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A COMPLETE
COLLECTION
OF THE
ACTS OF PARLIAMENT,
ALLOWING, and RELATING to the
BOUNTIES payable on the Exportation
OF
BRITISH and IRISH LINENS:

WITH AN
ABSTRACT, shewing, at one View, the several
Species of Linen intitled to Bounty, and the Boun-
ty payable thereon.

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An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Duty on foreign Cambricks, imported into Great Britain; and for allowing thereout a Bounty upon certain Species of British and Irish Linens exported.

1. **W**HEREAS the Manufactures of ^{Preamble} Linens, made in the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, are greatly improved and increased, whereby the Price of Linens, as well of foreign as home Fabrick, hath been considerably reduced; and whereas the further Extension of the said Manufactures of Linens will be a great Advantage to the said Kingdoms; therefore we Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, do give and grant to Your Majesty, Your Heirs, and Successors, such additional Duty upon foreign Cambricks, to be imported into *Great Britain*, as is herein after mentioned; and do most humbly 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

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mons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *August*, One thousand seven hundred and forty two, over and above all Subsidies, Duties, Impositions, and Payments already due and payable to His Majesty, for such foreign Cambricks, which shall be imported into *Great Britain*, there shall be raised, collected, levied, and paid unto His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, a further Duty of One Shilling and Five Pence on every Half Piece of such foreign Cambrick, containing Six Ells and an Half; and Two Shillings and Ten Pence upon every whole Piece of such foreign Cambrick, containing Thirteen Ells, during the Term of Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer; the same to be raised, collected, levied, and recovered in such Manner and Form, and by such Ways, Means and Methods, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures as the Duties now payable upon foreign Cambricks are to be raised, collected, levied, and recovered.

1 s. 5 d. additional Duty on every Half Piece of foreign Cambrick; and 2 s. 10 d. for every whole Piece.

Reward for exporting British and Irish Linens.

2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, out of the said additional Duty on foreign Cambricks, there shall be given and paid, without any Fee, Reward or Deduction whatsoever, a Bounty of One Penny, for every Yard of *British* and *Irish* Linens made of Hemp or Flax, of the Value of Six Pence *per* Yard, and not exceeding the Value of Twelve Pence *per* Yard, and

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and of one Halfpenny for every Yard of such *British* and *Irish* Linens under the Value of Six Pence *per* Yard; which from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and forty three, and within the Term of Seven Years, to commence from the said Twenty fifth Day of *March*, or at any Time thereafter, before the End of the then next Session of Parliament, shall be exported out of *Great Britain*, to *Africa*, *America*, or *Portugal*, or which shall be exported to *Spain*, from and after the Time that it shall be lawful to export such Linens to that Kingdom.

3. Provided always, That the Exporter of such *British* and *Irish* Linens shall, in his Entry thereof, express the Quantity and Value; and likewise endorse on the Cocquet, granted upon such Entry, the true Quantity and Value of the said Linens intended to be shipped; and moreover, shall, before he receives any such Bounty, produce a Certificate from the Searcher, or other proper Officer appointed to see the same shipped, verifying the shipping thereof; and shall likewise give sufficient Security to the Collector or Customer of the Port, in the Penalty of double the Value of the Goods intended to be exported, and One hundred Pounds, which Security they are hereby impowered to take in the Name, and to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, that such Linen so shipped, or intended to be shipped, or any Part thereof, shall not be relanded, or brought on

Manner of entering British and Irish Linens for Exportation.

6 Anno Regni decimo quinto et sexto on shore again in any Port or Part of Great Britain, Ireland, or the Isle of Man; and shall also, before he receives any such Bounty, make Oath, or, being a Quaker, a solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation the proper Officers of the Customs have hereby Power to administer) of the respective Values of such Linens, upon which the said Bounties respectively are granted, and that the same were made in Great Britain or Ireland.

4. And to prevent Linens exceeding the Value of Twelve Pence per Yard being exported for sake of the said Bounty, be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collector and Comptroller, or other proper Officers of the Customs may open, view, and examine any or all such Linens as shall be entered at the Value of Twelve Pence per Yard or under, and compare the same with the Value and Price thereof sworn to, or affirmed in the Entry and Endorsement on the Cocquet; and if, upon such View and Examination, it shall appear that such Linnen is of greater Value than Twelve Pence per Yard, then, and in such Case, the Exporter or Proprietor shall, on Demand made in Writing by the Customer, or Collector and Comptroller of the Port where such Goods or Merchandizes are entered, deliver, or cause to be delivered, all such Goods and Merchandizes into His Majesty's Warehouse at the Port of Exportation, for the Use and Benefit of the Crown; and, upon such Delivery, the Customer or Collector

Directions to the Officers of the Customs, to prevent fraudulent Entries.

Collector of such Port, with the Privity of the Comptroller, shall, out of any Money in the Hands of such Customer or Collector, arising by Customs, or other Duties belonging to the Crown, pay to such Importer or Proprietor the Value of Thirteen Pence per Yard, taking a Receipt for the same, from such Exporter or Proprietor, in full Satisfaction for the said Goods, as if they had been regularly sold; and the respective Commissioners of the Customs shall cause the said Goods to be fairly and publickly sold for the best Advantage; and out of the Produce thereof, the Money so paid, or advanced as aforesaid, shall be repaid to such Customer or Collector, with the Privity of the Comptroller, to be replaced to such Funds from whence the same was borrowed; and the Overplus, if any, shall be paid into His Majesty's Exchequer towards the Sinking Fund, by the Title of The additional Duty on Cambricks granted by this Act.

