

Anno Regni GEORGII III. vicesimo quinto.

AT the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the eighteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, in the twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the twenty-fifth Day of *January* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five; being the second Session of the sixteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.

C A P. I.

An Act for confining, for a limited Time, the Trade between the Ports of the United States of *America*, and his Majesty's Subjects in the Island of *Newfoundland*, to Bread, Flour, and Live Stock, to be imported in none but *British*-built Ships, actually belonging to *British* Subjects, and navigated according to Law, clearing out from the Ports of his Majesty's *European* Dominions, and furnished with a Licence according to the Form hereunto annexed.

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate, for a limited Time, the Trade between the Ports of the United States of *America* and his Majesty's Subjects in the Island of *Newfoundland*: May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of the same, no Goods or Commodities whatsoever shall be imported or brought into any Port, Harbour, or Place, in the Island of *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging, from any Place or Country belonging to the United States of *America*, upon any Pretence whatsoever, except Bread, Flour, and Live Stock, under the Restrictions and Regulations herein after mentioned; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance of the same, no Bread, Flour, or Live Stock, shall be brought or imported, from any Place or Country belonging to the said United States of *America*, into any Port, Harbour, or Place of the said Island of *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging, except in *British*-built Ships, which shall actually and *bona fide* belong to and be wholly owned by *British* Subjects, and navigated according to Law, and which shall, within the Space of seven Months previous to the Time of such Importation, have cleared out from some Port in *Great Britain*, or some other Part of his Majesty's Dominions in *Europe*, for which Purpose a Licence shall have been granted by the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in *England* or *Scotland*, or the Commissioners of his Majesty's Revenue in *Ireland*, or any other Persons who may be duly authorized in that Kingdom, respectively, in the Manner and Form herein after mentioned; which Licences shall continue and be in force for seven Calendar Months from the Day of the Date upon which they are respectively granted, and no longer.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Licence shall be granted by virtue of this Act after the thirtieth Day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

IV. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master or Person having the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel to whom such Licence shall be granted shall, upon the Arrival of the said Ship or Vessel at the Port, Harbour, or Place in the Island of *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging, where he shall discharge such Bread, Flour, or Live Stock, deliver up the said Licence to the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs there, having first indorsed upon the Back of such Licence the Marks, Numbers, and Contents of each Package of Bread and Flour, and the Description and Tale of each Sort and Species of Live Cattle, on Forfeiture of one hundred Pounds; and the Collector, or other proper Officer of the Customs at *Newfoundland*, is hereby enjoined and required to give a Certificate to the Master or Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship or Vessel, of his having received the said Licence so indorsed as before directed, and to transmit the same to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs in *England* or *Scotland*, or to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Revenue in *Ireland*, respectively, by whom such Licence was granted.

V. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Bread, Flour, or Live Stock, shall be imported or brought from any Place or Country belonging to the said United States of *America*, into the said Island of *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging, without the Licence by this Act directed; or if any other Goods or Commodities whatsoever shall be imported or brought into the said Island of *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging, from any Place or Country belonging to the said United States of *America*, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, all such Bread, Flour, Live Stock, and other Goods, together with the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall

Preamble.

Restrictions on the Importation of Goods into Newfoundland.

No Bread, Flour, or Live Stock, to be imported into Newfoundland from the United States of America, except in licensed British-built Ships, &c.

Time for granting Licences limited.

Master of Vessel to deliver Licence to Custom-house Officer at Port of Discharge;

who shall give a Certificate thereof, &c.

Goods imported contrary to this Act, to be forfeited.

How to be divided.

Continuance of this Act.

be so imported or brought, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Customs in the said Island, and the same, as well as the pecuniary Penalty inflicted by this Act, may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, in any Court of Vice Admiralty which shall have Jurisdiction within the said Island of *Newfoundland*; and, after deducting the Charges of prosecuting the same from the gross Produce thereof, the Remainder shall be given, one third to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, one other third to the Governor of the said Island, and the other third to the Officer or Officers of the Customs who shall seize and prosecute for the same.

VI. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue in force from the Commencement thereof until the twenty-fifth Day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

The Form of the Licence directed by this Act.

By the Commissioners for managing and causing to be levied and collected his Majesty's Customs, Subsidies, and other Duties, in [where].

WHEREAS [Name of the Person], one of his Majesty's Subjects residing at [Place where], hath given Notice to us the Commissioners of his Majesty's [Customs in Great Britain, or Revenue in Ireland], that he intends to lade at [some Port of the United States in America], and import into [some Part of Newfoundland], in the [Ship's Name], being a British-built Ship [describing the Tonnage, and what Sort of Vessel], navigated according to Law, whereof [Master's Name] is Master, bound to [where]; and it appearing by the Register of the said Ship the [Ship's Name], whereof [Master's Name] is Master, that the said Ship the [Ship's Name] was built at [Place where], and owned by [Owner's Name], residing at [Place where], all his Majesty's British Subjects, and that no Foreigner, directly or indirectly, hath any Share, Part, or Interest therein:

Now be it known that the said [Person's Name] hath Licence to lade on board the said Ship [Ship's Name], at and from any Port or Place belonging to the United States of America, Bread, Flour, and Live Stock, the Produce of the said United States, and no other Article whatsoever, and to carry the said Bread, Flour, and Live Stock, to some Port or Place on the Island of *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging; and on the Arrival of the said Ship at any Port, Harbour, or Place of Discharge in *Newfoundland*, or the adjacent Islands to his Majesty belonging, the Master or Person having the Charge or Command of the said Ship is required and enjoined to deliver up the said Licence to the Collector, or other proper Officer of his Majesty's Customs there, and to indorse on the Back thereof, the Marks, Numbers, and Contents of each Package of Bread or Flour, and the Description and Tale of each Sort and Species of Live Stock, on Penalty of one hundred Pounds; and shall thereupon receive a Certificate thereof from the said Collector, or other proper Officer of the Customs.

This Licence to continue in force for [] Calendar Months from the Date hereof.

Signed by us the [] at the [] this [] Day of []

Licence to import Bread, Flour, and Live Stock, the Produce of the United States of *America*, into *Newfoundland*.

C A P. II.

An Act for continuing and granting to his Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

C A P. III.

An Act for the Regulation of his Majesty's Marine Forces while on Shore.

C A P. IV.

An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

[4s. in the Pound.]

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