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C A P. XCVIII.

An Act to amend the Law for regulating the Hours of receiving and delivering Goods and Chattels as Pawns in Pawnbrokers Shops.

[28th *August* 1846.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Amendment should be made in the Hours within which the Business of a Pawnbroker may be lawfully carried on: And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better regulating the Business of Pawnbrokers*, it is enacted, that no Pawnbroker should receive or take in any Goods by way of Pawn before Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon or after Eight of the Clock in the Evening between *Michaelmas Day* and *Lady Day* following, or before Seven of the Clock in the Forenoon or after Nine of the Clock in the Evening during the Remainder of the Year, excepting only until Eleven on *Saturdays*, and the Evenings preceding *Good Friday*, *Christmas Day*, and every Fast Day: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and

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and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next after the passing of this Act no Pawnbroker shall receive or take in, or permit or suffer to be received or taken in, any Goods or Chattels by way of Pawn, Pledge, or in Exchange, before Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon or after Seven of the Clock in the Evening between the Twenty-ninth Da of *September* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* following, or before Seven of the Clock in the Forenoon or after Eight of the Clock in the Evening during the Remainder of the Year, excepting only until Eleven of the Clock on the Evenings of *Saturday* throughout the Year, and the Evenings next preceding *Good Friday* and *Christmas Day*, and every Fast or Thanksgiving Day appointed by Her Majesty; and in case any Pawnbroker offend against the Provisions of this Act, every such Pawnbroker shall, for every such Offence, on Conviction thereof upon the Oath of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction over the Place where such Offence shall have been or shall be committed, forfeit and pay not less than Twenty Shillings nor exceeding Five Pounds, as such Justice or Justices shall adjudge; and every such Penalty shall and may be levied, together with the Costs attending the Information, Summons, and Conviction, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, or Person or Persons liable to pay the same respectively, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices before whom such Offender or Offenders, Person or Persons, shall or may have been convicted; and every such Penalty shall be applied and disposed of in like Manner as Forfeitures incurred for any Offence against the last-recited Act.

Hours between which Pawnbrokers are allowed to receive or take in Pledges.

Penalty on Pawnbrokers offending against this Act.

Penalty and Costs may be levied by Distress.

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