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CAP. LXXXI.

An Act for better encouraging the Manufacture of Thread Lace in *Great Britain*. [12th *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS it would greatly contribute to protect and encourage the Manufacture of Thread Lace in *Great Britain* if the Duties of Customs payable on the Importation of Thread Lace were repealed, and other Duties imposed in lieu thereof; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords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 *August* One thousand eight hundred and six, the Duties of Customs payable on the Importation of Thread Lace by an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to repeal the Duties of Customs payable in* Great Britain, *and to grant other Duties in lieu thereof*, or by any other Act or Acts passed subsequent thereto, shall cease and determine, save and except in all Cases relating to the recovering, allowing, or paying any Arrears thereof, which may on the said Fifth Day of *August* remain unpaid, or to any Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures relating thereto; and from and after the said Fifth Day of *August* in lieu and instead of the Duties of Customs hereby made to cease and determine, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors,

Duties of Customs on Importation of Thread Lace to cease and determine.

New Duties, ceſſors, upon Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture imported and brought into *Great Britain*, the Duties of Cuſtoms following; that is to ſay, on all ſuch Thread Lace not exceeding Five Shillings *per* Yard in Value, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence *per* Yard; on all ſuch Thread Lace of Five Shillings *per* Yard in Value, and under Ten Shillings *per* Yard, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence *per* Yard; on all ſuch Thread Lace of Ten Shillings *per* Yard in Value, and under Fifteen Shillings *per* Yard, the Sum of Three Shillings *per* Yard; on all ſuch Thread Lace of Fifteen Shillings *per* Yard in Value, and under Twenty Shillings *per* Yard, the Sum of Four Shillings *per* Yard; on all ſuch Thread Lace of Twenty Shillings *per* Yard in Value, and under Twenty-five Shillings *per* Yard, the Sum of Five Shillings *per* Yard; on all ſuch Thread Lace of Twenty-five Shillings *per* Yard in Value and upwards, the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds for every One hundred Pounds of the Value thereof: Provided always, that the Duties on Thread Lace above impoſed ſhall be ſubject and liable to the ſeveral additional Duties on the Amount thereof granted by an Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty, during the preſent War, and until the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, additional Duties on the Importation and Exportation of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and on the Tonnage of Ships and Veſſels in* Great Britain; by another Act, paſſed in the Forty-fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty, during the preſent War and for Six Months after the Expiration thereof by the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, additional Duties on the Importation of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, into* Great Britain, *and on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, brought or carried Coaſtwiſe within* Great Britain; by another Act, made in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty additional Duties within* Great Britain *on certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into, or brought or carried coaſtwiſe*; and by another Act, paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty, during the preſent War, and for Six Months after the Expiration thereof by the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, additional Duties on certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into and exported from, or brought or carried coaſtwiſe within* Great Britain.

Duties to be ſubject to the additional Duties granted by 43 G. 3. c. 70.

44 G. 3. c. 53.

45 G. 3. c. 49.

46 G. 3. c. 42.

Duties to be managed as former Duties.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Duties by this Act impoſed ſhall be aſcertained, managed, raiſed, levied, collected, anſwered, paid, appropriated, and applied in ſuch and the like Manner, and by the ſame Means, Ways, and Methods, and ſubject to the like Penalties and Forfeitures reſpectively as the former Duties on Thread Lace were or might be by any former Act.

Foreign Thread Lace to be marked.

III. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture ſhall, after the ſame hath been entered at the Cuſtom Houſe, and before it ſhall be diſcharged by the Officers and delivered into the Cuſtody of the Importer or his Agent, be marked or ſealed at one End of every Piece, with ſuch Mark or Seal, and by ſuch Officer as the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms ſhall direct and appoint for that Purpoſe; and ſuch Officer ſhall in his own Hand Writing, together with ſuch Mark or Seal, alſo ſignify what is the Number of Yards in ſuch

Piece, and the Rate of the Duty of Cuſtoms paid thereon: Provided always, that no ſuch Thread Lace ſhall be ſo marked or ſealed, nor ſhall be imported in a Packet or Parcel containing a leſs Quantity than Twelve Yards, unleſs the ſame ſhall be of the Value of Two Pounds *per* Yard or upwards, and unleſs ſuch as ſhall be brought into *Great Britain* by any Perſon for his or her own private Uſe, and not for the Uſe of any other Perſon, nor to be ſold as Merchandize; and if any One or more Pieces of Thread Lace ſhall be joined or pieced, the Whole of the Lace ſo joined or pieced ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer of the Cuſtoms.

Not to be imported in Parcels containing leſs than 12 Yards, unleſs of the Value of 2*l.* per Yard.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it ſhall be proved to the Satisfaction of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, that any Foreign Thread Lace which ſhall have been imported previouſly to the paſſing of this Act, and ſhall have paid the Duty chargeable thereon by any Act or Acts now in force, and ſhall have the proper Mark or Stamp affixed thereon denoting the Payment of ſuch Duty, ſhall be in Pieces or Parcels of leſs Quantity than Twelve Yards, or ſhall be joined or pieced, ſuch Foreign Thread Lace ſhall and may be marked and ſealed according to the Proviſions in this Act, and ſhall not be liable to be forfeited or ſeized, nor ſhall the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Poſſeſſion the ſame ſhall be found, be ſubject to any Penalty on Account of the ſame being in ſuch Quantities or ſo joined or pieced; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

But Lace imported before the paſſing of this Act, though in Parcels of leſs Quantity, &c. ſhall not be forfeited.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture which ſhall on the Fifth Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix be in the Poſſeſſion of any Dealer in Lace, and which has on it the Stamp or Mark now required by Law to be thereon, and which ſhall be proved to the Satisfaction of the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms to have paid the Duty of Cuſtoms by Law payable thereon at the Time of Importation, ſhall and may, upon being ſent to the Cuſtom Houſe within One Calendar Month after the paſſing of this Act, be marked or ſealed at One End of every Piece with ſuch Mark or Seal as aforeſaid, and it ſhall in like Manner be ſignified thereon in Writing what is the Number of Yards in ſuch Piece, and what is the Duty of Cuſtoms paid thereon.

Foreign Thread Lace proved to have paid the Duty, may have the Mark required by this Act, &c. within One Month after the paſſing of this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it ſhall appear upon Repreſentation to His Majeſty in Privy Council, that the Time herein-before limited for ſtamping or marking ſuch Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture, is not ſufficient to enable the Proprietors thereof to have the ſame marked or ſtamped, it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to grant ſuch further Time for that Purpoſe as ſhall be thought proper.

His Majeſty may grant further Time for marking ſuch Lace.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe it ſhall be found difficult to aſcertain the preciſe Duty which has been paid on any Thread Lace that ſhall have the proper Stamp or Mark thereon, and which ſhall be taken to the Cuſtom Houſe to be re-ſtamped and re-marked as aforeſaid, it may be written thereon, "Duty paid before the Sixth of *Auguſt* One thouſand

Payment of Duty to be marked on Lace.

thouſand eight hundred and ſix," in Addition to the Number of Yards contained in each Piece.

Foreign Thread Lace, if taken to the Cuſtom Houſe within 14 Days after paſſing this Act ſhall be properly marked.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That any Foreign Thread Lace which at the Time of the paſſing of this Act may be in the Poſſeſſion of any Dealer or Dealers, and which may be without the proper Stamp or Mark thereon, ſhall and may, if taken to the Cuſtom Houſe within Fourteen Days after the paſſing of this Act, be admitted to Entry, and the proper Duties being paid thereon, ſuch Thread Lace ſhall and may be duly ſtamped and marked, and the Number of Yards in each Piece, and the Rate of Duty which has been paid on the ſame, ſhall be marked thereon.

