Act.

Lord Mayor, &c. to appoint an Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of London.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, at a Court to be holden for that Purpose, and they or the Majority of them present at such Court are hereby authorized and required, to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to be Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*; and it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, upon any Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty of any such Inspector, to remove him from such his Office by any Order to be by them made at a Court to be specially convened and holden for that Purpose; and upon the Death, Resignation, permanent Incapacity, or Removal of any such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen, at a Court to be holden for that Purpose, and they or a Majority of them present at any such Court are hereby authorized and required, to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to succeed to the said Office.

Said Inspector not to execute his Office by Deputy, except in certain Cases.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* shall at all Times execute the Duties of such his Office in Person, and not by Deputy; but that in case of the Sickness or other temporary Incapacity of the said Inspector, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London* to appoint some fit and proper Person to act as the Deputy of the said Inspector, during the Continuance of any such Sickness or Incapacity as aforesaid of that Officer, and no longer; and all and every the Powers hereby vested in the said Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, and all and every the Acts, Matters, and Things hereby directed to be done and performed by him, shall and may be vested in, and be done and performed by, any such Deputy as aforesaid, during the Continuance of such his Appointment.

No Person dealing in Corn, Flour,

XV. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible or shall be appointed to the Office of Inspector or Deputy Inspector of

of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, who, within Six Months next preceeding the Time of any such Appointment, shall have been engaged in Trade or Business as a Miller, Maltster, or Corn Factor, or who during that Period shall, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, have bought Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof; and if any Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* shall, during his Continuance in such his Office, engage in Trade or Business as a Miller, Maltster, or Corn Factor, or shall, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, buy Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof, he shall in manner aforesaid be removed from such his Office, and from and after the Time of such Removal shall become incapable of acting as Inspector of Corn Returns under this Act.

or Malt, to be appointed Inspector of Corn Returns in London.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That every Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* shall, within One Week after such his Nomination and Appointment, take and subscribe, before the Lord Mayor or One of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, an Oath, which Oath the Lord Mayor or Alderman is hereby authorized and required to administer, in the following Words; (that is to say,)

Inspector of Corn Returns for City of London to take an Oath on his Appointment.

'I *A.B.* do swear, That I will at all Times, as Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, [*or* as Deputy Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London, as the Case may be*,] make due and true Returns to the Comptroller of Corn Returns appointed by virtue of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], and that I will in all Things, to the best of my Skill and Judgment, conform myself to the Directions of the said Act.

'So help me GOD.'

Oath.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Nomination and Appointment, so to be made as aforesaid, of any Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, shall be enrolled at the next Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said City, together with a Certificate of the Oath aforesaid having been taken, such Certificate being signed by the Lord Mayor or Aldermen before whom such Oath shall have been so taken; and the said Enrolment, or a Copy thereof, certified under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace for the said City to be a true Copy, shall, for all Intents and Purposes, be and be deemed and taken to be good and conclusive Evidence of any such Appointment as aforesaid having been duly made.

Appointment of Inspector for City of London to be enrolled.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall carry on Trade or Business in the City of *London*, or within Five Miles from the *Royal Exchange* in the said City, as a Corn Factor, or as an Agent employed in the Sale of *British* Corn, and every Person who shall sell any *British* Corn within the present Corn Exchange in *Mark Lane* in the said City, or within any other Building or Place which

Dealers in Corn in London to deliver in a Declaration to the Lord Mayor, &c.

which now is or may hereafter be used within the City of *London*, or within Five Miles from the *Royal Exchange* in the said City, for such and the like Purposes for which the said Corn Exchange in *Mark Lane* hath been and is used, shall, before he or they shall carry on Trade or Business, or sell any Corn in manner aforesaid, make and deliver to the Lord Mayor, or One of the Aldermen of the City of *London*, a Declaration in the following Words; (that is to say,)

Form of Declaration.

'I *A. B.* do declare, That the Returns to be by me made, conformably to an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], of the Quantities and Prices of *British* Corn which henceforth shall be by or for me sold or delivered, shall, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the Corn *bonâ fide* sold and delivered by or for me within the Periods to which such Returns respectively shall refer, with the Prices of such Corn, and the Names of the Buyers respectively, and of the Persons for whom such Corn shall have been sold by me respectively; and to the best of my Judgment the said Return shall in all respects be conformable to the Provisions of the said Act.'

