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CAP. XVII.

An Act to alter and amend an Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of His present Majesty, for consolidating and amending the Laws of Excise on Malt made in the United Kingdom, and for amending the Laws relating to Brewers in *Ireland*, and the Malt Allowance on Spirits in *Scotland* and *Ireland*. [29th *May* 1830.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend certain Laws relating to the Revenue of Excise on Malt made in the United Kingdom; and for amending the Laws relating to Brewers in* Ireland, *and to the Allowance in respect of the Malt Duty on Spirits made in* Scotland *and* Ireland *from Malt only*: And whereas it is expedient to alter and amend the said Act: 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 it shall and may be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall have made or who shall make Entry in manner by the said recited Act required of any Room or Place for the keeping of Malt therein, or for the keeping of Corn or Grain to be

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One Room may be used for keeping Malt and for keeping

Grain, if separated by a Partition.

be made into Malt, to make use of any such Room or Place so entered for keeping Malt, and to store and keep therein Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, and to make use of such Room or Place which shall be so entered for keeping Corn or Grain, and to keep and store therein Malt or any other Corn, Grain, or Seeds; any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that all Malt, Corn, Grain, and Seeds be kept separate and apart, so as to prevent the mixing of any such Corn, Barley, or other Grain or Seeds with Malt; provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize or allow any Distiller or Maltster in *Scotland* or *Ireland*, who shall have made or who shall make Entry as a Maker of Malt for the sole Purpose of being consumed in distilling Low Wines or Spirits from Malt only, to keep any Corn or Grain in any Room or Place entered for keeping, depositing, or storing Malt, or to keep or deposit any Malt in any Room or Place entered for storing Corn or Grain.

Raw Grain may be dried on the Kiln.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, (except a Maltster or Maker of Malt in *Scotland* or *Ireland* making Malt to be consumed in distilling Low Wines and Spirits from Malt only,) on giving Twenty-four Hours Notice in Writing, if the Malthouse and Premises of such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be situated in a City or Market Town or the Suburbs thereof, and if situated elsewhere, Forty-eight Hours Notice in Writing, to the Officer of Excise, of his or her Intention so to do, to use any Kiln entered for making and drying Malt, for drying and to dry thereon Barley or any Corn or Grain not making into Malt; any thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Cisterns and Couch Frames may be used, although not constructed in manner directed by the Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Excise, and under such Regulations as the said Commissioners shall order and direct, to make use of any Cistern which shall have been made and constructed and in use before the passing of the said recited Act, notwithstanding such Cistern shall not have a clear open Space of Forty-eight Inches at the least above every Part of such Cistern, so that there be sufficient Head-room and Light and Means to enable the Officers of Excise safely and conveniently to have Access to and to gauge the Corn and Grain contained in every Part of such Cistern; and the Certificate in and by the said Act required shall, with such Approbation as aforesaid, be granted for the Use of such Cistern, and for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, under such Approbation and Regulations as aforesaid, to make use of any Couch Frame made and constructed before the passing of the said recited Act, notwithstanding such Couch Frame shall not have Three Sides thereof permanently made or constructed, provided that the moveable Sides of such Couch shall be made with Boards or Planks of the Substance of Two Inches in Thickness at the least, and supported on the Outside in every Part thereof, so that the Frame retain the same Dimensions in every Part when filled with Grain as when empty.

Officer of Excise to give a Copy of his Charge, if demanded at any Time by the Maltster.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Officer of the Excise who shall take an Account of and charge the Duty of Excise on any Corn or Grain making into Malt at the Malthouse or Premises of any Maltster or Maker of Malt, and make a Return thereof to the Commissioners of Excise, under the Powers and Directions of the said recited Act, shall in all Cases when the Minutes of the Entries made by him in taking such Account shall not appear on the Book or Paper called the Specimen Paper, left at the Premises of the Maltster or Maker of Malt, give a true Copy of such Charge in Writing under his Hand to the Maltster whose Corn or Grain making into Malt shall be so charged, if such Copy shall be demanded in Writing by or on behalf of such Maltster or Maker of Malt, notwithstanding such Demand may not be made at the Time of taking such Account.

Regulations relating to keeping a Barley Book, and making Entries therein, repealed.

V. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as directs, that there shall be delivered by the proper Officer of Excise to every Maltster or Maker of Malt a Book prepared for such Purposes as therein-after mentioned, called a Barley Book, to be kept in some public and open Part of his or her entered Premises, for the Inspection of the Officers of Excise, together with so much and all such Parts of the said recited Act, and all Clauses, Provisions, Regulations, and Enactments in the said Act contained, which direct or require Entries of Barley received, wetted, or sent out by any Maltster or Maker of Malt, or any other Entries, to be made in such Book, or which direct or require any Maltster or Maker of Malt to deliver to the Officer or Officers of Excise any Account or Accounts of his or her Stock of Barley, or to level or place the Barley in the Custody or Possession of any Maltster or Maker of Malt in such Form as may enable the Officers of Excise to gauge and ascertain the Quantity thereof, and which direct, authorize, or require any Officer of Excise to take an Account of the Barley in the Stock, Custody, or Possession of any Maltster or Maker of Malt, and all Penalties and Forfeitures in and by the said Act imposed, for any Breach or Neglect of any of the said Clauses, Provisions, Regulations, or Enactments, or for any Excess or Deficiency in any Quantity of Barley in the Stock, Custody, or Possession of any Maltster or Maker of Malt, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

Provision for Notice of wetting Corn or Grain, repealed.