Two Juſtices may grant Search Warrants on Oath being made that there is Reaſon to ſuſpect that Foreign Lace is to be found which has not paid the Duty.

IX. And be it further enacted, That upon Oath being made by any credible Perſon or Perſons, that he, ſhe, or they, has or have Reaſon to ſuſpect or believe that any Foreign Thread Lace, for which any Duty by this Act impoſed in reſpect thereof ought to have been paid, is or ſhall be in the Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion of any Lace Dealer, Draper, Haberdaſher, Shopkeeper, or other Perſon or Perſons for Sale, without having thereupon ſuch Mark or Stamp as is by this Act required, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace from Time to Time, to iſſue their Warrants or Orders, thereby authoriſing and requiring any Officer or Officers of Cuſtoms, or any Conſtable or other Officer of the Peace, in the Day Time to ſearch for the ſame, and to open Doors, Trunks, Cheſts, Boxes, and Packages, and to ſeize ſuch Lace, with the Packages containing the ſame, and to carry away the ſame; and all ſuch Foreign Thread Lace ſo found ſhall be forfeited, and the Party or Parties in whoſe Poſſeſſion or Cuſtody the ſame ſhall be found ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Foreign Thread Lace unmarked may be ſeized.

Penalties.

X. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, all ſuch Thread Lace which ſhall be found in any Shop or Warehouſe, or other Place whatever, upon Land within *Great Britain*, not being marked or ſealed, or having the Hand Writing as aforeſaid, upon one End of every whole and entire Piece, or upon one End of every Remnant of ſuch Thread Lace, which Remnant ſhall exceed Twelve Inches in Length, ſhall be forfeited, and ſhall and may be ſeized by any Officer of the Cuſtoms; and the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall belong, or who ſhall be poſſeſſed thereof, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and if the Value of the Thread Lace ſo found unmarked or unſealed, or without the Hand Writing as aforeſaid, ſhall exceed the Sum of Fifty Pounds, then the ſaid Perſon or Perſons ſhall forfeit and pay double the Value of the Lace ſo found unmarked or unſealed, or without the Hand Writing as aforeſaid; and upon every ſecond Conviction before Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the like Offence, the Perſon convicted ſhall forfeit and pay Double the Sum forfeited and paid on the firſt Conviction; and for every third Conviction, Treble, one Moiety of the ſaid Penalties to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to ſuch Officer or Officers of the Cuſtoms as ſhall ſue and proſecute for the ſame.

XI. And

Punishing Persons counterfeiting Marks.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time forge or counterfeit any Mark or Seal to resemble any Mark or Seal which shall be provided and used for the above Purpose, or shall forge or counterfeit the Impression of any such Mark or Seal, and shall be thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy; and if any Person or Persons shall sell or expose to Sale, or have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession, any such Thread Lace, with a counterfeit Mark, Seal, or Hand Writing, knowing the same to be counterfeited, or shall use or affix any such Mark, Seal, or Hand Writing, to any other Piece or Remnant of Lace, other than that to which the same was originally affixed, all and every such Offender and Offenders, and his, her, and their Aiders, Abettors, and Assistants, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, one Moiety to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the other Moiety to the Officer or Officers of the Customs, or other Person, who shall sue for the same.

Proof of Lace not being Foreign to lie on the Person in Possession.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Doubt or Question shall arise, whether any Thread Lace is of Foreign Manufacture, the Proof thereof shall lie on the Person or Persons in whose Possession any such Thread Lace shall be found, and not on the Prosecutor, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Value of Thread Lace to be ascertained on Importation;

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Value of all Thread Lace, of Foreign Manufacture, shall be ascertained on the Importation thereof, according to the Rule, Manner, and Form, directed by an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to repeal the Duties of Customs payable in* Great Britain, *and to grant other Duties in lieu thereof*; and in case such Thread Lace shall not have been valued by the Importer according to its true and real Value, it shall be proceeded against and dealt with as directed in and by the said Act: Provided always, that such Thread Lace when sold shall be sold only for Exportation, and the same shall not be worn or used in this Kingdom, but shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized by any Officer of the Customs.