Lord Mayor, &c. to deliver a Certificate thereof to the Inspector.

Which Declaration shall be in Writing, and shall be subscribed with the Hand of the Person so making the same; and the Lord Mayor or such Alderman as aforesaid of the City of *London* for the Time being shall and he is hereby required to deliver a Certificate thereof, under his Hand, to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, to be by him registered in a Book to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose.

Dealers in Corn to make Returns to Corn Inspector.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That every such Corn Factor and other Person as aforesaid, who is herein-before required to make and who shall have made such Declaration as aforesaid, shall and he or she is hereby required to return or cause to be returned, on *Wednesday* in each and every Week, to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, an Account in Writing, signed with his or her own Name, or the Name of his or her Agent duly authorized in that Behalf, of the Quantities of each respective Sort of *British* Corn by him or her sold during the Week ending on and including the next preceding *Tuesday*, with the Prices thereof, and the Amount of every Parcel, with the Total Quantity and Value of each Sort of Corn, and by what Measure or Weight the same was sold, and the Names of the Buyers thereof, and of the Persons for and on behalf of whom such Corn was sold; and it shall and may be lawful for any such Inspector of Corn Returns to deliver to any Person making or tendering any such Returns a Notice in Writing, requiring him or her to declare and set forth therein where and by whom and in what Manner any such *British* Corn was delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; and every Person to whom any such Notice shall be so delivered shall and he or she is hereby required to comply therewith, and to declare and set forth in such his or her Return the several Particulars aforesaid.

XX. And

Justices of the Peace to appoint Corn Inspectors in the other Places herein-before mentioned.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the several and respective Counties, Ridings or Divisions thereof, in which the several Cities and Towns herein-before enumerated are situate, other than and except the City of *London*, shall and they are hereby authorized and required, at some Quarter Sessions held within or nearest to each of the said several Cities and Towns, to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person, residing within or near each and every of the said Cities and Towns respectively, to be the Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town, and from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any such Inspector of Corn Returns, to appoint a fit and proper Person to succeed to such his Office; and it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace, by any Order or Orders to be by them made for that Purpose at any such Quarter Sessions, or at any Adjournment thereof, upon any Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty of any such Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid, or for any other good and sufficient Cause to them appearing, to remove from such his Office any such Officer; and in case of the Sickness, Absence, or temporary Incapacity of any such Inspector of Corn Returns, it shall be lawful for any Two or more of the said Justices, at any Petty Sessions of the Peace to be holden at such City or Town, or within the County, Riding or Division thereof, in which the same is situate, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper Person to act as and be Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town, until the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden as aforesaid, and no longer.

In Towns, being Counties of themselves, Mayor and Justices to exercise Powers granted by this Act.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That within each and every of the Cities and Towns aforesaid, (other than the Cities of *London* and *Oxford*, and Town of *Cambridge*,) being a County of itself, or having an exempt Jurisdiction, and not contributing to the Rates of the County, Riding, or Division in which the same is situate, the Mayor or other Chief Officer, and the Justices of the Peace assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of any such City or Town, or at any Adjournment thereof, shall have, enjoy, and exercise all and every the Powers herein-before vested as aforesaid in the Justices of the Peace for the several and respective Counties, and Ridings or Divisions thereof as aforesaid, assembled at their General Quarter Sessions; and such Mayor or other Chief Officer shall, within such last-mentioned Cities and Towns, have, enjoy, and exercise the Powers herein-before vested as aforesaid in the Justices of the Peace for the said several and respective Counties, Ridings or Divisions thereof, assembled at any Petty Sessions; and that within the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge*, all and every the Powers and Authorities aforesaid shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars, and their Successors, of the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* respectively, who shall have and enjoy, and are hereby authorized and required to exercise respectively, all and every such Powers and Authorities within the said City of *Oxford* and Town of *Cambridge* respectively.

In Oxford and Cambridge Powers vested in Chancellors, &c.