VI. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that every Maltster or Maker of Malt, before beginning to wet or steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, shall give to the Officer of Excise under whose Survey such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall then be, Twenty-four Hours Notice at least in Writing, if the Malthouse of such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be situated in any City, or in the Suburbs of any City, or in any Market Town, and Forty-eight Hours Notice at least in Writing, if such Malthouse shall not be so situated, of the Day and particular Hour of the Day when such Maltster or Maker of Malt intends to wet or steep Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, and of the Quantity of Corn or Grain in Bushels to be then wet or steeped; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall begin to wet or steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, without giving such Notice as aforesaid, or

or shall wet or steep any greater or less Quantity of Corn or Grain (exceeding the Proportion of One in Twenty) than the Quantity of Corn or Grain expressed in such Notice, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and in case any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall not, pursuant to any such Notice as aforesaid, begin to wet or steep the Corn or Grain mentioned in such Notice, and cover the whole thereof with Water, at the Day and Hour mentioned in such Notice, or within Three Hours next after the Expiration of such Hour, every such Notice shall be and is hereby declared to be null and void; and every such Maltster or Maker of Malt, before he shall begin to wet or steep such Corn or Grain, shall give fresh Notice thereof according to the Provisions of this Act, under pain of such Penalty as last aforesaid: Provided always, that no Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be subject to the said last-mentioned Penalty for or by reason of his or her wetting or steeping any less Quantity of Corn or Grain than the Quantity of Corn or Grain expressed in such Notice as aforesaid, if such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be prevented from wetting or steeping the Quantity of Corn or Grain expressed in such Notice by want of Barley, and shall give Notice thereof to the proper Officer of Excise, by entering, with such Wetting or Steeping, in the Barley Book, the Cause and Extent of such Prevention as aforesaid: Provided also, that no Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be subject to the said last-mentioned Penalty for or by reason of his or her wetting or steeping any greater or less Quantity of Corn or Grain exceeding the Proportion aforesaid than the Quantity of Corn or Grain expressed in such Notice as aforesaid, if such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall show to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of Excise, or Commissioner or Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of Excise in *Scotland* and *Ireland* respectively, that the same occurred by Accident or Oversight, and without intentional Disregard of any of the Provisions of this Act in that Behalf contained, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

24 Hours Notice to be given of wetting Corn at a Malthouse situated in a City or Market Town, and 48 Hours Notice elsewhere.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Maltster or Maker of Malt, before beginning to wet or steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, shall give to the Officer of Excise under whose Survey such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall then be, Twenty-four Hours Notice at least in Writing, if the Malthouse of such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be situated in any City, or any Market Town, or in the Suburbs thereof, and if such Malthouse shall not be so situated, Forty-eight Hours Notice at least in Writing of the Day and particular Hour of the Day when such Maltster or Maker of Malt intends to wet or steep Corn or Grain to be made into Malt; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall begin to wet or steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt without giving such Notice as aforesaid, or shall wet or steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt before the particular Hour specified in such Notice, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and in case any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall not, pursuant to any such Notice as aforesaid, begin to wet or steep the Corn or Grain mentioned in such Notice, and cover the whole thereof with Water, at the Day and Hour mentioned

mentioned in such Notice, or before the Expiration of Three Hours from the Hour mentioned in such Notice, every such Notice shall be and is hereby declared to be null and void.

A Book to be delivered to every Maltster, in which the Quantity of Corn wetted is to be entered.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be delivered by the proper Officer of Excise, to every Maltster or Maker of Malt, a Book prepared for such Purposes as herein-after mentioned, to be kept by such Maltster or Maker of Malt in some public and open Part of his or her entered Premises, for the Inspection of the Officers of Excise; and every Maltster and Maker of Malt shall, on the same Day on which he shall steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, and within Three Hours after any Corn or Grain shall have been covered with Water for the Purpose of wetting or steeping the same to be made into Malt, enter in such Book, and in the proper Columns, to be prepared for such Purposes respectively, a true and particular Account of the Quantity in Bushels of the Corn or Grain so wetted or steeped, and shall enter against and immediately opposite to every such Entry the particular Day and Hour of the Day on and at which such Corn or Grain was so wetted or steeped and covered with Water, and shall on the next Survey of the Officer of Excise produce to such Officer the said Book, with the said Entries therein, for his Information; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall not keep such Book, or shall neglect or refuse to make any such Entry as aforesaid, or to produce such Book with such Entries therein to the Officer of Excise on his next Survey, or shall convey away or conceal the same, or shall destroy or tear out any Leaf thereof, or cancel, obliterate, destroy, or alter any Entry therein, or make any false Entry therein, or shall refuse to permit any Officer of Excise at any Time to inspect such Book, or to make any Minute therein, or to take any Extract therefrom, as to such Officer shall seem meet, or to remove or take away such Book, leaving a new Book for the like Purpose in lieu thereof, or if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall have wetted or steeped any greater or less Quantity of Corn or Grain than shall be stated in the Entry thereof in the said Book, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of Fifty Pounds; provided that no Maltster or Maker or Malt shall be subject to the said Penalty for or by reason of his having steeped or wetted any greater or less Quantity of Corn or Grain than shall be stated in the Entry thereof, if the Quantity wetted shall not be greater or less than the Quantity entered in the Proportion of One Bushel in Twenty.