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Foreign Thread Lace to be imported into the Port of London only.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture shall be imported or brought, by Way of Merchandize to be sold, into any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, but only into the Port of *London*.

Dealers in Thread Lace to take out Licences.

XV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and six, every Dealer or Dealers in Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture, shall annually take out a Licence for that Purpose, upon which there shall be charged a Stamp Duty of Three Pounds and Three Shillings; and every Dealer or Dealers in Thread Lace of *British* Manufacture, shall annually take out a Licence for that Purpose, upon which there shall be charged a Stamp Duty of Five Shillings: Provided always, that if any Dealer or Dealers in Thread Lace shall keep more than one House, Shop, Warehouse, or Place, where he, she, or they expose Thread Lace to Sale, every such

Dealer shall take out a distinct Licence in respect of every such House, Shop, Warehouse, or Place.

Duties on Stamps to be under the Care of Commissioners of Stamps.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Duties of Stamps shall be under the Government, Care, and Management of the Commissioners appointed for managing the Duties charged on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, who, or the major Part of them, are hereby required and authorized to employ such Officers to allow such Salaries and incidental Charges, and to provide and use such Stamps to denote the said Duties, as shall seem to them proper and necessary, and to do all other Things respecting the same, as far as they are empowered by any former Law or Laws concerning stamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper.

Continuance of Licences.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Two or more of His Majesty's Commissioners appointed for managing the Duties arising by Stamps on Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, or for any Person duly authorized by such Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to grant such Licences as aforesaid; and every such Licence issued between the First Day of *August* and the First Day of *September* in any Year, shall bear Date on the Second Day of *August*; and every such Licence issued at any other Time shall bear Date the Day on which the same shall be issued; and every such Licence shall continue in Force from the Day of the Date thereof, until the First Day of *August* then next following.

Application of the Money arising by Stamps.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies arising by the Stamp Duties granted by this Act, shall be paid into the Hands of the Receiver General for the Time being of the Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, who shall pay the same, after deducting the necessary Charges of raising, collecting, and accounting for the same, into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster*, at such Time and in such Manner as other Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, are by Law directed to be paid, and that the Money so paid into the said Receipt as aforesaid, shall be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

Punishing Persons forging Stamps.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any Stamp which shall be provided, made, or used, in pursuance of this Act, or shall counterfeit or resemble, or cause or procure to be counterfeited or resembled, the Impression of any such Stamp, upon any Vellum, Parchment, Paper, or other Material, or the Impression of the Stamp upon any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, allowed to be issued, used, or applied, under the Authority of this Act, thereby to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of the Duties by this Act charged or imposed on such Licences, every such Person so offending, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Penalty on unlicensed Persons selling Thread Lace.

XX. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and six, no Person or Persons

shall sell or expose to Sale any Thread Lace of Foreign or *British* Manufacture, unless he, she, or they, shall respectively be licensed for that Purpose in Manner before-mentioned, upon Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence, if a Dealer in Foreign Lace, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and if a Dealer in *British* Lace, the Sum of Five Pounds.