Persons having been engaged in Business as Corn Dealers, within a certain Period, not eligible as Inspectors.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible or shall be appointed to the Office of Inspector of Corn Returns under this Act, for any of the Cities and Towns aforesaid, who, within Twelve Calendar Months next preceding the Time of any such Appointment, hath been engaged in Trade or Business as a Miller, Maltster, or Corn Factor, or who during that Period hath, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, bought Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof; and if any Person, who shall in manner aforesaid be nominated and appointed to be the Inspector of Corn Returns for any such City or Town, shall, during his Continuance in such Office, engage in Trade or Business as a Miller, Maltster, or Corn Factor, or shall, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, buy Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof, he shall in manner aforesaid be removed from such his Office, and from and after the Time of such Removal shall become incapable of acting as an Inspector of Corn Returns under this Act.

Inspectors of Corn Returns for Cities and Towns to take an Oath on their Appointment.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person so appointed Inspector of Corn Returns for any City or Town, other than the City of *London*, shall, before he enters on the Discharge of the Duties of such his Office, take and subscribe before some one Justice of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, or Town within which he shall reside, the Oath, or being one of the People called Quakers, the Affirmation following, (which Oath or Affirmation all such Justices are hereby authorized and required to administer); that is to say,

Oath.

'I *A. B.* do swear [*or* affirm], That I will at all Times, as Inspector of Corn Returns for the City [*or* Town] of make due and true Returns to the Comptroller of Corn Returns appointed by virtue of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], of the Quantities and Prices of *British* Corn in the said City [*or* Town] of according to the Accounts to be delivered to me in pursuance of the said Act; and that I will in all Things, to the best of my Skill and Judgment, conform myself to the Directions of the said Act.'

Appointments of Inspectors for Cities and Towns to be enrolled,

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That every Nomination and Appointment, so to be made as aforesaid, of any Inspector of Corn Returns for any of the Cities and Towns aforesaid, other than the City of *London*, shall be enrolled at some Sessions of the Peace to be holden in such Cities and Towns respectively, or in the respective Counties, Ridings or Divisions thereof, in which such Towns are situate, or at some Adjournment of such Sessions, together with a Certificate of the Oath aforesaid having been taken by such Inspector of Corn Returns, such Certificate being signed by the Justice of the Peace before whom such Oath shall have been so taken; and the said Enrolment, or a Copy thereof, certified under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace for any such City or Town, County, Riding, or Division, shall

for all Intents and Purposes be and be deemed and taken to be good and conclusive Evidence of any such Appointment as aforesaid having been duly made.

Dealers in Corn in Cities and Towns to make Declaration.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall deal in *British* Corn at or within any such City or Town as aforesaid, or who shall at or within any such City or Town engage in or carry on the Trade or Business of a Corn Factor, Miller, Maltster, Brewer, or Distiller, or who shall be the Owner or Proprietor, or Part Owner or Proprietor, of any Stage Coaches, Waggons, Carts, or other Carriages carrying Goods or Passengers for Hire to and from any such City or Town, and each and every Person who, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, shall purchase at any such City or Town any *British* Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof, shall, before he or she shall so deal in *British* Corn at any such City or Town, or shall engage in or carry on any such Trade or Business as aforesaid, or shall purchase any *British* Corn for any such Purpose as aforesaid, at or within any such City or Town, make and deliver, in manner hereinafter mentioned, a Declaration in the following Words; (that is to say,)

Form of Declaration.

'I *A. B.* do declare, That the Returns to be by me made conformably 'to the Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King 'George the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], 'of the Quantities and Prices of *British* Corn which henceforward 'shall by or for me be bought, shall, to the best of my Knowledge 'and Belief, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the *British* 'Corn *bonâ fide* bought for or by me within the Periods to which 'such Returns respectively shall refer, with the Prices of such Corn, 'and the Names of the Sellers respectively; and to the best of my 'Judgment the said Returns shall in all respects be conformable to 'the Provisions of the said Act.'

Declaration to be delivered to the Mayor, &c. who shall give a Certificate thereof to the Inspector.

Which Declaration shall be in Writing, and shall be subscribed with the Hand of the Person so making the same, and shall by him or her, or by his or her Agent, be delivered to the Mayor or Chief Magistrate, or to some Justice of the Peace for such City or Town, or for the County, Riding, or Division in which the same is situate, who are hereby required to deliver a Certificate thereof to the Inspector of Corn Returns for any such City or Town as aforesaid, to be by him registered in a Book to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose.

