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GEORGI III. REGIS.

C A P. LXXVI.

An Act for the better Protection of the Trade of this Kingdom; and for granting new and additional Duties of Customs on Goods imported and exported, and on the Tonnage of certain Ships entering Outwards or Inwards to or from Foreign Parts, until the signing the preliminary Articles of Peace.

[28th June 1798.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS it will add to the Security of Trade to prevent Ships sailing without Convoy, except in certain Cases: And whereas it is expedient that certain Duties should be imposed, in order to defray the extraordinary Expence arising from the Protection given to the increased and extensive Commerce of these Kingdoms: We, therefore, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, have resolved to grant to Your Majesty the Duties herein-after mentioned; and, for the Purposes aforesaid, beseech 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 Fifth Day of *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, it shall not be lawful for any Ship or Vessel belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects (except as is herein-after provided) to

Preamble.

From July 5, 1798, no Vessel belonging to His Majesty's Subjects (except as herein pro-