Provision that Maltsters giving Notice to steep for 65 Hours shall begin to wet between 8 in the Evening and 11 at Night, repealed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that it shall be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall give such further Notice of his or her Intention to continue the Corn or Grain by him or her to be wet or steeped covered with Water for the Space of Sixty-five Hours, as hereafter mentioned, to begin to wet or steep such Corn or Grain to be made into Malt at any Time between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the Evening and Eleven of the Clock at Night; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall have given such further Notice as aforesaid, shall begin to wet or steep any such Corn or Grain as

aforesaid, to be made into Malt, at any other Time than as aforesaid, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provision that Corn shall be kept in the Cistern not exceeding 55 nor less than 40 Hours, repealed.

X. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that every Maltster or Maker of Malt shall continue the Corn or Grain by him or her wet or steeped in the Cistern to be made into Malt covered with Water for a Space of Time not exceeding Fifty-five and not less than Forty Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being first wet or steeped, and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall continue such Corn or Grain, or any Part thereof, covered with Water for any Space of Time exceeding Fifty-five Hours, or shall drain or draw off the Water from any such Corn or Grain before the Expiration of Forty Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being first wet or steeped, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provision that Maltsters having given Notice to steep for 65 Hours shall keep Grain in steep for that Time, repealed.

XI. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that where any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall intend to continue the Corn or Grain to be wet or steeped covered with Water for the Space of Sixty-five Hours, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall, in the Notice in Writing by him or her required to be given to the Officer of Excise under whose Survey such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall then be, of the Day and particular Hour of the Day when such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall intend to wet or steep Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, and of the Quantity of Corn or Grain in Bushels to be then wet or steeped, give further Notice that it is his or her Intention to continue the same covered with Water for the Space of Sixty-five Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being first wet or steeped; and every such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall in such Case continue such Corn or Grain covered with Water for and until the Expiration of Sixty-five Hours as aforesaid; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall have given such further Notice as aforesaid, shall not continue such Corn or Grain covered with Water for and until the Expiration of Sixty-five Hours as aforesaid, or shall continue the same covered with Water for any Time after the Expiration of Sixty-five Hours as aforesaid, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of Act as allows Water to be once drained, repealed.

XII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as provides and enacts, that it shall be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, between the First Day of *March* and the First Day of *November* in every Year, to drain or draw off the Water once from any Corn or Grain by him or her wet or steeped in the Cistern to be made into Malt, before the Expiration of the Time for which Corn or Grain is by this Act required to be kept covered with Water, without incurring any Penalty for so doing,

provided such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall, in the Notice by him or her given of his or her Intention to wet or steep such Corn or Grain to be made into Malt by this Act before required, express his or her Intention to drain or draw off the Water from such Corn or Grain as aforesaid, and the particular Day and Hour of the Day, between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the Morning and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, when such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall intend so to do; provided always, that such Corn or Grain be again completely covered with Water before the Expiration of One Hour from the Time of the Water being begun to be drained or drawn off as aforesaid; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Maltster to keep the Grain in the Cistern covered with Water for at least 40 Hours.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That every Maltster or Maker of Malt shall continue the Corn or Grain by him or her wet or steeped in the Cistern, to be made into Malt, covered with Water for a Space of Time not less than Forty Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being first wet or steeped; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall drain or draw off the Water from any such Corn or Grain before the Expiration of Forty Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being first wet or steeped, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Water may be once drained during the steeping, on due Notice having been given, provided the Corn be again covered within an Hour.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt to draw off the Water from any Corn or Grain by him or her wet or steeped in the Cistern, to be made into Malt, once during the Time such Corn or Grain shall be continued in steep, although the same shall not then have been covered with Water for the Space of Forty Hours, without any Penalty being incurred for so doing, provided such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall, in the Notice by him or her given of his or her Intention to wet or steep Corn or Grain to be made into Malt, by this Act required, express his or her Intention to drain or draw off the Water from such Corn or Grain as aforesaid, and the particular Day and Hour of the Day between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the Morning and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, when such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall intend so to do; provided always, that such Corn or Grain be again completely covered with Water before the Expiration of One Hour from the Time of the Water being begun to be drained or drawn off as aforesaid; any thing in the said recited Act or this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provision that Maltsters, having given Notice to steep for 65 Hours, shall empty their Cistern only between One in the Forenoon

XV. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that it shall not be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall have given such further Notice of his or her Intention to continue the Corn or Grain by him or her wet or steeped, covered with Water for the Space of Sixty-five Hours, as before mentioned, to empty or take such Corn or Grain, or any Part thereof, from or out of the Cistern, at any other Time than between the Hours of One of the Clock in the Forenoon and Four of the Clock

and Four in the Afternoon, repealed.

Clock in the Afternoon; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall have given such further Notice as aforesaid, shall empty or take such Corn or Grain as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, from or out of the Cistern at any other Time than aforesaid, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Corn may be emptied from the Couch Frame at the Expiration of 26 Hours, but to be deemed in Couch for 30 Hours.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture by the said recited Act imposed, for or by reason of any Corn or Grain not being at any Time of the Year kept and continued laid in the Couch Frame or Frames into which such Corn or Grain shall have been emptied for the Space of Thirty Hours or any longer Period than Twenty-six Hours from the Time of its being emptied from or out of the Cistern or Cisterns in which the same shall have been wetted or steeped, but all such Corn or Grain shall nevertheless in all Cases where the same shall not have been gauged and taken Account of by the proper Officer of Excise within Twenty-six Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being emptied out of the Cistern or Cisterns, and whilst the same was kept in the Couch Frame, at all Times of the Year, be taken and deemed to be in Couch, and shall be gauged and taken Account of by the Officer of Excise as in Couch for the Space of Thirty Hours from the Time of its being emptied from or out of the Cistern or Cisterns, whether such Corn or Grain shall be continued in the Couch Frame or Frames into which the same shall have been emptied, or shall be removed after the Expiration of the said Twenty-six Hours and before the Expiration of Thirty Hours, from such Couch Frame or Frames, to the Floor.

