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ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO

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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, *Indian* Corn, 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,

Preamble.

Restrictions
on the Impor-
tation of
Goods into
Newfoundland.

His 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, Indian Corn, and Live Stock, under the Restrictions and Regulations herein-after mentioned; any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Bread,
Flour, *Indian*
Corn, or Live
Stock, to be
imported into
Newfound-
land from the
United States
of *America*,
except in
licensed
British-built
ships, &c.

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, Indian Corn, 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 authorised 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.

Time for
granting
Licences
limited.

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-seven.

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, Indian Corn, or Live Stock, deliver up the said Licence to the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs there, having first endorsed upon the Back of such Licence the Marks, Numbers, and Contents of each Package of Bread, Flour, and Indian Corn, and the Description and Tale of each Sort and Species of Live Stock, 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 endorsed 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.

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

who shall give a Certificate thereof, &c.

V. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Bread, Flour, Indian Corn, 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, Indian Corn, Live Stock, and other Goods, together with the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall 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

Goods imported contrary to this Act, to be forfeited.

How to be
divided.

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 Governour of the said Island, and the other Third to the Officer or Officers of the Customs who shall seize and prosecute for the same.

Continuance
of this Act.

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-eight.

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 appear-
ing 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, Indian Corn, and
Live Stock, the Produce of the said United States, and no
other Article whatsoever, and to carry the said Bread, Flour,
Indian Corn, and Live Stock, to some Port or Place on the
Island of Newfoundland, or the adjacent Islands to His Ma-
jesty