5. And in order to prevent Abuses by exporting Linens which shall be under the Value of Six Pence per Yard, when the Merchant shall in his Entry and Endorsement on his Cocquet express that the Value thereof is Six Pence per Yard or upwards, in order fraudulently to obtain a Bounty of One Penny instead of a Halfpenny per Yard; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Searcher, or other proper Officer, after the Entry of any of the said Goods, and before

Farther Directions to the Officers.

8 *Anno Regni decimo quinto et sexto* fore or after the shipping thereof, to open and strictly examine any Bale, Truss, Chest, or other Package, to see if the Goods are right entered, and endorsed on the Cocquet; and if, on such Examination, the same shall be found to be right entered and endorsed, the Searcher shall, at his own Charge, cause the same to be repacked, which Charge shall be allowed to the said Officer by the Commissioners of the Customs, if they think it reasonable; but in case the Officer shall, on Examination, find such Goods to be less in Quantity than shall be expressed in the Endorsement in the Merchant's Entry or Cocquet, or under the Value of Six Pence per Yard, or that the Goods shall be entered and endorsed under a wrong Denomination, whereby His Majesty would have been defrauded, all the Goods contained in all and every the Package or Packages endorsed on the said Entry or Cocquet may be seized, and the same shall be forfeited and lost, and the Owner or Merchant shall lose the Benefit of receiving the Bounty for such Goods.

Goods forfeited for fraudulent Entry.

6. And it is hereby further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any *British* or *Irish* Linens, for which such Bounty shall have been given or claimed, shall be re-landed in *Great Britain, Ireland,* or the *Isle of Man,* the same shall be forfeited, and every Person concerned in bringing back, or re-landing the same, shall forfeit Twelve Pence for every Yard so brought back or re-landed.

Goods forfeited for re-landing, besides 12 d. per Yard.

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7. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to give any Bounty on any Linens that are striped or chequered, or made into Buckrums or Tilletings.

Provido.

8. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Linen of the Manufacture of *Ireland,* to be exported from *Great Britain,* shall be intitled to any Bounty, but such as shall be at the Time of such Exportation the Property of a Person usually residing in *Great Britain,* of which the Exporter or Exporters of such *Irish* Linen are hereby required to make Oath, (or, being of the People called *Quakers,* a solemn Affirmation) before the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs (who are hereby empowered to administer the same) of the Port from whence such *Irish* Linen shall be exported.

Bounty for exporting *Irish* Linen, not to be paid, except the Exporter usually resides in *Great Britain.*

9. And whereas in many Ports of the Kingdom of *Great Britain,* from which *British* or *Irish* Linens may be exported, there may not be so much Money collected and received by the additional Duty hereby granted, as may be sufficient to pay the Bounty to be allowed by this Act, whereby the Exporters at such Ports cannot have the Benefit of the said Bounty: For Remedy thereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Collectors of the Customs in any of the Out-ports in *South Britain,* or of any Port in *North Britain,* shall not have sufficient Money in his Hands,

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Collector not having sufficient Money in his Hands, to give a Certificate.

The same to be done in North Britain.

arising by the said additional Duty, to satisfy and pay such Bounty, which shall be due to any Exporter or Exporters of *British* or *Irish* Linens as aforesaid; that then such Collector of any of the said Outports in *South Britain*, shall (if required) give to the Person intitled to such Bounty a Certificate, without Fee or Reward, under his Hand, attested by the Comptroller, of what is due to such Person for such *British* or *Irish* Linen so exported from any such Port in *South Britain*, certifying to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at *London*, that he hath not Money in his Hands, arising from the Duties granted by this Act, sufficient to pay the same; and such Collector of any Port in *North Britain* shall likewise (if required) give to the Person demanding such Sum or Sums of Money, lawfully authorized, without Fee or Reward, a Certificate, under his Hand, to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at *Edinburgh*, of what is due to such Person for the Bounty of the *British* Linens exported from any such Port in *North Britain*, and upon producing such Certificate, and the Debenture of the Linens exported, to the Commissioners there, they are hereby required, in case there be any Money in the Hands of the Receiver-general, or Cashier of the Customs there, arising by the Duties granted by this Act, to pay or cause to be paid to the Person producing such Certificate and Debenture, being authorized as aforesaid, the Sum or Sums of Money

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Money so certified; and if they have not sufficient to pay such Sum or Sums of Money, they shall forthwith, without Fee or Reward, give such Exporter a Certificate, certifying the same to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at *London*; which respective Certificates being affixed to the Debentures for the Bounty of the said Linens so exported, and being produced to the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at *London*, they the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and required, on Demand, by the Person authorized as aforesaid, that shall bring the same, to cause the Monies thereby due to be paid by the Receiver-general, or Cashier of the Customs, without Fee or Reward, out of such Monies as shall be in his Hands, arising out of the Duties hereby granted for the Payment of the said Bounty; and in case such Receiver or Cashier shall not have Money in his Hands sufficient for paying the whole of such Sum or Sums of Money so certified as aforesaid, he is hereby authorized and required to pay the same, so far as the Money in his Hands will then go, and the Remainder from time to time, as the Money arising by the Duties granted by virtue of this Act shall be by him received; and he is also hereby required to observe a due Course of paying such Debentures, in the Order of Time which they shall be produced or presented to the Commissioners of the Customs, who shall cause such Debentures to be numbered progressively, as they

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they shall be presented to them, or to the Officer or Officers appointed by them to receive the same.

10. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Officer and Officers, who shall be concerned in collecting, levying, and accounting for the Duties arising by this Act, shall keep a separate and distinct Account thereof; and all and every such Sum or Sums of Money, as shall not be paid by the respective Collectors who receive the same, to such Person or Persons as shall upon the Exportation of *British* or *Irish* Linen be intitled thereto, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, shall forthwith be remitted and paid to the Receiver-general and Cashier of His Majesty's Customs, in whose Hands all such Sums shall remain, and be applied only to the Payment of the Bounty granted by this Act, unless it shall appear, that more Money doth arise by the Duties hereby granted than shall be sufficient to answer and discharge the Bounties payable by this Act; in which Case the Lord High Treasurer, or Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, may and shall direct the same from time to time to be paid into His Majesty's Exchequer, towards the Sinking Fund, by the Title of *Duty on Cambricks* by this Act.

Money received by the Duties, shall be kept to pay Bounties;

and the Overplus to be added to the Sinking Fund.

Charges for putting this Act in Execution, to be paid out of the Duties;

11. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or Lords Commissioners of

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of the Treasury for the Time being, or the Commissioners of the Customs for the Time being, to pay or cause to be paid out of the Duties arising by this Act, all such additional Charges or Expences as may attend the putting the same in Execution.

12. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Bonds taken, or to be taken; and all Debentures made, or to be made, pursuant to this Act, shall not be chargeable with any of the Duties upon Stamp Vellum, Parchment, or Paper; any Law or Statute made or to be made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bonds or Debentures on this Act, not subject to Stamp Duties.

13. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said additional Duty granted by this Act on all foreign Cambricks to be imported into *Great Britain*, after the said First Day of *August*, One thousand seven hundred and forty two, shall, upon Exportation thereof, be drawn back and repaid in the same Manner, and under such Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions; as the present Duties on foreign Cambricks are repaid and drawn back. Provided, that upon the Entry of any such foreign Cambricks for Exportation, the Importer thereof do make Oath (or, being a *Quaker*, a solemn Affirmation) before the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs, (who has or have hereby Power to administer the same) that such Cambricks were imported into *Great Britain*, after the said First Day of *August*, One thousand seven hundred

Drawback of the additional Duty, on Exportation.

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hundred and forty two; and that the said
additional Duty had been paid for the same,
and had not been since drawn back; any
thing herein contained to the contrary not-
withstanding.

Taking a false
Oath, to for-
feit 200l. and
be imprison-
12 Months.

14. And be it further enacted by the Autho-
rity aforesaid, That if any Person shall falsely
make any Oath or Affirmation by this Act di-
rected to be made; and shall thereof be legal-
ly convicted in any of His Majesty's Courts of
Record in *Great Britain*, such Person, so
guilty, shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred
Pounds, and be imprisoned for Twelve
Months.

How to reco-
ver the Penal-
ties.

15. And be it further enacted by the Au-
thority aforesaid, That the several Penalties
and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned shall
and may be prosecuted, and determined by
Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His
Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*,
or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* re-
spectively, wherein no *Essoign*, Protection,
Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One
Imparlance shall be allowed; and One Moie-
ty of the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall
be to the Use of the King's Majesty, and
the other Moiety to such Person or Persons
as will sue for, or prosecute the same.

16. And be it further enacted by the Au-
thority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit
shall be commenced against any Person or
Persons for any thing done in pursuance of
this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in
any such Action or Suit may plead the Ge-
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neral Issue, and give this Act, and the Speci-
al Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be
had thereupon, and that the same was done in
pursuance, and by the Authority of this Act;
and if it shall appear so to have been done, the
Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defen-
dants; and if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuit-
ed, or discontinue his Action, after the Defen-
dant or Defendants shall have appeared, or
if Judgment shall be given upon any Verdict
or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defen-
dant or Defendants shall and may recover
Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for
the same, as any Defendant or Defendants
have in other Cases by Law.

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An Act for allowing certain additional Bounties on the Exportation of British and Irish Linens.

