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An Act for regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord's Day.

[14th *August* 1848.]

WHEREAS the Provisions in force within the Metropolitan Police District, and in some other Places in *England*, against the Sale of fermented and distilled Liquors in the Morning of the Lord's Day have been found to be attended with great Benefits: Be it enacted by the Queen'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 no Licensed Victualler, or Person licensed to sell Beer by Retail to be drunk on the Premises or not to be drunk on the Premises, or other Person, in any Part of *Great Britain* shall open his House for the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, or other fermented or distilled Liquors, or sell the same, on *Sunday*, before Half past Twelve o'Clock in the Afternoon, or, where the Morning Divine Service in the Church, Chapel, Kirk, or principal Place of Worship of the Parish or Place shall not usually terminate by that Time, before the Time of the Termination of such Service, and that no Licensed Victualler or other Person in *England* shall open his House for the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, or other fermented or distilled Liquors, or sell the same, on *Christmas Day* or *Good*

Prohibition against the Sale of Beer, &c. on Sundays, &c.

Friday, or any Day appointed for a Public Fast or Thanksgiving, before the respective Times aforesaid, except, in all the Cases aforesaid, as Refreshment for Travellers: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the opening of any House for the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, or other fermented or distilled Liquors within the Metropolitan Police District, or any City, Town, or Place, at an earlier Hour or Time than is now allowed by Law, where the opening of such House or such Sale is now specially prohibited before any later Hour or Time than that herein-before mentioned.

3 & 4 Vict. c. 61. s. 15. repealed in part.

II. And be it enacted, That so much of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts relating to the general Sale of Beer and Cider by Retail in* England, as provides that no Person licensed to sell Beer or Cider by Retail as therein mentioned should have or keep his House open for the Sale of Beer or Cider, nor should sell or retail Beer or Cider, nor should suffer any Beer or Cider to be drunk or consumed in or at such House, at any Hour before One of the Clock in the Afternoon on any *Sunday*, *Good Friday*, *Christmas Day*, or any Day appointed for a Public Fast or Thanksgiving, shall, without Prejudice to any pending Proceeding for Breach of such Enactment, be repealed.

Licensed Victuallers, &c. not to open House for Sale of any Articles during prohibited Hours.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Licensed Victualler, or Person licensed to sell Beer by Retail to be drunk on the Premises or not to be drunk on the Premises, or any Person licensed or authorized to sell any fermented or distilled Liquors, or any Person who, by reason of the Freedom of the Mystery or Craft of Vintners of the City of *London* or of any Right or Privilege, shall claim to be entitled to sell Wine by Retail to be drunk or consumed on the Premises, to open his House for the Sale of any other Articles whatsoever within the respective Times during which the Sale of Wine, Spirits, Beer, or other fermented or distilled Liquors is herein-before prohibited, except as Refreshment for Travellers.

Restricting the Sale of Liquors before a certain Time on Sundays, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Person shall open any House or Place of public Resort for the Sale of fermented or distilled Liquors, or sell therein such Liquors, in *England* or *Scotland* before the Hour of Half past Twelve of the Clock in the Afternoon, or where the Morning Divine Service in the Church, Chapel, Kirk, or principal Place of Worship shall not usually terminate by that Time, before the Time of the Termination of such Service on *Sunday*, or in *England* before the like Hour on *Christmas Day* or *Good Friday*, or any Day appointed for a Public Fast or Thanksgiving, except as Refreshment for Travellers.

Power to Constables to enter Houses opened for Sale of Liquors.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Constable at any Time to enter into any House or Place of public Resort for the Sale of Wine, Spirits, or other fermented or distilled Liquors; and every Person who shall refuse to admit or shall not admit such Constable into such House or Place shall be deemed guilty of an Offence against this Act.

VI. And

VI. And be it enacted, That every Person offending against this Act shall be liable, upon a summary Conviction for the same before any Justice of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City, Borough, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, or in *Scotland* before any Justice of the Peace or Sheriff or Magistrate having Jurisdiction in the Place where the Offence shall be committed, to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence; and every separate Sale shall be deemed a separate Offence. Penalty for offending against this Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be repealed or amended in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be repealed, &c.

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