When any Increase shall be found on turning out any Grain from the Couch, such Increase not to be deemed conclusive of treading, unless it shall amount to Six Bushels and One Quarter in every 100 Bushels.

XVII. And whereas in and by the said recited Act it is lawful for any Officer of Excise who shall have Reason to believe or who shall suspect that the Corn or Grain making into Malt in any Cistern or Couch Frame has been trodden or forced together, and for any Person or Persons in aid and assistance of such Officer, in the Presence of such Maltster or Maker of Malt or of his Servant, if such Maltster or Servant shall think fit to be present, to turn over all such Corn or Grain, either by throwing all such Corn or Grain from and out of the Cistern or Couch Frame, and returning the same into the Cistern or Couch Frame from which it shall have been thrown, and laying the same level again therein, or by turning over all such Corn or Grain in such Cistern or Couch Frame, and laying the same level again therein, or by throwing out any Part of such Corn or Grain from such Cistern or Couch Frame, and turning over so much thereof as shall be left remaining therein, and returning so much of such Corn or Grain as shall have been thrown out into the Cistern or Couch Frame from which the same shall have been thrown, and laying the whole of such Corn or Grain level again in such Cistern or Couch Frame, as to such Officer shall seem fit; and if any Increase shall be found in the Gauge or Quantity of such Corn or Grain after being turned over and laid level again in the Cistern or Couch Frame in any such Manner as aforesaid, over and above the former Gauge in any greater Proportion than that of One Bushel in every

every Twenty Bushels of such Corn or Grain, the Increase so found is in and by the said recited Act to be deemed conclusive Evidence that such Corn or Grain had been trodden or forced together: And whereas it may happen that when Corn or Grain has been emptied from the Cistern into the Couch Frame more than Twelve Hours the Increase thereof from the Swell may amount to One Bushel in Twenty without Fraud; and it is expedient to alter such Proportion, so far as respects such Corn or Grain in the Couch Frame; be it therefore enacted, That when any Officer of Excise shall in manner authorized by the said recited Act turn over and level again in any Couch Frame any Corn or Grain after the Expiration of Twelve Hours from the Time when such Corn or Grain shall have been emptied from the Cistern or Cisterns into such Couch Frame, and any Increase shall be found in the Gauge or Quantity of such Corn or Grain after being turned over and laid level again in the Couch Frame in any such Manner as aforesaid, over and above the former Gauge, no such Increase shall be deemed conclusive Evidence that such Corn or Grain had been trodden or forced together, unless such Increase shall be in any greater Proportion than Six Bushels and One Quarter of a Bushel in every One hundred Bushels of such Corn or Grain.

Grain which has been steeped 50 Hours, if there be no other Grain in the House which has been steeped for any less Time, may be sprinkled.

XVIII. And whereas in and by the recited Act every Maltster and Maker of Malt is restricted from wetting, watering, or sprinkling any Corn or Grain making into Malt, before the Expiration of Twelve Days or Two hundred and eighty-eight Hours after the same shall have been emptied or taken from or out of the Cistern: And whereas it is expedient to allow, under certain Regulations, Maltsters and Makers of Malt to water and sprinkle Corn or Grain making into Malt, before the Expiration of Twelve Days or Two hundred and eighty-eight Hours; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Maltster or Maker of Malt who shall have kept and continued any Corn or Grain making into Malt covered with Water in the Cistern for the full Space of Fifty Hours from the Time of such Corn or Grain being first wetted or steeped, and who shall not at the same Time have in the same Malthouse any other Corn or Grain on the Floor which shall been kept and covered with Water for any less Space than Fifty Hours from the Time of the same being first wet or steeped, to wet, water, or sprinkle any such Corn or Grain at any Time after the Expiration of Eight Days or One hundred and ninety-two Hours after the same shall have been emptied or taken out of the Cistern: Provided always, that every Maltster or Maker of Malt who shall wet, water, or sprinkle any Corn or Grain making into Malt contrary to the Regulations aforesaid shall be subject and liable to the Penalty in and by the said recited Act imposed for wetting, watering, or sprinkling Corn or Grain before the Expiration of Twelve Days or Two hundred and eighty-eight Hours.

No Penalty for the outward Edges of the Floor not being in

XIX. And be it further enacted, That nothing in the said Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to render liable any Maltster or Maker of Malt to any Penalty by the said Act imposed for not putting or placing the Sides or outward Edges of any Floor,

 or

straight Lines, if so placed as to be conveniently gauged.

or any Quantity of Corn or Grain making into Malt, in straight Lines, as required by the said recited Act, so that all such Floors or Quantities of Corn or Grain making into Malt shall be deposited and left and placed in such Form that they may be conveniently gauged, and that they be levelled as required by the said recited Act.

