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CAP. XLIV.

An Act to regulate, for One Year, the Importation of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition into *Ireland*, and the making, removing, selling, and keeping of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition in *Ireland*. [16th *July* 1830.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made for the further and more effectual Attainment of the Purposes of an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, for regulating the Importation of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition into *Ireland*, and the making, removing, selling, and keeping of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition in *Ireland*, which will expire at the End of this present Session of Parliament; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Commencement of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Person to import or bring into *Ireland* any Cannon, Mortar, Ordnance, Blunderbuss, Gun, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Lock, Stock, Barrel, or other Part of any Gun, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Sword, Sword Blade, Bayonet, Pike, Pike Head, Spear, Spear Head, Weapon of War, or any Part of any such Weapon or any Instrument serving the Purposes of any such Weapon, or any Cannon Balls, Musket Balls, or Pistol Balls, or any Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, or other Material

No Ordnance, Arms, Gunpowder, &c. shall be imported into Ireland without Licence from the Lord Lieutenant.

Material or Ingredient used in the making of Gunpowder, or any Military Accoutrements, without having first obtained a Licence for that Purpose, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, under the Hand of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, of his Under Secretary, for the Time being, which Licence shall specify the Number and particular Kind of Arms, Ordnance, Guns, Pistols, or other Arms, or of Locks, Stocks, Barrels, or other Parts thereof, or Balls, Swords, Sword Blades, Bayonets, Pikes, Spears, Spear Heads, Weapons of War, or Parts of any such Weapons or Instruments serving the Purposes of such Weapons, or Accoutrements, and the Quantity of Gunpowder, Brimstone, Saltpetre, or other Material for making Gunpowder, thereby licensed to be imported or brought.

Persons may land Arms for personal Defence, on registering the same.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Subject of His Majesty coming into *Ireland* to land such Arms as such Subject shall have actually carried for personal Defence, and as are usually carried for that Purpose, and no other, upon registering such Arms, and the Name and usual Place of Abode of such Person, with the chief Officer of the Port where such Person shall land, and obtaining from such Officer a Licence for landing the same, which Licence shall be granted without any Fee or Reward.

Arms, &c. imported without Licence, to be forfeited, as also the importing Vessels.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall, contrary to the Provisions of this Act, import or bring any Cannon, Mortar, Ordnance, Gun, Blunderbuss, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Stock, Lock, Barrel, or other Part of any Gun, Pistol, Blunderbuss, or other Arms, or any Balls, Sword, Sword Blade, Bayonet, Pike, Pike Head, Spear, Spear Head, Weapon of War, or Instrument serving the Purposes of any such Weapon, or any Accoutrements, Gunpowder or Ammunition, Brimstone or Saltpetre, or other Material for making Gunpowder, without such Licence for the Importation thereof as aforesaid, or if any Ship, Vessel, or Boat shall be found in any Port, Harbour, or Creek in *Ireland*, having on board any such Article for the Importation or bringing of which such Licence shall not have been obtained, all such Articles, and also such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, with all her Furniture and Apparel, shall be forfeited to His Majesty, and shall and may be seized by any Justice of the Peace or Peace Officer, or by any Officer of His Majesty's Excise or Customs; and all such Articles not licensed to be imported as aforesaid shall, when so seized, be deposited in such Place or Places as shall be appointed for the Purpose by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*; and every Importer or Bringer thereof, whether Owner thereof or not, shall for every such Importation or bringing forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and the Master or Person commanding the Ship or other Vessel in which any such unlicensed Article shall be imported or brought or shall be found shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and any Person so offending may be arrested under the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace, and committed by such Justice to the Common Gaol of the County or Place in which such Offence shall be committed, there to remain until such Offender enter into a Recognizance before such or some other Justice, with

Penalty on Importer 100*l.*, and on Master of Vessel, 50*l.*

Offenders may be arrested, and bound before Justice of Peace with Sureties.

Two sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, conditioned to abide such Order or Judgment as may by Law be made or given against such Offender in respect of such Offence, or until such Offender shall be discharged by due Course of Law.