Preamble. 1. WHEREAS the Manufactures of Linens, made in the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, are of late Years greatly improved and increased, whereby the Price of Linens, as well of Foreign as of Home Fabrick, hath been considerably reduced; and there is Reason to believe, that the said Manufactures of Linen would be greatly improved, and the Exportation thereof to foreign Parts considerably increased, if an additional Bounty were allowed on all British and Irish Linens exported, as is herein after mentioned; Therefore may it 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 24th Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and forty five, there shall be allowed, over and above the Bounty or Allowance already given,

en, a further Bounty of One Halfpenny for every Yard of British or Irish Linens made of Hemp or Flax, of the Value of Five Pence per Yard, and not exceeding the Value of Twelve Pence per Yard; and a Bounty of Three Halfpennies for every Yard of such British and Irish Linens, of above the Value of Twelve Pence per Yard, and not exceeding the Value of One Shilling and Six Pence per Yard, which between the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and forty five, and the twenty fifth Day of March, which will be in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty, or at any time thereafter before the End of the then next Session of Parliament, shall be exported out of Great Britain to Africa, America, Portugal, Gibraltar, or the Island of Minorca, or which shall be exported to Spain, from and after the Time that it shall be lawful to export such Linens to that Kingdom, the same to be given and paid out of the Money that hath arisen, or shall arise, by an Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for granting to his Majesty an additional Duty on foreign Cambricks imported into Great Britain, and for allowing thereout a Bounty upon certain Species of British and Irish Linens exported.*

2. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That British or Irish Linens of the respective Values mentioned in the said Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years

to be paid by the Act of 15. and 16. Geo. II.
 further Bounty of a Halfpenny per Yard for Linens of Value from 5 d. to 12 d. per Yard; and 1 d. Halfpenny per Yard for Linens from 1 s. to 1 s. 6 d. per Yard;
 to be exported from June 24, 1745, to March 25, 1750, &c.
 to be paid by the Act of 15. and 16. Geo. II.
 Linens exported to Gibraltar or Minorca intituled to like

Bounties as to Africa, &c.

Years of His present Majesty's Reign, which shall be exported out of *Great Britain* to *Gibraltar*, or the Island of *Minorca*, shall be intitled to the Bounties and Allowance thereby given on the Exportation of the like Species of Linens to *Africa*, *America*, *Portugal*, or *Spain*, respectively.

Provido.

3. Provided always, That the Exporter or Seller for Exportation of such *British* and *Irish* Linens shall, in his Entry thereof, express the Quantity and Value, and likewise indorse on the Cocquet granted upon such Entry the true Quantity and Value of the said Linens intended to be shipped; and more-

Conditions of receiving a Bounty on Linens exported, relating to the Quantity, Value, Shipping, or Relanding thereof.

over shall, before he receives any such Bounty, produce a Certificate from the Searcher, or other proper Officer appointed to see the same shipped, verifying the Shipping thereof; and shall likewise give sufficient Security to the Collector or Customer of the Port, in the Penalty of double the Value of the Goods intended to be exported, and One hundred Pounds; which Security they are hereby impowered to take in the Name, and to the Use of his Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, that such Linen so shipped, or intended to be shipped, or any Part thereof, shall not be relanded or brought on Shore again in any Port or Part of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or the Isle of *Man*; and shall also, before he receives any such Bounty, make Oath, or being a *Quaker*, a solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation the proper Officers of the Customs have hereby Power to administer)

ster) of the respective Values of such Linens upon which the said Bounties respectively are granted, and that the same were made in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*.

4. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Linen of the Manufacture of *Ireland*, to be exported from *Great Britain*, shall be intitled to the Bounty, but such as shall be, at the Time of such Exportation, the Property of a Person or Persons residing in *Great Britain*, or in some of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, of which the Exporter or Seller for Exportation of such *Irish* Linen is hereby required to make Oath, (or, being of the People called *Quakers*, a solemn Affirmation) which Oath or Affirmation the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs have hereby Power to administer.

No Irish Linen exported from Great Britain intitled to the Bounty unless the Property of some Resident in Great Britain or America;

to be proved on Oath or Affirmation.

5. Provided also, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to give any Bounty on any Linens that are striped or chequered, or made into Buckrams or Tilletings.

No striped, chequered, &c. Linens intitled to Bounty;

6. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted, That no Linens shall be intitled to any of the Bounties given by this or the said former Act, which shall not be of the Breadth of Twenty six Inches, or upwards.

nor less than 26 Inches broad.

7. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Species of *Irish* Linen made of Flax and Hemp, whereof the Piece or Blot contains Thirty eight Yards in Length, and Twenty four Inches in Breadth, and

Species of Irish, &c. Linens excluded from Bounties.

Cloths

as described in 9. Geo. II.

Cloths of different Lengths and Breadths in Proportion, from Number One, to Number Ten inclusive, which shall weigh Fifteen Pounds Weight, or upwards, to Forty four Pounds Weight, as the same is described in an Act made in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging and regulating the Manufacture of British Sail Cloth; and for the more effectual securing the Duties now payable on Foreign Sail Cloth imported into this Kingdom*; shall not be intituled to any Bounty or Reward by virtue or in consequence of this Act; any thing in this or any former Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Linens re-landed, for which Bounty hath been paid, to be forfeited, and 12 d. per Yard paid.

8. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any *British* or *Irish* Linens, for which the Bounty shall have been given or claimed, shall be re-landed in *Great Britain, Ireland, or the Isle of Man*, the same shall be forfeited, and every Person concerned in bringing back or re-landed the same, shall forfeit Twelve Pence for every Yard so brought back or re-landed.

Means to prevent Linens exceeding the Value of 18 d. per Yard being exported for Sake of the Bounty.