Allowances on charging Malt repealed.

XX. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that whenever the Duty upon Malt shall be charged by Gauge of the Corn or Grain taken while the same is in a State of Operation, or in process of making into Malt, such Allowances shall be made upon such Gauges as are herein-after mentioned; upon every Gauge thereof taken by the Officer of Exercise in the Cistern wherein the Corn or Grain is wetting or steeping to be made into Malt, or in the Couch Frame into which the Corn or Grain shall have been emptied, during the Period respectively for which Corn or Grain is by this Act before required to be kept and continued in such Cistern and Couch Frame respectively, an Allowance shall be made by such Officer of One Fifth Part of the whole Quantity of the Corn or Grain so found by such Gauge; and upon every Gauge taken by the Officer of Excise of such Corn or Grain on the Floor, after the Expiration of such Periods of Time respectively as aforesaid, and before the Expiration of Ninety-six Hours from the Time when such Corn or Grain was emptied or taken from or out of the Cistern, an Allowance shall be made by such Officer of One Third Part of the whole Quantity of the Corn or Grain so found by such Gauge as last aforesaid; and upon every Gauge afterwards taken by the Officer of Excise of such Corn or Grain before the same shall be dried off upon and removed from the Kiln, an Allowance shall be made by such Officer of One Half of the whole Quantity of such Corn or Grain so found by such Gauge as last aforesaid; and the Duty of Excise upon Malt, when charged upon the Corn or Grain in a State of Operation, or in process of making into Malt as aforesaid, shall be charged upon the best of the several Gauges so taken as aforesaid, after such Allowances shall have been so made thereon respectively as before mentioned: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for any Officer of Excise to take an Account of all the Malt made by any Maltster or Maker of Malt, after the same shall have been taken or thrown off from the Kiln, and whilst the same shall remain in the Custody or Possession of the Maltster or Maker thereof; and if, upon taking such Account as last aforesaid, such Officer shall find the Quantity of Malt so taken Account of to exceed the Quantity before charged with Duty, according to the best Gauge thereof when taken in operation as aforesaid, such Officer shall in every such Case (making an Allowance after the Rate of Eighteen Bushels in every One hundred Bushels of Blown Malt for Porter) charge the Duty upon all such Excess; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Allowances to be made on charging Malt by Gauge.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Duty upon Malt shall be charged by Gauge of the Corn or Grain taken whilst the same is in a State of Operation, or in process of making into Malt, such Allowances shall be made upon such Gauges as are herein-after

mentioned; that is to say, upon every Gauge thereof taken by the Officer of Excise in the Cistern wherein the Corn or Grain is wetting or steeping to be made into Malt, during the Time which such Corn or Grain shall be kept and continued in such Cistern, or in the Couch Frame into which such Corn or Grain shall be emptied, or on the Floor, during the Period for which such Corn or Grain is by this Act before required to be kept and continued in such Couch Frame, and directed to be deemed in Couch, and gauged and taken Account of as in such Couch, an Allowance shall be made by such Officer of Seventeen Bushels and One Half Bushel in every One hundred Bushels of the whole Quantity of the Corn or Grain so found by such Gauge; and upon every Gauge taken by the Officer of Excise of such Corn or Grain on the Floor after the Expiration of Twenty-six Hours, if such Corn or Grain shall have been previously gauged and taken Account of in the Couch Frame, and if such Corn or Grain shall not have been so previously gauged, then after the Expiration of Thirty Hours and before the Expiration of Seventy-two Hours from the Time when such Corn or Grain was emptied or taken from or out of the Cistern, an Allowance shall be made of One Third of the whole Quantity of the Corn or Grain so found by such Gauge as last aforesaid; and upon every Gauge afterwards taken by the Officer of Excise of such Corn or Grain before the same shall be dried, an Allowance shall be made by such Officer of One Half of the whole Quantity of such Corn or Grain so found by such Gauge as last aforesaid; and the Duty of Excise on Malt, when charged upon the Corn or Grain in a State of Operation, or in process of making into Malt, as aforesaid, shall be charged on the best of the several Gauges so taken as aforesaid after such Allowances shall have been so made thereon respectively as aforesaid.

Allowance on unscreened Malt measured from the Kiln, repealed.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said Act as provides and enacts, that whenever any Officer of Excise shall propose to measure or take an Account of Malt, on the same being taken or thrown off from the Kiln, and whilst the same is hot, and contains the Commings or Roots thereof, and is in the same State as the same has been taken or thrown off from the Kiln, such Officer shall in such Account make an Allowance of Twelve *per Centum* for the Heat, Commings or Roots, and unclean State of such Malt, or shall, at the Election of such Officer, require such Malt to be forthwith screened and cleaned for the Purpose of being measured and taken Account thereof without such Allowance; and in case such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall, on such Request of the Officer to screen such Malt, desire Time so to do, it shall be lawful for such Officer to lock up all such Malt in a safe and secure Room, to be provided by such Maltster or Maker of Malt; and no such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be entitled to any such Allowance as aforesaid, or to screen such Malt before the same is measured or taken Account of as aforesaid, unless he shall forthwith remove and deposit all such Malt in such Room, and keep the same therein so locked up by the Officer of Excise, safely and securely, and unmixed with any other Malt whatsoever, until such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall give Forty-eight Hours Notice to the proper Officer of Excise