Inspectors empowered to require such Declaration from Corn Dealers.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or for any such other City or Town as aforesaid, to serve upon and deliver to any Person buying or selling Corn in any such City or Town, and who is not within the Terms and Meaning of this present Act specially required to make any such Declaration as aforesaid, a Notice in Writing under the Hand of such Inspector, requiring him to make such Declaration as aforesaid; and any Person upon whom such Notice shall be served as aforesaid shall and he is hereby required

required to comply with such Notice and to make such Declaration in such and the same Manner in all respects as if he or she had been specially required to make the same by the express Provisions of this present Act.

Corn Dealers to make Returns in Writing to Corn Inspectors of the Corn bought by them.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who are herein-before required to make and who shall have made such Declaration as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby required, on the first Market Day which shall be holden in each and every Week within each and every such City or Town as aforesaid at or within which they shall respectively deal in Corn, or engage in or carry on any such Trade or Business as aforesaid, or purchase any Corn for any such Purpose as aforesaid, to return or cause to be returned, to the Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town, an Account in Writing, signed with their Names respectively, of the Amount of each and every Parcel of each respective Sort of *British* Corn so by them respectively bought during the Week ending on and including the Day next preceding such first Market Day as aforesaid, with the Price thereof, and by what Weight or Measure the same was so bought by them, with the Names of the Sellers of each of the said Parcels respectively, with the Names of the Person or Persons, if any other than the Person making such Return, for or on account of whom the same was so bought and sold; and it shall and may be lawful for any such Inspector of Corn Returns to deliver, to any Person making or tendering any such Return, a Notice in Writing, requiring him or her to declare and set forth therein where and by whom and in what Manner any such *British* Corn was delivered to him or her; and every Person to whom any such Notice shall be so delivered shall and he or she is hereby required to comply therewith, and to declare and set forth in such his or her Return, or in a separate Statement in Writing, the several Particulars aforesaid.

Inspector not to include Returns until he has ascertained that the Persons making them have taken the Declaration required.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Inspector of Corn Returns in the City of *London*, nor in any of the Towns aforesaid, shall include, in the Return so to be made by them as aforesaid to the Comptroller of Corn Returns, any Account of Sales or Purchases of Corn, unless such Inspector shall have received satisfactory Proof that the Person or Persons tendering such Account hath made the Declaration herein-before required, and hath delivered the same to the Mayor or Chief Magistrate or to some Justice of the Peace of the City or Town for which such Inspector shall be so appointed to act, or to some Justice of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Division in which such City or Town is situate.

Inspectors to enter Returns made to him in a Book;

and transmit to the Comptroller weekly, an

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, and for the several other Cities and Towns aforesaid, shall duly and regularly enter, in a Book to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose, the several Accounts of the Quantities and Prices of Corn returned to him by such Persons respectively as aforesaid; and every such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, and for the several other Cities and Towns aforesaid, shall in each and every Week return to the Comptroller of Corn

Corn Returns an Account of the Weekly Quantities and Prices of the several Sorts of *British* Corn sold in the City or Town for which he is appointed Inspector, according to the Returns so made to him as aforesaid, and in such Form as shall be from Time to Time prescribed and directed by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns; and the said Returns shall be so made to the said Comptroller by the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* on *Friday* in each Week, and by the Inspector of Corn Returns for the several other Cities and Towns as aforesaid within Three Days next after the first Market Day holden in each and every Week in any such City or Town.

Account of the Quantities and Prices of Corn sold.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Average Prices of all *British* Corn, by which the Rate and Amount of the said Duties shall be regulated, shall be made up and computed on *Thursday* in each and every Week in manner following; that is to say, the said Comptroller 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 preceding Week, add together the Total Quantities of each Sort of *British* 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 *British* 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 *British* Corn respectively, for the Purpose of regulating and ascertaining the Rate and Amount of the said Duties; and the said Comptroller 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 *British* 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 *British* 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 received as aforesaid by the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at such Port.

Average Prices to be made up and published every Week.