9. And to prevent Linens exceeding the Value of Eighteen Pence per Yard being exported for the Sake of the Bounty, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collector and Comptroller, or other proper Officers of the Customs, may open, view, and examine any or all such Linens, as shall be entered at the Value of Eighteen Pence per Yard, or under, and compare

compare the same with the Value and Price thereof, sworn to, or affirmed in the Entry and Indorsement on the Cocquet; and if, upon such View and Examination, it shall appear, that all or any Pieces of such Linen are of greater Value than Eighteen Pence per Yard, then, and in such Case, the Exporter or Seller of such Goods for Exportation shall, on Demand made in Writing by the Customer or Collector and Comptroller of the Port where such Goods and Merchandizes are entered, deliver or cause to be delivered, so many Pieces of such Linen as shall be demanded by the said Officer, into His Majesty's Warehouse at the Port of Exportation, for the Use and Benefit of the Crown; and, upon such Delivery, the Customer or Collector of such Port, with the Privity of the Comptroller, shall, out of any Money in the Hands of such Customer or Collector, arising by Customs or other Duties belonging to the Crown, pay to such Exporter, or Seller for Exportation, the Value of Nineteen Pence per Yard, taking a Receipt for the same from such Exporter or Seller for Exportation, in full Satisfaction for the said Goods, as if they had been regularly sold; and the respective Commissioners of the Customs shall cause the said Goods to be fairly and publickly sold for the best Advantage, and out of the Produce thereof the Money so paid or advanced as aforesaid shall be repaid to such Customer or Collector, with the Privity of the Comptroller,

19 d. per Yard to be paid the Exporter for such Linens, for the Use of the Crown;

ler, to be replac'd to such Funds from whence the same was borrowed, and the Overplus (if any) shall be paid into His Majesty's Exchequer, towards the *Sinking Fund*, by the Title of *The additional Duty on Cambricks*: And in Case the Exporter, or Seller for Exportation, of such Linens, shall, on Demand made in Writing by the Customer or Collector and Comptroller of the Port where such Linens are entered for Exportation, refuse to deliver, or cause to be delivered, all or any of such Linens, into His Majesty's Warehouse at the Port of Exportation, for the Use and Benefit of the Crown, and to receive from the said Officers of the Customs at the said Port the Value of Nineteen Pence *per* Yard for such Linens, in full Satisfaction for the same; or if such Linens shall be less in Quantity, than shall be expressed in the said Indorsement on the said Entry or Cocquet, or if the same shall be entered and indorsed under a wrong Denomination, then, and in every such Case, all such Linens which shall be so refused to be delivered, or which shall appear to be less in Quantity than expressed in such Indorsement, or entered or indorsed under a wrong Denomination, shall be forfeited and lost, and shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs.

Linens refused at that Price,

or less in Quantity than entered or indorsed, or entered and indorsed under a wrong Denomination, to be forfeited.

Means to prevent Abuses and Frauds in obtaining Bounties.

10. And in order to prevent Abuses, by exporting Linens which shall be under the Value of Five Pence *per* Yard, when the Exporter or Seller shall, in his Entry and Indorse-

Indorsement on his Cocquet, express, that the Value thereof is Five Pence, or upwards, *per* Yard, in order fraudulently to obtain a Bounty of One Penny, instead of a Halfpenny *per* Yard; or under the Value of Six Pence *per* Yard, when the Exporter or Seller for Exportation shall express the Value thereof to be Six Pence, or upwards, *per* Yard, in order fraudulently to obtain a Bounty of Three Halfpence, instead of One Penny, *per* Yard; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Searcher, or other proper Officer, after the Entry of any of the said Goods, and before or after the shipping thereof, to open, and strictly examine, any Bale, Truss, Chest, or other Package, to see if the Goods are right entered and indorsed on the Cocquet; and if, on such Examination, the same shall be found to be right entered and indorsed, the Searcher shall, at his own Charge, cause the same to be repacked; which Charge shall be allowed to the said Officer by the Commissioners of the Customs, if they think it reasonable; but in case the Officer shall, on Examination, find such Goods to be less in Quantity than shall be expressed in the Indorsement in the Exporter's or Seller's Entry or Cocquet, or shall find any Part thereof to be under the Value expressed in the Indorsement on such Entry or Cocquet, or that the Goods shall be entered and indorsed under a wrong Denomination, or that the same are

Proper Officer may examine any Linens, to see if right entered and indorsed on the Cocquet;

if less in Quantity, or under the Value expressed, or under a wrong Denomination, to be forfeited, and the Bounty lost.

not

not of the Manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland, whereby His Majesty would have been defrauded, all the Goods contained in all and every the Package or Packages indorsed on the said Entry or Cocquet may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs, and the same shall be forfeited and lost, and the Owner or Merchant shall lose the Benefit of receiving the Bounty for such Goods.

Provision made for a Deficiency in the Duty on Cambricks, out of which the Bounty is to be paid, at certain Ports.

