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C A P. XLVI.

An Act for altering the Period during which Writs of Aſſiſtance ſhall remain in force.

[19th *April* 1814.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuſes in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; it is amongſt other Things enacted, that it ſhall be lawful for any proper Perſon or Perſons authorized by Writ of Aſſiſtance, under the Seal of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, to take a Conſtable, Headborough, or other Public Officer inhabiting near unto the Place, and in the Day Time to enter and go into any Houſe, Shop, Cellar, Warehouſe, or Room, or other Place, and in caſe of Reſiſtance to break open Doors, Cheſts, Trunks, and other Packages, there to ſeize and from thence to bring any Kind of Goods whatſoever prohibited and uncuſtomed, and to put and ſecure the ſame in His Majeſty's Storehouſe in the Port next to the Place where ſuch Seizure ſhall be made; which ſaid Act is, by another Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for an Union of the Two Kingdoms of* England *and* Scotland, extended to *Scotland*: And whereas it is expedient that ſuch Writs of Aſſiſtance ſhould have Validity and Effect during the whole of the Reign in which they iſſue, notwithſtanding the Letters Patent for conſtituting and appointing the Commiſſioners for managing and cauſing to be levied and collected the Cuſtoms, Subſidies, and other Duties due to His Majeſty, may have been revoked, or that any or all of the Perſons named in the ſaid Letters Patent may have died or reſigned; Be it therefore enacted by the

13 & 14 C. 2. c. 11.

5 Anne, c. 8.

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 the Writs of Aſſiſtance under the Seal of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in *England* and *Scotland* reſpectively, which on or before the paſſing of this Act have been iſſued, or at any Time hereafter may be iſſued, during the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall not be held or declared to be vacated or determined by the Death or Reſignation of all or any of the Commiſſioners named therein, or in conſequence of the Revocation of the Patent by which the ſaid Commiſſioners were conſtituted and appointed; but each and every ſuch Writ ſhall have full Force and Operation, and ſhall be valid and effectual for and during the Whole of the Reign of His ſaid Majeſty; and every Writ of Aſſiſtance which may be iſſued during any ſucceeding Reign ſhall in like Manner be determinable only upon the Demiſe of the Crown; and all and every the Officers and Miniſters, Vice Admirals, Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Conſtables, Bailiffs, Headboroughs, and all other the Officers, Miniſters, and Subjects mentioned in any ſuch Writ of Aſſiſtance, are hereby required to pay due Obedience thereto accordingly.

Duration of Writs of Aſſiſtance.

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