Certificate of Averages to be transmitted to Chief Officers of Customs.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in the Returns so to be made as aforesaid to the Comptroller 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 Comptroller of Corn Returns to such Collectors or other Chief Officers of the Customs as aforesaid, the Quantities of each Sort of *British* Corn respectively shall be computed and set forth by, according,

How Quantities of Corn are to be computed.

according, and with reference to the Imperial Standard Gallon, as the same is declared and established by a certain Act passed in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures*, as the said Act is amended by a certain other Act passed in the Sixth Year of His 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.*

5 G. 4. c. 74.

6 G. 4. c. 12.

Until sufficient Number of Returns are made, Comptroller may use the present Averages.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That until a sufficient Number of Weekly Returns shall have been received by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns under this Act, to afford such aggregate Average Prices of *British* Corn as aforesaid, the Weekly Average Prices of *British* Corn published by him immediately before the passing of this Act shall by him be used and referred to in making such Calculations as aforesaid, in such and the same Manner as if the same had been made up and taken under and in pursuance of this Act.

What shall be deemed British Corn.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Corn or Grain, the Produce of the United Kingdom, shall be deemed and taken to be *British* Corn for the Purposes of this Act.

Provisions of this Act as to making Weekly Returns may be applied to any Town in the United Kingdom.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of ascertaining the Average Price of Corn and Grain sold within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by him made, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to direct that the Provisions of this Act, so far as regards the Appointment of Inspectors and the making of Weekly Returns, shall be applicable to any Cities or Towns within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* which shall be named in any such Order or Orders in Council: Provided always, that the Returns so received from such Towns shall not be admitted into the Averages made up for the Purpose of regulating the Duties payable upon Foreign Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour.

The present Comptrollers and Inspectors of Returns to continue in Office.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the Comptrollers of Corn Returns, and each and every Inspector of Corn Returns, or other Person who at or immediately before the Time when this Act shall come into Operation shall hold any Office or Appointment under and by virtue of the Act so passed as aforesaid in the Seventh and Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, or who shall be discharging any Duties required of him by such last-mentioned Act, shall and he is hereby authorized and required forthwith to act in such his Office or Appointment under and by virtue of this present Act, and to discharge the several Duties of and belonging to such his former Office or Appointment, in such and the same Manner and as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he had been appointed to such his Office or Appointment as aforesaid under and by virtue of this present Act; and that the Person appointed to act as Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, under the Act so

passed as aforesaid in the Seventh and Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, shall, without further Appointment, continue to act as such Inspector under this Act, until he shall die or resign such his Office, or be removed therefrom by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London* in manner aforesaid.

If Returns are untrue, Comptroller to lay a Statement thereof before the Committee of Privy Council.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall at any Time see Cause to believe that any Return so to be made as aforesaid to any such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or for any other such City or Town as aforesaid, is fraudulent or untrue, the said Comptroller shall and he is hereby required, with all convenient Expedition, to lay before the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council a Statement of the Grounds of such his Belief; and if, upon Consideration of any such Statement, the said Lords of the said Committee shall direct the said Comptroller to omit any such Return in the Computation of such aggregate Weekly Average Price as aforesaid, then and in that Case, but not otherwise, the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall and he is hereby authorized to omit any such Return in the Computation of such aggregate Weekly Average Price.

Corn Dealers having made the Declaration previous to this Act shall transmit Returns and comply with the Rules hereby required.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That any Corn Factor, Dealer, or other Person, who at or previously to the Time when this present Act shall come into Operation shall have made the Declaration required of him in and by the said Act so passed as aforesaid in the Seventh and Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, shall and he or she is hereby required forthwith to make all such Returns to such several Inspectors of Corn Returns as aforesaid, and to perform and do all such Acts, Matters, and Things, and to comply with and observe all such Rules and Regulations, as are hereby required or directed of or in regard to Persons who have made any Declaration required of them in and by the present Act, although he or she may not have actually made such last-mentioned Declaration.

