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CAP. XL.

An Act to declare certain Ropeworks not within the Operation of the Factory Acts.

[3d *August* 1846.]

WHEREAS in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth an Act was passed, intituled *An Act to regulate the Labour of Children and young Persons in the Mills and Factories of the United Kingdom*, and the said Act was amended by another Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Labour in Factories;* and the said Acts have been construed to apply to Ropeworks; and it is expedient to relieve Ropemakers from the Effect of such Construction, and of the said Acts: Be it declared and 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 Ropery, Ropewalk, or Ropework in which Machinery, moved by Steam, Water, or other mechanical Power, is not used for drawing or spinning the Fibres of Flax, Hemp, Jute, or Tow, but only for laying or twisting or other Process of preparing or finishing the Lines, Twines, Cords, or Ropes, and which has no internal Communication with any Buildings or Premises forming or forming Part of a Mill or Factory within the Meaning of the said Acts, except such

3 & 4 W. 4. c. 103.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 15.

Certain Ropeworks not to be deemed Mills or Factories within the Provisions of recited Acts.

such as is necessary for the Transmission of Power, shall be deemed to be a Mill or Factory within the Provisions of the said Acts or of either of them, and that nothing in the said Acts, or in either of them, shall be deemed to apply to the Employment of Children, young Persons, or Women in any such Ropery, Ropewalk, or Ropework.

Act may be amended, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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