Excise to unlock such Room, and shall thereupon screen and clean such Malt for the Purpose of being measured and taken Account of by the Officer, without such Allowance as aforesaid: Provided also, that on any Officer taking an Account of the Malt in the Stock, Custody, or Possession of any Maltster or Maker of Malt, on or after the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year, as herein-after mentioned, every such Officer shall make an Allowance to such Maltster or Maker of Malt of One Bushel in Twenty Bushels of such Malt, for any Variation having occurred therein whilst in Stocks; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Entry required to be made monthly, repealed.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said Act as enacts, that every Maltster or Maker of Malt shall, monthly and every Month, make a true Entry in Writing of all the Malt by him or her made within such Period as aforesaid, at the Office of Excise within the Limits whereof such Malt shall have been made; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall neglect or refuse to make Entry as aforesaid, or shall make any false Entry in that Behalf, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of the Act as requires Maltsters to clear off their Duties within 14 Days after Entry, repealed.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that every Maltster and Maker of Malt shall, within the Space of Fourteen Days next after he or she shall have or ought to have made such Entry as aforesaid, pay and clear off all the Duties which shall have been charged upon, and which shall remain unpaid by such Maltster or Maker of Malt, for or in respect of any Malt by him or her made, unless such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall have given, and shall maintain and renew, upon the Death or Insolvency of any Party thereto, Security, approved of by the Commissioners of Excise, or the Commissioner or Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of Excise in *Scotland* or *Ireland* respectively, or the Person or Persons who shall be appointed or employed by them respectively for that Purpose, by Bond in Double the Value of the Duties which such Commissioners of Excise, or Commissioner or Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of Excise, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall judge likely to arise or be charged upon and become due from such Maltster or Maker of Malt within any Five Months, for the due Payment at the End of every Four Months from the Day on which such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall or ought to have made such Entry as aforesaid, of all such Duties and Sum and Sums of Money as shall arise or be charged on or become due from such Maltster or Maker of Malt; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt who shall not have given such Security, or who shall not maintain and renew such Security as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay and clear off such Duties within the Space of Fourteen Days as aforesaid, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt as last aforesaid, so offending, shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose Double the Sum for which such Duties so neglected or refused to be paid or cleared off as aforesaid shall amount to, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

XXV. And

So much of 9 G. 4. c. 45. as enacts, that all Duty on Malt shall be paid within 14 Days after Entry made, repealed.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That so much of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and to make perpetual, and to extend to the whole of the United Kingdom, certain Provisions contained in several Acts for regulating the Rectification, compounding, dealing in, or retailing of Spirits, and for preventing private Distillation, in* Scotland, *and to provide for the Payment of the Duty on Malt used in making of Spirits from Malt only*, as enacts, that all Duty charged upon or in respect of any Malt which shall be made to be used and consumed only by Distillers or Makers of Low Wines or Spirits in *Scotland* or *Ireland*, in distilling Low Wines or Spirits made from Malt only, shall be paid and cleared off by the Maltster or Maker of such Malt within the Space of Fourteen Days next after such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall have or ought to have made such Entry, as in the said therein-recited Act is mentioned, whether any Bond or Security for the Payment of such Duties shall or shall not have been given pursuant to the said recited Act, on pain that every such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall forfeit Double the Amount or Sum of such Duties so neglected or refused to be paid within the said Space of Fourteen Days, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Officer of Excise to make a Return of Duty charged on the Maltster every Six Weeks; the Amount of such Return to be paid in Six Days, unless Security shall have been given.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Officer of Excise under whose Survey any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be, or any other Officer appointed so to do, shall and he is hereby required, from Time to Time, at the Expiration of every Six Weeks, or at such other Times as the Commissioners of Excise shall direct, to make out and deliver to the Collector of Excise, or to such Person or Persons as the Commissioners of Excise shall appoint to receive the same, an Account or Return in Writing of the Quantity of Malt made by such Maltster or Maker of Malt, and for which he shall have become chargeable with Duty, in such preceding Six Weeks or Period, and of the Duty payable thereon; and the Return or Account of such Officer shall be a Charge on every such Maltster or Maker of Malt; and such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall pay and clear off the Duty appearing by such Return or Account to have become due and payable within Six Days after such Return or Account shall have been made, unless such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall have given and shall maintain, and shall renew from Time to Time as he may be by the Commissioners of Excise required, or Persons appointed by them for that Purpose, to renew the same, Security, approved by the Commissioners of Excise, or the Person or Persons who shall be appointed by them for that Purpose, by Bond in Double the Value of the Duties which such Commissioners of Excise, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall judge likely to arise or be charged on and become due from such Maltster or Maker of Malt within any Eighteen Weeks, for the due Payment at the End of every Eighteen Weeks after such Account or Return as aforesaid shall be made of all such Duties and Sum and Sums of Money as shall arise or be charged on or become due from such Maltster or Maker of Malt; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt who shall not have given such Security, or who shall not maintain,

and renew when required so to do, such Security, shall neglect or refuse to pay and clear off such Duties within Six Days as aforesaid, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose Double the Sum which such Duties so neglected or refused to be paid or cleared off shall amount to.

Certain Maltsters in Scotland and Ireland to clear off the Duty in Six Days.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Duty charged upon or in respect of any Malt which shall be made to be used and consumed only by Distillers or Makers of Low Wines and Spirits in *Scotland* or *Ireland*, in distilling Low Wines or Spirits from Malt only, shall be paid and cleared off within the Space of Six Days next after such Account or Return shall have been made as aforesaid, whether any Bond or Security for the Payment of such Duties shall or shall not have been given, on pain that every such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall forfeit Double the Amount or Sum of such Duties so neglected or refused to be paid within the said Space of Six Days.