Comptroller to issue Directions respecting Inspection of Books of Inspectors.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Comptroller of Corn Returns shall and he is hereby authorized from Time to Time, in pursuance of any Instructions which he shall receive in that Behalf from the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council, to issue to the several Inspectors of Corn Returns any general or special Directions respecting the Inspection by any Person or Persons of the Books so directed as aforesaid to be kept by every such Inspector of Corn Returns; and no such Inspector as aforesaid shall permit or suffer any Person to inspect any such Book, or to peruse or transcribe any Entry therein, except in compliance with some such general or special Directions from the said Comptroller of Corn Returns as aforesaid.

Inspector not to permit Books to be perused without such Directions.

Copy of the last Return to be affixed on Market Place on each Market Day.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That each and every Inspector of Corn Returns shall and he is hereby required on each and every Market Day to put up or cause to be put up in the Market Place of the City or Town for which he shall be appointed Inspector, or if there shall be no Market Place in such City or Town, then in some other conspicuous

conspicuous Place therein, a Copy of the last Return made by him to the Comptroller of Corn Returns, omitting the Names of the Parties who may have sold and bought the said Corn; and every such Inspector shall also again put up such Account on the Market Day immediately following that on which it shall first have been put up, in case the same shall from Accident or any other Cause have been removed, and shall take due Care that the same shall remain up for public Inspection until a new Account for the ensuing Week shall have been prepared and set up.

Treasury to fix Salaries of Comptrollers and Inspectors.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, by any Warrant or Warrants to be for that Purpose from Time to Time made and issued, to settle and allow such reasonable and moderate Salaries as shall be paid and payable to the said several Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, and for the several other Cities and Towns aforesaid, for and in consideration of the Duties so to be performed by them; provided that the Salary so to be allowed to the Inspector of Corn Returns in and for the City of *London* shall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Three hundred Pounds, in consideration of which Salary he shall and is hereby required to keep and maintain a proper and convenient Apartment or Place of Business at or near to the said Corn Exchange in *Mark Lane*, for transacting the Duties of such his Office, and to defray all incidental Charges and Expences of and attendant upon such his Office: Provided also, that the Salary to be granted to any Inspector of Corn Returns of any other of the Cities and Towns aforesaid shall not exceed Fifty Pounds in any One Year for such Inspector.

Regulations as to Payment of Salaries.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Salaries aforesaid shall be paid by the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs or of the Excise in or for the City or Town for which each and every of the said Inspectors respectively may be so appointed, by Four Quarterly Payments; provided that no such Quarterly Payments aforesaid shall be made, unless the Inspector of Corn Returns claiming the same shall first produce and deliver to such Collector, or other Chief Officer of the Customs or Excise, a Certificate under the Hand of the Comptroller of Corn Returns, certifying that such Inspector hath duly made the Returns required of him by this present Act during the Period in respect of which any such Payment is to be made, and which Certificate such Comptroller is hereby required, on the Application of any such Inspector as aforesaid, to grant, unless any such Inspector shall, without good and sufficient Cause, have neglected or omitted to make such Returns as aforesaid, or some of them: Provided also, that if the Duties of the said Office of Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* shall, during any such Quarter of a Year as aforesaid, have been discharged wholly or in part by a Deputy, the Comptroller of Corn Returns shall in such Certificate as aforesaid specify the Length of Time during which such Deputy hath so acted, and the Whole or a proportionate Part, as the Case may be, of any such Quarterly Payment, shall in that Case be paid to the said Deputy;

Deputy; and if the Duties of Inspector of Corn Returns for any other of the Cities and Towns aforesaid shall during any such Quarter of a Year be performed successively by Two or more Persons, the Comptroller of Corn Returns shall in like Manner specify the Length of Time during which each such Person hath so performed the said Duties, and a proportionate Part of any such Quarterly Payment shall in that Case be paid to the several Persons respectively performing the said Duties.