And whereas, in many Ports of the Kingdom of Great Britain, from which British or Irish Linens may be exported, there may not be so much collected and received by the additional Duty on Cambricks, granted by the said Act made in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, as may be sufficient to pay the Bounty allowed by this and the said former Act, whereby the Exporters, or Sellers for Exportation, at such Ports, cannot have the Benefit of the said Bounty; for Remedy thereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Collectors of the Customs in any of the Out-ports in South Britain, or of any Port in North Britain, shall not have sufficient Money in his Hands, arising by the said additional Duty, to satisfy and pay such Bounty which shall be due to any Exporter, or Seller for Exportation, of British or Irish Linens as aforesaid, that then such Collector of any of the said Out-ports in South Britain shall (if required) give to the Person intitled to such Bounty a Certificate,

Collector to give a Certificate, attested by the Comptroller, to the Person intit-

ificate, without Fee or Reward, under his Hand, attested by the Comptroller, of what is due to such Person for such British or Irish Linens so exported, from any such Port in South Britain, certifying to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at London, that he hath not Money in his Hands, arising from the Duties granted by the said Act, sufficient to pay the same; and such Collector of any Port in North Britain, shall likewise (if required) give to the Person demanding such Sum or Sums of Money, lawfully authorized, without Fee or Reward, a Certificate under his Hand, to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at Edinburgh, of what is due to such Person, for the Bounty of the British Linens exported from any such Port in North Britain; and upon producing such Certificate, and the Debenture of the Linens exported, to the Commissioners there, they are hereby required, in case there be any Money in the Hands of the Receiver General, or Cashier of the Customs there, arising by the Duties granted by the said Act, to pay or cause to be paid to the Person producing such Certificate and Debenture, being authorized as aforesaid, the Sum or Sums of Money so certified; and if they have not sufficient to pay such Sum or Sums of Money, they shall furthwith, without Fee or Reward, give such Exporter, or Seller for Exportation, a Certificate, certifying the same to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at London; which respective Certificates

led to the Bounty;

certifying the Deficiency to the Commissioners of Customs at London or Edinburgh;

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being affixed to the Debentures for the Bounty of the said Linens so exported, and being produced to the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs at London, they the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and required on Demand, by the Person authorized as aforesaid, that shall bring the same, to cause the Monies thereby due to be paid by the Receiver General, or Cashier of the Customs, without Fee or Reward, out of such Monies as shall be in his Hands, arising out of the Duties granted by the said Act of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of His Majesty's Reign, for the Payment of the said Bounty; and in case such Receiver or Cashier shall not have Money in his Hands sufficient for paying the whole of such Sum or Sums of Money so certified as aforesaid, he is hereby authorized and required to pay the same, so far as the Money in his Hands will then go, and the Remainder, from time to time, as the Money arising by the Duties granted by virtue of the said Act, shall be by him received; and he is also hereby required to observe a due Course of paying such Debentures, in the Order of Time which they shall be produced or presented to the Commissioners of the Customs, who shall cause such Debentures to be numbered progressively, as they shall be presented to them, or to the Officer or Officers appointed by them to receive the same.

to be paid out of the Duties granted by 15. and 16. Geo. II. for that Purpose;

in Course and Order of Time.

Debentures to be numbered progressively.

Bonds and Debentures

12. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Bonds taken

en or to be taken, and all Debentures made or to be made, pursuant to this Act, shall not be chargeable with any of the Duties upon stamp Vellum, Parchment, or Paper; any Law or Statute made or to be made to the contrary notwithstanding.

made by this Act, exempt from Stamp Duties.

13. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall falsely make any Oath or Affirmation, by this Act directed to be made, and shall thereof be legally convicted in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in Great Britain, such Person so guilty shall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and be imprisoned for Twelve Months.

Penalty of false Oath or Affirmation, made by this Act, to forfeit 200l. and be imprisoned 12 Months.

14. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned shall and may be prosecuted and determined, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland respectively, wherein no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed; and one Moiety of the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall be to the Use of the King's Majesty, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons as will sue for or prosecute the same; and in case in any such Suit it shall be made a Question, whether any such Linens are of the Manufacture or Fabrick of Great Britain or Ireland, or of any foreign Country, in such Case the onus probandi thereof shall

Penalties how to be determined,

and disposed of;

in case of Question, whether Linens are Foreign, the onus probandi shall lie on the Exporter.

ly upon the Exporter, or Seller thereof for Exportation.

15. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if Judgment shall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants have in other Cases by Law.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

Anno

G E O R G I I I. Regis.

An Act for effectually preventing the Exportation of Foreign Linens, under the Denomination of British or Irish Linens.

1. **W**HEREAS, by Reason of the Bounty or Allowances granted on the Exportation of *British* and *Irish* Linens, evil-minded Persons may fraudulently endeavour to export Linens of foreign Fabrick and Manufacture, and to receive the said Bounties or Allowances for the same, as if the same were of the Manufacture of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: And whereas certain Stamps are required by Law to be put upon Linens made in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, and in *Ireland*, which may have been put on foreign Linens, in order to vend them as Linens of the Manufacture of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, or of *Ireland*; for Remedy whereof, 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 Twenty ninth Day of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and forty five,

Preamble.