No Person in Ireland shall manufacture Gunpowder, or keep Gunpowder, Cannon, or Ordnance, without an annual Licence of Lord Lieutenant, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act no Person shall make or manufacture any Gunpowder in *Ireland*, nor shall keep any Gunpowder, or any Cannon or other Ordnance, unless such Person shall obtain a Licence for such Purposes respectively under the Hand of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, of the Under Secretary, for the Time being; and every such Licence shall be in force for One Year from the granting thereof, and no longer; and the Place where such Gunpowder is to be made or manufactured, and every Store or Place belonging to such Manufacturer or other Person in which any Gunpowder, Cannon, or other Ordnance is to be kept, shall be set forth and described in such Licence, together with the Name of the Person superintending the Work at the Mills of any such Maker or Manufacturer of Gunpowder; and if such Maker or Manufacturer of Gunpowder shall have any Office or Place of Delivery separate from such Mills, the Name of the Person to whom the Gunpowder shall be consigned at such Office, and the Place where such Office is situated, shall also be set forth and described in such Licence; and if any Person shall, after the Commencement of this Act, make or manufacture any Gunpowder in *Ireland* without having obtained such Licence as is required by this Act for that Purpose, or if any Person not duly authorized to manufacture or to keep or to sell or deal in Gunpowder shall keep in his or their Custody any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight, or if any Person not licensed to keep Cannon or other Ordnance shall keep any such Cannon or Ordnance in his or her Custody, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and all Gunpowder, and all Materials for making the same, and all Cannon or other Ordnance, found in the Possession of or in any House or other Place belonging to such Offender, shall be forfeited; and it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to seize, or by Warrant to cause to be seized, any Gunpowder (exceeding the Quantity of Two Pounds Weight), or any Cannon or Ordnance, in the Custody or Possession of any Person in *Ireland*, unless a Licence for manufacturing or keeping or dealing in or selling the same respectively, duly granted and in force, shall, upon Demand, be produced by the Person in whose Custody or Possession such Gunpowder, Cannon, or Ordnance shall be and shall be so seized.

Penalty 50*l.* and Forfeiture of Gunpowder, &c.

No Person, not licensed as a Manufacturer, shall sell Gunpowder without an annual Licence for that Purpose.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act no Person, not being duly licensed to manufacture Gunpowder as aforesaid, shall deal in or sell Gunpowder, by Retail or otherwise, in *Ireland*, unless he shall have obtained a Licence for that Purpose, under the Direction of this Act, from the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, the Under Secretary,

Secretary, for the Time being; and such Licence shall be in force for One Year from the granting thereof, and no longer; and any Person who shall deal in or sell Gunpowder, by Retail or otherwise, without having obtained such Licence as is required by this Act, shall forfeit for every Time such Person shall sell any Gunpowder the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and all Gunpowder, and every Cask or Vessel in which the same shall be contained, found in the Possession of such Person, shall be forfeited and seized by any Justice of the Peace, or any Person authorized thereto by Warrant from any such Justice.

Penalty 50*l.* and Forfeiture of Gunpowder, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Licence to deal in or sell Gunpowder required by this Act shall be granted to any Person not having been licensed under the said Act of the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign, unless the Person applying for such Licence shall produce a Certificate under the Hands of Two Justices of the Peace assembled at some Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County or County of the City or County of a Town in which the Person requiring such Licence shall reside, or at some Adjournment of such Quarter Sessions, or under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace at such Sessions or Adjournment, in pursuance of an Order made at such Sessions or Adjournment, setting forth that the Person applying for such Licence is a proper Person to be licensed to deal in and sell Gunpowder: Provided always, that notwithstanding such Certificate or any other Matter, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or such Chief or Under Secretary, to refuse such Licence, if he or they respectively shall think proper so to do.

Licences shall not be granted to any Persons not licensed under 3 G. 4. c. 4. without a Certificate of Justices at Quarter Sessions.