Penalty on Corn Dealers for not making Declarations or Returns.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who is hereby required to make and deliver the Declaration or Declarations herein-before particularly mentioned and set forth, or either of them, shall not make and deliver such Declaration or Declarations at the Time, and in the Form and Manner, and to the Person or Persons, herein-before directed and prescribed in that Behalf, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Calendar Month during which he shall neglect or delay to make and deliver any such Declaration; and if any Person who is herein-before required to make any Return to any such Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid shall not make such Returns to such Inspector, at the Time and in the Form and Manner herein-before directed and prescribed, every such Offender shall for such his Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Penalties aforesaid shall and may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered by and to the Use of any Person who will sue for the same, before any Two Justices of the Peace acting in and for the City, Town, County, Riding, or Division within which the Offence shall have been committed; and upon Conviction of any such Offender before any such Justices of the Peace, either by the Confession of the Party offending, or by the Oath of any credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justices are hereby authorized to administer), the Amount of such Penalties and Forfeitures shall be levied, together with the Costs attending the Information and Conviction, to be assessed and allowed by such Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices (which Warrant such Justices are hereby empowered and required to grant); and the Overplus (if any), after such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, unto the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and in case such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justices, for his or their Appearance before such Justices on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Seven Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justices are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance

or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then it shall be lawful for any such Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the City, Town, County, Riding, or Division where the Offender shall be or reside, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Term not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Committee of Privy Council may stay Proceedings on Information.

Justices may mitigate Penalties.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council, by any Order to be made by them, and issued under the Hands of One of the Clerks of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, to stay the Proceedings upon any Information before any such Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, for the Penalties aforesaid, or any of them; and that it shall also be lawful for any Justices of the Peace before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, if he or they shall think proper, to mitigate or reduce the Penalty incurred by such Person, so as such Reduction or Mitigation do not exceed Two Thirds of the Penalty to which such Person would be liable under this Act.

Penalty on Witnesses not attending when required.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before any Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or of the Person or Persons accused, shall, after a reasonable Sum of Money for his or her Charges and Expences shall have been paid or been tendered to him or her, refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Neglect, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath and give Evidence before such Justices of the Peace, then and in either of such Cases such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered in the Manner hereinbefore provided for the Recovery of the several Penalties aforesaid.

Punishment for making false Returns.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall make any false and fraudulent Statement in any such Return as he is hereinbefore directed and required to make, or shall falsely and wilfully include or procure or cause to be included in any such Return any *British* Corn which was not truly and *bonâ fide* sold or bought to, by, or on behalf of the Person or Persons in any such Return mentioned in that Behalf, in the Quantity and for the Price therein stated and set forth, every such Offender shall be and be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Act not to affect the Practice of

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to alter the present Practice of measuring Corn,

 or

or any of the Articles aforesaid, to be shipped from or to be landed in the Port of *London*; but that the same shall be measured by the sworn Meters appointed for that Purpose, by whose Certificate the Searchers or other proper Officers of His Majesty's Customs are hereby empowered and required to certify the Quantity of Corn or other Articles as aforesaid so shipped or landed; and that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to lessen or take away the Rights and Privileges of, or the Tolls or Duties due and payable to, the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to take away the Privileges of any Persons lawfully deriving Title from or under them. measuring or Privileges of the City of London.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing by him, her, or them done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Months next after the Matter or Thing done, and shall be laid in the proper County; and 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 at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if afterwards a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or be nonsuited, or Judgment shall be given against him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwise, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs awarded to him, her, or them, against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs. Limitation of Actions.

TABLE

TABLE of DUTIES to which this Act refers.

If imported from any Foreign Country:	£	s.	d.
WHEAT:—			
According to the Average Price of Wheat, made up and published in manner required by Law; *videlicet*,			
——— Whenever such Price shall be Sixty-two Shillings and under Sixty-three Shillings the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	1	4	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 63*s.* and under 64*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - - -	1	3	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 64*s.* and under 65*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	1	2	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 65*s.* and under 66*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	1	1	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 66*s.* and under 67*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	1	0	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 67*s.* and under 68*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	18	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 68*s.* and under 69*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	16	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 69*s.* and under 70*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	13	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 70*s.* and under 71*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	10	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 71*s.* and under 72*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	6	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be 72*s.* and under 73*s.* the Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter - - - - -	0	2	8
——— Whenever such Price shall be at or above Seventy-three 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	5	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 One Shilling.			
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.			

	£	s.	d.
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 shall 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.			
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 Pounds and a Half:—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.			
If the Produce of and imported from any British Possession in North America, or elsewhere out of Europe:			
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

	£	s.	d.
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
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
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 Gallons and a Half of Wheat.			
OATMEAL:—			
——— For every Quantity of One hundred and eighty-one Pounds and a Half:—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.			

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