Dealers to place certain Words over Doors.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That every Person or Persons vending or exposing to Sale any Thread Lace of Foreign or *British* Manufacture, and who shall have taken out a Licence respectively as herein-before directed, shall cause the Words, "Dealer in Foreign Lace," or "Dealer in *British* Lace," as the Case may be, to be painted or written in large or legible Characters, either over the Door, or in some visible Place on the Front of his, her, or their House, Shop, or Warehouse, being the Place where he, she, or they, keep such Thread Lace for Sale; and if any such Dealer shall be a licensed Hawker and Pedlar, then he, she, or they, shall have such Words painted or written on the Cart or Boxes used for the Conveyance or Sale of such Lace; and if any Person or Persons so licensed as aforesaid, shall sell or expose to Sale any such Thread Lace, without having painted or written such Words respectively, as the Case may be, every Person so offending shall, if a Dealer in Foreign Lace, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and if a Dealer in *British* Lace, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

Commissioners of the Customs may alter Marks.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That as often as any new Regulation shall be made by any Act of Parliament respecting Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the Customs, and they are hereby authorized and required to cause an Alteration to be made in the Mark or Seal herein-before directed to be affixed to Thread Lace of Foreign Manufacture, when entered at the Custom House; and every Dealer in Lace who shall, at the Expiration of One Calendar Month after such Alteration, sell or expose to Sale, or have in his or her Possession any Thread Lace having thereon the old Mark or Seal, such Thread Lace shall and may be seized by any Officer or Officers of the Customs, or by any Constable or other Peace Officer, by any Order under the Hand of one or more of His Majesty's Justices in and for the County, Riding, City, or Place, where the same shall be found; and the Person or Persons so selling or exposing the same to Sale, shall be liable to the same Penalty as if such Thread Lace had not been marked or sealed as herein-before required: Provided always, that if any such Dealer shall within One Calendar Month after such Alteration shall have been made, bring to the Custom House any such Thread Lace, having thereon the old Mark or Seal, such Thread Lace shall without any Fee or Reward be marked or sealed with the new Mark or Seal.

Recovery and Application of Penalties above 50*l.*

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Penalties which shall be incurred under this Act, of a greater Sum than Fifty Pounds, shall be recovered, together with Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and One Moiety of every such Penalty or Forfeiture shall belong to His Majesty, His Heirs and

and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall inform or ſue for the ſame.

Penalty on Witneſſes neglecting to attend.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſummoned as a Witneſs or Witneſſes to give Evidence before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace touching any of the Matters relative to this Act, and ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpoſe appointed, without a reaſonable Excuſe for ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, to be allowed of by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace before whom any Complaint or Proſecution ſhall have been made or ſhall be depending, or appearing, ſhall neglect or refuſe to give Evidence touching the Matter in Queſtion, that then every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and paid in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Means as are herein directed as to other Penalties under Fifty Pounds, and ſhall be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the County, Riding, or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, for any Time not exceeding Two Months, nor leſs than One Month.

Recovery and Application of Penalties not exceeding 50l.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any pecuniary Penalty by this Act impoſed doth not exceed the Sum of Fifty Pounds, it ſhall be recoverable before Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Shire, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place wherein the Offence ſhall be committed, on Proof of the Offence either by voluntary Confeſſion of the Party or Parties accuſed, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes; and One Moiety of every ſuch laſt mentioned Penalty ſhall belong to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to the Informer or Informers proſecuting for the ſame; and in caſe of Nonpayment, the ſaid Juſtice by Warrant under his Hand and Seal ſhall cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, and the Overplus of the Money raiſed, after deducting the Penalty and the Expence of the Diſtreſs and Sale, ſhall be rendered to the Owner, and ſhall alſo commit the Offender to the Priſon of ſuch County, Shire, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, there to remain until the ſaid Penalties, and the reaſonable Charges of taking the ſaid Diſtreſs, ſhall be levied by ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale as aforeſaid, or until the ſame ſhall be paid or ſatisfied by ſuch Offender; and it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Juſtice of the Peace by his Warrant to cauſe ſuch Offender to be apprehended and brought before him to anſwer to any Charge or Complaint for any ſuch Penalty, and to commit ſuch Offender to Priſon as aforeſaid, until the Hearing of ſuch Charge or Complaint, unleſs he or ſhe ſhall and do enter into a Recognizance before ſuch Juſtice with Two ſufficient Sureties, in a ſufficient Sum to be ordered by ſuch Juſtice, to appear at the Hearing of ſuch Charge or Complaint.