Licence may be refused, although such Certificate be granted.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, for his Under Secretary, for the Time being, by an Order in Writing under his Hand, from Time to Time, whenever and so often as shall seem expedient, and for such Period of Time as shall be expressed in such Order, to recall, annul, suspend, or prohibit the acting under the Authority of any Licence to deal in and sell Gunpowder granted under this Act or under any Act heretofore in force in that Behalf; and the Party to whom such Order shall relate shall be served with Notice of the same by the Delivery of a Copy thereof to such Party in Person, or by a Copy thereof being left at the Shop or Warehouse of such Party, and the said Order being shown to some Person above the Age of Twelve Years of or belonging to such Party; and such Service shall, by the Person making the same, be verified by Affidavit of such Person in Writing before any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate having Jurisdiction where the Party so served shall reside; and such Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to administer an Oath for the Purpose of taking the said Affidavit; and such Affidavit, when sworn, shall be transmitted to the Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, to the Under Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, together with the original Order, the Copy of which shall be so delivered or left; and any Person so licensed and served with such Order who shall, at any Time

Licences under this or any former Act may be suspended on Notice from Chief Secretary to Party licensed.

Affidavit of such Service.

Penalty on selling Gunpowder

Time whilst such Order shall be in force, deal in or sell Gunpowder, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, and all Gunpowder in the Possession of such Person; and such Gunpowder so forfeited shall and may be seized to the Use of His Majesty by or under the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace, or by any Officer of His Majesty's Revenue of Customs or Excise.

during Suspension of Licence, 500*l.* and the Gunpowder.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder shall sell or dispose of any Quantity of Gunpowder to any Person licensed to deal in or sell or to keep Gunpowder, the Person so selling or disposing of Gunpowder, or his or her known Clerk or Manager, shall indorse on the Licence of the Person to whom the same shall be sold or disposed of the Quantity sold or disposed of, and the Time when, and shall sign his Name thereto, or shall for every Neglect therein forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and if any Person shall sell or deliver any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight to any Person not producing a Licence duly granted for the dealing in or selling Gunpowder, or for the keeping of a greater Quantity of Gunpowder than Two Pounds Weight, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit Twenty Pounds.

Maker of or Dealer in Gunpowder, selling to a licensed Dealer, shall indorse the Quantity on the Buyer's Licence.

Penalty on selling more than 2 lbs. Weight to an unlicensed Person, 20*l.*

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, for his Under Secretary, upon the Production of any Licence for dealing in and selling Gunpowder so indorsed, to grant a Licence for removing and conveying the Quantity of Gunpowder mentioned in such Indorsement from the Person so selling the same to the Person so licensed.

Licence for removing Gunpowder bought by licensed Dealer.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall within any Period of Two Calendar Months sell or deliver to any one and the same Person, not duly licensed to deal in or sell or to keep Gunpowder, a greater Quantity thereof than Two Pounds Weight, every Person so offending shall for each such Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty for selling more than 2 lbs. within Two Months to an unlicensed Person.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person to remove or cause to be removed from any Part of *Ireland*, either by inland Carriage or Coastways, any Cannon, Mortar, Ordnance, Gun, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Lock, Stock, Barrel, or other Part of any Gun, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Balls or Bullets, or any Gunpowder exceeding the Weight of Two Pounds, or any Brimstone or Saltpetre, without a Licence for removing and conveying the same granted by the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, by his Under Secretary; and it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace or Peace Officer, or any Officer of the Revenue of Customs or Excise, upon Information on Oath, to search for and seize all such Cannon, Mortar, Ordnance, Gun, Pistol, or other Arms, Locks, Stocks, Barrels, or other Parts of Arms, Balls, Bullets, Gunpowder, or other Articles herein-before mentioned, which shall be in progress of Removal or shall be removed without such Licence,

Arms, Gunpowder, &c. shall not be removed without Licence.

Seizure of Arms, &c. illegally removing.

or without producing such Licence on Demand of any Justice of the Peace or of any Officer of Excise or Customs, and the same shall be forfeited to His Majesty, together with the Cart, Car, or other Vehicle on which the same shall be put for Conveyance, and every Horse or other Beast employed for drawing or carrying the same, and the Ship, Boat, or other Vessel conveying the same; and every Person who caused the same to be removed shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Proviso for Arms for personal Defence or sporting.

XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person from carrying Arms for the Defence of his Person or for sporting, as by Law he might before the passing of this Act.

