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An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, to regulate the Conveyance and Sale of Fish at First Hand.

[16th *June* 1834.]

WHEREAS by an Act made and passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, Chapter Twenty-seven, intituled *An Act to* 33 G. 2. c. 27. *repeal so much of an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His then present Majesty's Reign, concerning a free Market for Fish at* Westminster, *as requires Fishermen to enter their Fishing Vessels at the Office of the Searcher of the Customs at* Gravesend; *and to regulate the Sale of Fish at the First Hand in the Fish Markets in* London *and* Westminster; *and to prevent Salesmen of Fish buying Fish to sell again on their own Account; and to allow Bret and Turbot, Brill and Pearl, although under the respective Dimensions mentioned in a former Act, to be imported and sold; and to punish Persons who shall take or sell any Spawn, Brood, or Fry of Fish, unsizeable Fish, or Fish out of Season, or Smelts under the Size of Five Inches; and for other Purposes;* certain Provisions were made for regulating the Sale of Fish at First Hand in the Fish Markets of *London* and *Westminster;* and it is by the said Act, amongst other things, enacted, that no live Salmon, Salmon Trout, Turbot,

large Fresh Cod, Half Fresh Cod, Haddock, Scate, Fresh Ling, Soles, or Whitings shall at any Time after the Arrival thereof at the *Nore*, as therein mentioned, be unloaded or delivered out of any Fishing Ship, Sloop, Smack, or other Fishing Vessel or Vessels, unless by Retail, into any other Vessel or Boat after her Arrival at the *Nore*, but into such Vessel or Vessels, Boat or Boats, as shall be employed to carry the Fish directly to the Market of *Billingsgate* or *Westminster*: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the Words of the said Act may not operate to prevent the bringing of Fish to any Market of *London* or *Westminster* which was not in existence or use as a Public Market at the Time of the passing of the said Act, although the Object of the Legislature was to secure a Supply of fresh Fish to the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and to prevent the forestalling of the same: And whereas it is expedient to remove such Doubts, and to facilitate the Conveyance of fresh Fish to the legal Markets of the Metropolis: Be it therefore declared and 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 nothing in the said recited Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person from unloading or discharging from any Fishing Ship, Sloop, Smack, or other Fishing Vessel or Vessels any Salmon, Salmon Trout, Turbot, large Fresh Cod, Half Fresh Cod, Haddock, Scate, Fresh Ling, Soles, Whitings, or other Fish which may arrive at the *Nore*, or from putting the same into any other Vessel or Vessels, Boat or Boats, for the Purpose of bringing the same for Sale by First Hand at any Fish Market or Markets legally established within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, but that every Person shall be at liberty to unload or discharge such Fish, and to put the same into other Boats for the Purpose aforesaid, without being subject or liable to any Penalty or Punishment for so doing, any thing in the said recited Act, or in any other Act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Nothing in recited Act to prevent the several Sorts of Fish herein mentioned from being discharged from any Fishing Vessel for the Purpose of being sent to any legal Market in London or Westminster.

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