Perſons not to be committed for longer than Three Months.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Perſon committed to any Gaol or Houſe of Correction for any Offence committed againſt this Act, ſhall be detained in ſuch Gaol or Houſe of Correction for any longer Space of Time than Three Months.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall find himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by the Judgement of any ſuch Juſtices, then he, ſhe, or they ſhall or may upon entering into a Recognizance, with Two ſufficient Sureties to be approved by ſuch Juſtice, to the Amount of the Value of ſuch Penalty and Forfeiture, together with a Sum which in the Judgement of ſuch Juſtices ſhall be adequate to the Amount of the Coſts which may be awarded, conditioned to pay the Amount of ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, and Coſts as ſhall be adjudged in caſe ſuch Judgement ſhall be affirmed, appeal to the Juſtices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Seſſions for the County, Riding, or Place, who are hereby empowered to ſummon and examine Witneſſes upon Oath, and finally to hear and determine the ſame, or at their Diſcretion to ſtate the Facts ſpecially for the Determination of His Majeſty's Court of King's Bench thereon; and in caſe the Judgement of ſuch Juſtices ſhall be affirmed, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices, or the Court of King's Bench, to award the Perſon or Perſons to pay ſuch Coſts, occaſioned by ſuch Appeal, as to them ſhall ſeem meet. Appeal allowed.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following, *mutatis mutandis*, as the Caſe ſhall happen to be, ſhall be good and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, without ſtating the Evidence and without alledging more than the Subſtance of the Offence, in all Caſes wherein any Juſtices of the Peace hath Power to convict by virtue of the preſent Act: Conviction in Form following to be good;

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord at in the County of *A. B.* came before us *C. D.* and *I. K.* Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, reſiding near the Place where the Offence herein-after mentioned was committed, and informed us that *E. F.* of in the ſaid County of [*here ſet forth the Fact for which the Information is laid*]; whereupon the ſaid *E. F.* being duly ſummoned to anſwer the ſaid Charge, appeared before us, and, having heard the Charge contained in the ſaid Information, acknowledged and voluntarily confeſſed the Facts therein ſtated to be true; but in his [*or*, her] Defence alledged [*here ſetting forth the Subſtance of the Defence*] *or*, voluntarily confeſſed the ſaid Charge to be true, *or*, did not make any Defence againſt the ſaid Charge, whereupon the ſame was fully proved on the Oath of *G. H.* a credible Witneſs; *or*, ſaid that he [*or*, ſhe] was not guilty of the ſaid Offence, whereupon the ſame was fully proved on the Oath of *G. H.* a credible Witneſs, [*or*, *as the Caſe ſhall be*]; *or*, did not appear before us purſuant to the ſaid Summons, but the ſaid Charge was fully proved on the Oath of *G. H.* a credible Witneſs [*or*, *as the Caſe ſhall be*]; and therefore it manifeſtly appearing to us, that the ſaid *E. F.* is guilty of the Offence charged in the ſaid Information, we do hereby convict him [*or*, her] of the ſaid Offence, and do adjudge that he [*or*, ſhe] hath forfeited the Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be diſtributed as the Law directs, according to the Form of the Statute in ſuch Caſe made and provided. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day of Form.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Conviction upon this Act ſhall be removed or removeable by Writ of *Certiorari*, or otherwiſe, into His Conviction not to be removed by Certiorari.

His Majeſty's Court of King's Bench, or any other Court, ſave upon an Appeal as by this Act is directed.

General Iſſue may be pleaded.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time or Times be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted for any Thing by him or them done or executed in purſuance of this Act, or of any Clauſe, Matter, or Thing herein contained, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give the ſpecial Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon the Trial a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, or Judgement ſhall be recovered againſt him or them upon Demurrer, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action, or be nonproſſed therein, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him or them againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

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