No Gunpowder to be kept by Persons not authorized to carry Arms.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person, not by Law authorized to keep and carry Arms, to keep any Quantity of Gunpowder whatever, whether such Person shall or shall not have any Licence relating to Gunpowder; and that any Person herein offending shall be dealt with as if he had not any Licence.

Makers of Arms in Dublin and Cork may send out Arms without Licence for Removal.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Maker of and Dealer in Arms in the Cities or Liberties of *Dublin* or *Cork*, being licensed as herein-after mentioned, to send Arms to Persons in the said Cities respectively, in the Day-time, either uncovered, or in Packages conspicuously marked with the Words "Arms," without obtaining a Licence for so removing the same.

Dealers shall give Notice of receiving Gunpowder to Magistrate, who shall view the same and the Indorsement on the Licence, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That every Person licensed to deal in or sell Gunpowder shall, within Forty-eight Hours after receiving any Gunpowder by virtue of any Licence for the Removal thereof, give notice of the Arrival thereof to the next Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate; and thereupon it shall be lawful for such Justice or Magistrate to enter into the House of such Person, and to view and examine such Gunpowder, and the Licence for the Removal of such Gunpowder, and the Licence of such Dealer, with the Indorsement made thereon by the Person who sold such Gunpowder; and such Person shall declare and show to such Justice or Magistrate, if required, all the Stock of Gunpowder in his or her Possession; and if any such Person shall not give such Notice, or shall not permit such Justice or Magistrate to view or examine such Licences respectively, or such Gunpowder, or shall not declare and show to such Justice or Magistrate all his or her Stock of Gunpowder, every such Person for each such Offence shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and if any Gunpowder not so declared or shown shall be found in the Possession of such Person, the same shall be forfeited, and shall be seized to the Use of His Majesty by or under the Order of such Justice or Magistrate.

Penalty on licensed Persons procuring Gun-

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Licence to deal in or sell or to keep Gunpowder shall be made use of for procuring Gunpowder for the Use of any other Person than the Person named in

such Licence, or if any Gunpowder bought in the Name of any Person so licensed shall, with the Knowledge of such Person, be carried, brought, or delivered to any other than the Person so licensed, the Person so licensed shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and the Licence before granted to such Person shall be void.

powder for unlicensed Persons.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Maker or Manufacturer of Gunpowder, and every Person dealing as a Factor or Agent in selling the same, in *Ireland*, shall, within Thirty Days after the Commencement of this Act, return an Account to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, or, in his Absence, to the Under Secretary, of all the Stock of Gunpowder in his or her Possession, describing the Place or Places where the same shall be kept, and the Packages containing the same, and shall verify such Return by Affidavit at the Foot of such Return, to be sworn before any Magistrate, and shall provide a Book in which such Quantity shall be entered; and shall from Time to Time in the first Week of every Calendar Month, and also upon the completing the Manufacture of any Quantity or Quantities of Gunpowder, or receiving the same to be sold, (as the Case may be,) make a like Return, verified as aforesaid, and like Entry; and every such Maker or Manufacturer shall also enter separately in such Book an Account of every Parcel of Gunpowder sold or disposed of, with the Time when, and to whom; and it shall be lawful for any Person authorized by the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, by his Under Secretary, at all reasonable Times to have Access to such Book, and to examine the Stock of such Maker or Seller of Gunpowder, or such Factor or Agent, and compare and balance the same with the Account kept in such Book; and if it shall appear that any Fraud had been committed, or that any Gunpowder had been sold, sent, or disposed of contrary to the Provisions of this Act, the Person licensed shall forfeit Fifty Pounds, and the Licence to such Person shall become void, and such Person shall be disabled in future to make or manufacture or sell Gunpowder.