Regulations relating to Certificates, repealed.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as directs and requires, that a Book, with proper printed Forms and Titles for such Purposes as therein-after mentioned, shall be delivered by the proper Officer of Excise to every Maltster or Maker of Malt, and that from and after the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven no Malt exceeding Four Bushels at One Time, or if to a Brewer of Beer for Sale, in any Quantity whatsoever, shall be sold, sent out, or delivered without a Certificate, filled up and cut out progressively from the printed Forms and Titles contained in such Book as aforesaid, signed by the Maltster or Maker of Malt selling, sending out, or delivering the same, or by some Person on his Behalf, certifying the Particulars in and by the said recited Act required, together with all other Regulations, Provisions, Clauses, and Enactments in the said recited Act contained, relating to such Books, and to the issuing, delivering, or sending out such Certificates, filling up any Counterparts thereof, or to any Trader or other Person, or delivering such Certificates to any Officer of Excise, or to the Removal of any Malt under or by virtue of any such Certificate, and all Penalties and Forfeitures in and by the Act imposed for any Breach or Neglect of any of the said Provisions, Regulations, Clauses or Enactments relating to the said Book and to such Certificates, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

Provision as to Daily Entries of Malt sent out, repealed.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that every Maltster or Maker of Malt shall daily enter in a Book delivered to him or her by the Officer of Excise for that Purpose, the total Quantity of Malt by such Maltster or Maker of Malt sold or sent out during such Day, in Quantities not exceeding Four Bushels at One Time, except to a Brewer of Beer for Sale; and every such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall at all Times keep such Book, with all Entries made therein, open and exposed in some entered Building or Place of and belonging to such Maltster or Maker of Malt, for the Perusal and Inspection of the Officers of Excise, and shall deliver up every such Book as aforesaid to any

Officer of Excise demanding the same, and permit him to make any Minute therein, as such Officer shall think fit; and if any such Maltster or Maker of Malt shall neglect or refuse to make such Entry as aforesaid, or shall not keep such Book as last aforesaid, or shall not deliver up any such Book to any Officer demanding the same, or permit him to make any Minute therein, or shall convey away or conceal the same, or shall destroy or tear out any Leaf thereof, or cancel, obliterate, destroy, or alter any Entry therein, or make any false Entry therein, every such Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of Fifty Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provision that Entry shall be made of every Building used by Malt Factors, repealed.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that every Factor or Dealer in or Seller of Malt shall make true and particular Entry in Writing of every Building or Place by him or her intended to be used for the storing or keeping of Malt for Sale, at the nearest Office of Excise; and if any Factor, Dealer in or Seller of Malt, shall use any Building or Place for the storing or keeping of Malt for Sale, without having made such Entry thereof as aforesaid, every Factor, Dealer in or Seller of Malt, so offending, shall forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds for every Building or Place so used without such Entry thereof as aforesaid; and all Malt which shall be found in any such Building or Place shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of Excise, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Regulations regarding Malt Factors, repealed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as directs and requires, that a Book, prepared with proper printed Forms and Titles for such Purposes as therein-after mentioned, shall be delivered by the proper Officer of Excise to every Factor or Dealer in or Seller of Malt, and that every Factor or Dealer in or Seller of Malt shall make Entries in such Book of all Malt received into his or her Custody, and all Regulations, Directions, and Provisions in the said recited Act relating to such Book or such Entries, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

Regulations for taking Stock of Malt, repealed.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said Act as enacts, that every Maltster or Maker of Malt, within Ten Days after the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year, shall cast or place all the Malt not then in operation or process of making into Malt, in his or her Custody or Possession, into such level and regular Form as may enable the Officer of Excise conveniently to gauge and ascertain the true Quantity thereof; and if any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall neglect or refuse to cast or place all or any such Malt as aforesaid, every Maltster or Maker of Malt so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Penalty and Forfeiture for removing Malt without Certificate, repealed.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts, that every Person who shall at any Time be found removing or attending and directing the Removal of any Malt from one Part of the United Kingdom to any other Part thereof, shall, upon the Demand of any Officer of Excise, produce such

such Malt, and the Certificate accompanying, or which shall or ought to have accompanied such Malt on the Removal thereof, to the Officer demanding the same, to be by him examined and inspected, and compared with the Quantity and Quality of the Malt so removing as aforesaid; and if any such Person or Persons shall, upon the Demand of any Officer of Excise, neglect or refuse to produce any such Malt or Certificate as aforesaid, or to suffer or permit such Inspection, Examination, and Compare as aforesaid, or shall hinder or obstruct any Officer of Excise therein, or in the due Execution of his Duty, or of any of the Powers to such Officer by this Act granted, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and lose the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and in every such Case all such Malt, and the Vessel or Boat, Cart, Carriage, or other Conveyance, Horses or other Cattle, removing or which shall have been used in the Removal of such Malt, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of Excise, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Provisions of recited Act shall not revive the Provisions of any former Act.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Repeal of any of the Provisions of the said recited Act by this Act shall not extend or be construed to extend to revive or put in force any Provision contained in any former Act or Acts; but that all such Enactments, Clauses, and Provisions, in any former Act or Acts contained, as are by the said recited Act directly or indirectly repealed, shall and the same are hereby declared to continue repealed, and of no Effect.