Stamp Masters to take an Oath for the true Execution

cution of their Office.

five, no Stamp Master or Lapper in Scotland or Ireland shall any way mark, stamp, or seal any Linens whatsoever, until such Stamp Master or Lapper shall have taken an Oath for the true and faithful Execution of his Office, before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace in Scotland and Ireland respectively, (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer) nor until after the Owner or Manufacturer of any Linen brought to be marked or stamped, shall before the Stamp Master of the Place, next adjoining to the Place of Abode of the Owner or Maker of such Linen, take an Oath (which Oath the said Stamp Masters, severally and respectively, are hereby authorized and required to administer) that such Linens desired to be marked or stamped, and every Part thereof, is and are really and truly of the Manufacture of Scotland or Ireland, and of no other Place.

Linens to be stamped must be sworn to be of the Manufacture of Scotland or Ireland.

Conditions of paying a Bounty on Linens exported, relating to the Stamps.

2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Bounty shall be paid or allowed on the Exportation of any British or Irish Linens, but on such only at both Ends of every Piece whereof the Name and Place of Abode of the Manufacturer or Maker thereof, together with the Year of our Lord wherein the said Piece was manufactured or made, and also a Number denoting the Order in which such Piece was so manufactured or made in such Year, beginning with N^o I. and proceeding progressively, according the Number of Pieces made

made by such Manufacturer or Maker in each Year, and also the Name and Place of Abode of the Exporter or Seller thereof for Exportation, shall be severally marked or stamped in plain, distinct, and legible Letters, Figures and Words at length; and unless at the Ends of every Piece of such Linen, there shall be marked or stamped in plain, distinct and legible Letters, Words, and Figures, the Month and Year when, and the Name of the Port at which such Linens shall be entered for Exportation, claiming the Bounty; and unless (except in the Instance herein aftermentioned) the Ends of every such Piece of Linen, near which such Marks or Stamps shall be made, shall be whole and entire, as the same were when it was cut or taken out of the Loom, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; all which Marks or Stamps shall be marked or stamped with Lamb-black and burnt Oyl, in a plain, legible and durable Manner.

3. And whereas it is a frequent Practice in Scotland to cut a Piece of Linen, after it is taken out of the Loom, into Two or more Pieces, for the Purpose of bleaching or whitening the same, whereby One or more of such Pieces may not have the Maker's or Manufacturer's Name made or set thereon, as is herein before directed; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Piece of Cloth intended to be cut for the Purpose of bleaching

Pieces cut for bleaching shall be cut in Presence of a Stamp Master; or

or whitening, shall be so cut in the Presence of the Stamp Master of the Place next adjoining to the Place of Abode of the Owner of such Cloth, and each Piece cut off, not having the Manufacturer's or Maker's Name and Place of Abode stamped thereon, shall be stamped with the Name and Place of Abode of the said Stamp Master, and with the Name and Place of Abode of the Manufacturer and Maker thereof, together with the Year of our Lord wherein the same was so bleached or whitened, which the Stamp Master is hereby impowered and directed to stamp thereon; and no Bounty shall be paid or allowed on Exportation of any such cut Piece of Cloth that shall not have the said Stamps thereon: And if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and forty five, stamp or mark any Linens, or cause or procure any Linens to be stamped or marked, contrary to all or any of the Directions of this Act, or shall mark or stamp, or cause or procure the same to be marked or stamped, with a Mark or Stamp, expressing the Name or Place of Abode of any Person or Persons, other than that of the real and true Manufacturer or Maker thereof, or expressing an untrue Description of the real and true Manufacturer's or Maker's Place of Abode, or of the Year of our Lord in which such Linen was manufactured, or of the Order in which the same was manufactured or made, or shall wilfully mark

the Manner of Stamping;
no Bounty without such Stamps;
Penalty on false Stamps;

or

or set on any such Linens any false or counterfeit Stamp, in Imitation of the Mark or Stamp used by any Manufacturer or Maker of *British* or *Irish* Linens, or shall wilfully or maliciously cut off, obliterate, wash, take out, or destroy, or cause or procure to be cut off, obliterated, washed, or taken out, or destroyed any Stamp or Mark marked or stamped on Linen, such Person or Persons shall forfeit the Sum of five Pounds for every Piece of Linen so stamped as aforesaid, to be sued for and recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, the Court of Session, Court of Justiciary, or Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, respectively, wherein no Essoign, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and one Moiety of the said Penalties shall be to the Use of the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons as will sue or prosecute for the same.

or on taking out Stamps;

5 l. for each Piece;

how to be disposed of.

4. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall make or affix, or cause or procure to be made or affixed, on any Linens of foreign Manufacture or Fabrick, imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, any of the Marks or Stamps required by Law to be put on Linens of the Manufacture of *Scotland* or *Ireland*, or shall make or affix, or cause or procure to be made or affixed, on any such foreign Linens, any

Penalty of stamping Foreign Linens as British or Irish.