Gunpowder Makers, within 30 Days after Commencement of Act, and afterwards monthly, shall return Account of their Stock, &c. to Chief Secretary; and keep Books with Accounts of Sales, &c., to be inspected and Stock examined under Orders of Chief Secretary.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Maker or Manufacturer of Gunpowder, or Factor or Agent selling Gunpowder, shall not make such Returns as aforesaid, verified as aforesaid, or shall not keep such Book, or shall omit to make therein any Entry required by this Act, or shall refuse to permit any Person thereto authorized to inspect the same, or to examine the Stock of Gunpowder of such Maker, Manufacturer, Factor, or Agent, every such Offender shall for every such Offence respectively forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty for not making Returns, &c., 20*l.*

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Person duly licensed to manufacture Gunpowder may send, at any Time between Sunrise and Sunset, any Quantity thereof to his Office or Place of Delivery mentioned in the Licence granted to him, or to His Majesty's Stores, and not elsewhere, without obtaining a Licence for the Carriage or Removal of the same; provided that with every Quantity of Gun-

Licensed Manufacturers may send Gunpowder, in the Daytime, to their Offices or the

King's Stores, with a Manifest only.

Gunpowder so sent the Maker or his Superintendent shall send a Manifest, expressing the Quantity sent, and whether in Barrels, Half Barrels, or Quarter Barrels, and the Places from which and to which it is sent, which Manifest shall be dated and signed by the Maker of such Gunpowder, or his Superintendent.

Penalty on Fraud by Manifest, 500*l.*, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any greater Quantity of Gunpowder than what is expressed in such Manifest shall be so sent, or if the Gunpowder therein mentioned shall be sent to any other Place than to such Office or Place of Delivery, or to His Majesty's Stores, the same shall be forfeited to His Majesty, and the Person sending the same shall forfeit Five hundred Pounds.

Gunpowder exceeding Five Pounds shall be removed in Casks, &c. Penalty 500*l.*

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Gunpowder exceeding Five Pounds Weight, which shall be removed from any Part of *Ireland*, to any other Part of the same, shall be made up in Casks with the Word "Gunpowder" marked thereon in large Letters, upon pain of forfeiting the same to His Majesty; and that it shall be lawful for any Person to seize and carry to His Majesty's Stores any Quantity of Gunpowder exceeding Five Pounds Weight, and not so made up and marked; and the Person who shall have caused such Gunpowder to be carried without being so made up or marked shall forfeit for each such Offence the Sum of Five hundred Pounds.

Yearly Licences to be had for making or repairing Arms.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall make, construct, amend, repair, or keep for or expose to Sale in *Ireland* any Cannon or other Ordnance, or any Gun, Musket, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Lock, Barrel, Stock, or other Part of any Gun, Pistol, or Arms, or any Bayonet, Sword, Sword Blade, Spear, Spear Head, Pike, Pike Head, or Instrument serving for a Pike or Pike Head, or other Military Weapon, without a Licence from the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, his Under Secretary, which Licence shall be granted to any known Gunsmith or Sword Cutler, if it shall seem fit to such Secretary or Under Secretary; and if any Person shall make or construct, mend, alter, or repair, or keep for or expose to Sale, any Cannon or other Ordnance, or any Gun, Musket, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Lock, Barrel, Stock, or other Part of any Gun, Pistol, or other Arms, or any Bayonet, Sword, Sword Blade, Spear, Spear Head, Pike, Pike Head, or Instrument serving for a Pike or Pike Head, or other Military Weapon, without having obtained such Licence, every such Article found with such Person shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, or Officer of Customs or Excise, or by any Person authorized thereto by the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, and every such Offender shall forfeit a Sum of One hundred Pounds; and such Licence shall be of force for One Year, and no longer, from the Time of granting thereof.

Penalty, Forfeiture of Arms and 100*l.*

Monthly Account of Arms sold, &c. shall be

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall make, repair, or sell any Cannon, Ordnance, Gun, Pistol, or other Fire-arms, or any Locks, Barrel, Stock, or other Part of any Gun, Pistol,

Pistol, or other Fire-arms, or any Sword, Bayonet, Pike, Pike Head, Spear, Spear Head, or Instrument serving for a Pike or Pike Head, or any other Military Weapon, shall keep a Book, in which he or she shall enter or cause to be entered a monthly Account of all such Articles made, sold, or repaired by such Person, and to and for whom the same were sold or repaired, and the respective Times when; and shall monthly return to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or, in his Absence, to his Under Secretary, a Copy of such Account, verified on Oath before any Magistrate; and it shall be lawful for any Person empowered for that Purpose by the Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, by his Under Secretary, at all reasonable Times, on Demand, to have access to such Book to examine the same; and if any Person making, repairing, or selling any such Article shall not keep such Book, or shall not truly enter therein such Account as aforesaid, or shall omit to make any such Return as aforesaid, verified as aforesaid, or shall not, after Demand, produce such Book to such Person as shall be authorized as aforesaid, or shall not permit such Person to examine the same, every Person offending shall for every such Offence forfeit Twenty Pounds.

kept and returned to Chief Secretary.