Punishment of Servants offending.

XXXV. And whereas in and by the said recited Act Provision is made for punishing any Workman, Servant, or Labourer employed by or in the Service of any Maltster or Maker of Malt, who shall maliciously, and with Intent to injure such Maltster or Maker of Malt, begin to wet or steep any Corn or Grain to be made into Malt at any other Time than between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the Morning and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, or empty or take any Corn or Grain from or out of the Cistern at any other Time than between the Hours of Seven of the Clock in the Morning and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, or who shall maliciously, and with such Intent as aforesaid, wet, water, or sprinkle any Corn or Grain making into Malt before the Expiration of Twelve Days or Two hundred and eighty-eight Hours after the same shall have been emptied or taken from or out of the Cistern, or mix, either on the Floor or in the Kiln, any Corn or Grain of one Wetting or Steeping with or amongst any Corn or Grain of another or different Wetting or Steeping: And whereas it is expedient to extend the said Provision to other Offences which such Workmen, Servants, or Labourers may commit; be it therefore further enacted, That if any Workmen, Servant, or Labourer employed by or in the Service of any Maltster or Maker of Malt shall maliciously, and with Intent to injure such Maltster or Maker of Malt, omit to give any Notice, or to do any Act, Matter, or Thing required by the said recited Act or this Act to be given or done, or shall do any Act, Matter, or Thing prohibited to be done by the said recited Act or this Act, or commit any Offence against any of the Provisions of the said recited Act or this Act, whereby such Maltster

Maltster or Maker of Malt shall be injured or damnified, or subjected to any Penalty imposed by the said recited Act or this Act, every such Workman, Servant, and Labourer so offending shall and may be arrested and conveyed before any One Justice of the Peace, and convicted by and before such Justice, and committed to Gaol, and kept to hard Labour, in the Manner directed by and for the Time specified in the said Provision of the said recited Act; and the said Provision is hereby extended to the other Offences against the recited Act and this Act, and made Part of this Act, as fully and effectually as if the same was hereby repeated and re-enacted: Provided always, that no such Arrest and Conviction shall take place or be made for any Offence committed by any such Workman, Servant, or Labourer against any Provision of the said recited Act or this Act, after the Expiration of One Month from the Discovery of the Offence.

Provision that no Person shall be entitled to Relief for Malt destroyed, unless Notices be given in manner therein specified, repealed.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as provides and enacts, that no Person or Persons shall be entitled to any Relief in such Case as aforesaid, unless a Notice in Writing, describing the Nature, Cause, and Extent of such Accident as aforesaid, shall be delivered to the Commissioners of Excise, or to the Supervisor of Excise of the District in which such Loss shall have taken place or shall have been first discovered, within Three Days next after the same shall have taken place or been so discovered; or unless the Person or Persons by whom such Loss shall have been sustained, or the Agent of such Person or Persons, shall give or leave Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to apply for such Relief, with the Collector or Supervisor of Excise of the Collection or District where the Quarter Sessions are to be held at which he, she, or they there intend to apply for such Relief, or to the Solicitor of Excise for the summary Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Excise in *London*, where such Application shall be intended to be made to such Commissioners, Fourteen Days at the least before the Beginning of such Quarter Sessions, or before such Application to such Commissioners; and unless such Person or Persons shall apply for such Relief within One Month after such Accident shall have taken place or have been first discovered, or at the next General Quarter Sessions of such Justices which shall take place after the Expiration of such Month; any thing in this Act, or in any other Act or Acts, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Notice to be given on Application for Relief in case of Malt destroyed or damaged.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be entitled to any Relief under the said recited Act for any Malt destroyed or damaged by Fire or inevitable Accident, unless a Notice in Writing, describing the Nature, Cause, and Extent of such Accident as aforesaid, shall be delivered to the Commissioners of Excise, or to the Supervisor of Excise of the District in which such Loss shall have taken place or shall have been first discovered, within Fourteen Days next after the same shall have come to the Knowledge of the Person or Persons claiming such Relief; nor unless such Person or Persons, or the Agent of such Person or Persons, shall also give or leave Notice in Writing of his, her,

her, or their Intention to apply for such Relief with the Collector or Supervisor of Excise of the Collection or District where the Quarter Sessions are to be held at which he, she, or they intend to apply for such Relief, or to the Solicitor of Excise for *England*, where such Application shall be intended to be made to such Commissioners, Ten Days at the least before the Beginning of such Quarter Sessions, or before such Application to such Commissioners; nor unless such Person or Persons shall also apply for such Relief within Four Calendar Months after such Accident shall have come to his, her, or their Knowledge; any thing in this Act, or in any other Act or Acts, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Recited Act to remain in force where not repealed.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Clauses, Enactments, Provisions, Restrictions, Regulations, Matters, and Things in the said recited Act contained, not hereby repealed, shall be and remain in full Force and Effect.

Recited Act and this Act to be construed together.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Enactments, Clauses, Powers, and Provisions contained in an Act made and passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Collection and Management of the Revenue of Excise throughout* Great Britain *and* Ireland, except as the same are hereby expressly altered or repealed, shall extend and be deemed and construed to extend to this Act.

Commencement of Act.

XL. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and immediately after the passing thereof.

Act may be altered.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That this Act, or any of the Provisions thereof, may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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