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of the Marks or Stamps hereby required to be marked or stamped upon Linens of the Manufacture of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or shall make or affix, or cause or procure to be made or affixed, on any such foreign Linens, any Mark or Stamp, Marks or Stamps, in Imitation of any of the said Marks or Stamps hereby, or by any other Law or Laws now in Force, required to be marked or stamped on *British* or *Irish* Linens, such Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall stand on the Pillory during the Space of One Hour in the Forenoon, and also be punished by Fine not exceeding Fifty Pounds, or by Imprisonment for any Time not exceeding Twelve Months, at the Discretion of the Court before whom such Offender shall be convicted. And if any Person shall, after the said Twenty fourth Day of *June*, One thousand seven hundred and forty five, sell, or expose to Sale, or pack up for Sale, or enter for Exportation, any foreign Linens marked or stamped with all or any of the Marks or Stamps hereby, or by any other Law now in Force, required to be marked or stamped upon Linens of the Manufacture of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, knowing such Linen to be foreign, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall forfeit the said Linens, and the Sum of Five Pounds for each Piece thereof so sold, exposed to Sale, or packed up for Sale, or entered for Exportation as aforesaid, to be sued for and recovered, by Bill, Plaint,

To stand on the Pillory One Hour, and be fined 50 l. or imprisoned 12 Months.

Penalty on exporting foreign Linens stamped as British or Irish.

to forfeit the Linens, and 5 l. per Piece;

or

or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, the Court of Session, Court of Justiciary, or Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, or in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Dublin*, respectively, wherein no Effoign, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and one Moiety of the said Penalties shall be to the Use of the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons as will sue or prosecute for the same: And in case it shall be made a Question, Whether such Linens are of the Manufacture or Fabrick of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or of any foreign Country, in such Case the *Onus probandi* thereof shall lie upon the Claimer of such Linen, or the Defendant in such Action or Suit.

how to be disposed of.

In case of a Question, Whether Linens be foreign, the Onus probandi to lie on the Defendant.

5. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That nothing herein contained shall extend to vary or alter the Method of stamping of Linens of the Manufacture of *Ireland* or *Scotland*, by virtue of any Law or Laws now in Force relating thereto; but that, besides the Marks or Stamps herein before mentioned, all such Linens shall be marked and stamped in the same Manner as the same ought to have been if this Act had not been made.

Method of stamping now in Force not to be altered.

NUM. IV.

CLAUSE of an Act passed *vice-*
simo Georgii II. Regis, entitled,

An Act for granting to His Majesty a cer-
tain Sum of Money out of the Sinking
Fund, for the Service of the Year One thou-
sand seven hundred forty seven, &c. and for
continuing the Bounties on the Exportati-
on of British and Irish Coarse Linens.

Bounties on
British and
Irish coarse
Linens con-
tinued, &c.

31. And be it further enacted by the Au-
thority aforesaid, That the Bounties on the
Exportation of *British and Irish* Coarse Lin-
ens shall continue to be paid under the Re-
gulations of the Acts of the 15th, 16th and
18th Years of His Majesty's Reign, and that
the same shall be paid out of such Part of
the old Subsidy as is applicable to the Pay-
ment of Incidents, and that an Account
thereof be laid before the House of Com-
mons every Session of Parliament, in order
to replacing the same out of the next Aids
to be granted in Parliament.

NUM.

NUM. V.

CLAUSE of an Act passed *vice-*
simo secundo Georgii II. Regis, en-
titled,

An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum
of One Million out of the Sinking Fund,
for the Service of the Year One thousand
seven hundred forty nine, &c. And for
continuing the Bounties on the Exportation
of British and Irish Linens, &c.

28. And be it further enacted by the Au-
thority aforesaid, That the Bounties on the
Exportation of *British and Irish* coarse Li-
nens shall continue to be paid in the like
Manner, and under the like Regulations as
directed by the Acts of the 15th and 16th,
and of the 18th Years of his Majesty's
Reign, from and after the Twenty fifth Day
of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and
fifty, for and during the further Term of
Three Years, and from thence to the End
of the then next Session of Parliament, and
that the same be paid out of such Part of
the old Subsidies as is applicable to the Pay-
ment of Incidents; and that an Account
of such Bounties, together with the Quan-
tity of *British and Irish* coarse Linens in-
titled to the same respectively, be laid before
the House of Commons every Session of
Parliament, in order to the replacing the
same out of the next Aids to be granted in
Parliament.

Bounties on
the Exporta-
tion of Bri-
tish and Irish
Linens con-
tinued for
three Years.

An Account
thereof to be
laid before
the Parlia-
ment yearly.

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ABSTRACT shewing at one View the several Species of Linen intitl'd to Bounty on Exportation by the foresaid Acts, and the Bounty payable thereon.

Linen under the Value of 5 *d.* per Yard is intitl'd to one Halfpenny *Sterl.* per Yard.

Linen of the Value of 5 *d.* and under 6 *d.* per Yard, is intitl'd to One Penny *Sterl.* per Yard.

Linen of the Value of 6 *d.* and not exceeding 1 *s.* 6 *d.* is intitl'd to One Penny Halfpenny per Yard.

All which Bounty Linens must be plain, and not checquered or striped, and must be 26 Inches or upwards in Breadth.

TRUSTEES OFFICE *Edinburgb*, 22d *June* 1750.

Ordered,

That the several Acts allowing and relating to the Bounties on the Exportation of *British* and *Irish* Linens be reprinted, with an Abstract, shewing at one View the several Species of Linen intitl'd to Bounty, and given *gratis* to Manufacturers and other Dealers in Linen.

DA. FLINT, Secretary.

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