Books may be examined on behalf of Chief Secretary.

Penalty on Default, &c. 20*l.*

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate to enter and search, or to grant a Warrant to any Person or Persons to be by him named to enter and search, any House, Place, Ship, Boat, or Vessel where or in which such Justice or Magistrate shall, from Information on Oath, have reasonable Grounds to suspect any Arms, Ammunition, or Gunpowder to be deposited for any Purpose contrary to this Act.

Justice of Peace may search for Arms, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, at any Time by Order under his Hand, or signified by the Chief Secretary, or, in his Absence, by the Under Secretary, to annul and make void any Licence granted under this Act.

Lord Lieutenant may revoke any Licence.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Forfeitures inflicted by this Act shall go and be paid to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and may be recovered by Information to be filed in the Name of His Majesty's Attorney General in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*; and any Forfeiture of any Article or Thing which by virtue of this Act shall and may be seized shall be sued for, recovered, and applied in the Manner and Form, and by the Ways and Means, and with the Powers and Authorities prescribed, directed, or appointed in and by any Law relative to His Majesty's Revenue of Excise, as if the same were particularly mentioned and expressed and re-enacted in this present Act, with the like Remedy of Appeal to and for any Party who shall think him or herself aggrieved or injured as in and by any Law relating to His Majesty's Revenue of Excise is provided.

Recovery of Forfeitures, &c. for Use of the Crown.

Lord Lieutenant in Council may remit Penalties, &c.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, at his and their Discretion, to remit or mitigate any Penalty or Forfeiture sued for under this Act, and to order the Restoration of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or of any Arms, Gunpowder, or Ammunition, or other Article, seized under the Authority of this Act.

Commissioners, &c. may restore Ships, &c. and remit Penalties, &c. under certain Circumstances.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in any Case in which it shall be made appear to the Satisfaction of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of Customs acting in *Dublin*, or the Collector of the Customs at that Port, or the Collector of the Customs at any other Port in *Ireland*, that any Seizure has been made of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or of any Arms, Gunpowder, Ammunition, or other Article, or that any Penalty or Forfeiture has been incurred by the Owners or by the Master or Commander of any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, or by any other Person or Persons, for any Offence against this Act, contrary to the Intentions, and without the Privity, Consent, or Concurrence of the Person or Persons liable in any Manner to suffer by any such Seizure, Penalty, or Forfeiture, it shall and may be lawful for such Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners, and for any such Collector of the Customs as aforesaid at the Port in which such Circumstances shall take place, to order any Ships, Vessels, or Boats to be restored in any such Manner and on such Terms and Conditions as such Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of Customs, or as such Collector of Customs, shall think fit to direct, and also to remit or mitigate any Penalty or Forfeiture, as they shall see Reason to acquit any Party of Blame in respect of such Offence, or more or less to attribute the Commission of such Offence to Neglect of Duty in any such Party; and every Forfeiture and every Penalty or Part thereof so remitted shall be null and void; and no Suit or Action shall be brought or maintained by any Person whatever on account of any such Seizure or Detention, or of the imposing of any such Forfeiture or Penalty.

Limitation of Actions.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Matter or Thing done or executed in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the alleged Cause of Action shall accrue; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence on any Trial to be had thereon, and prove that the same was done under the Authority of this Act; and if a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his or their Action or Prosecution, or if Judgment shall be given against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs upon Demurrer or otherwise, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs awarded to him or them against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Commencement and Continuance of Act.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from the last Day of this present Session of Parliament,

and shall be and remain in force for the Term of One Year from and after the passing thereof, and from thence until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be made in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended.

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