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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

C A P. XVII.

An Act for the more effectual Suppression of the *African* Slave Trade. [31st *March* 1824.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further Provision for the Suppression of the *African* Slave Trade, by enacting that Persons committing the Offences herein-after specified shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Piracy; 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 if any Subject or Subjects of His Majesty, or any Person or Persons residing or being within any of the Dominions, Forts, Settlements, Factories or Territories, now or hereafter belonging to His Majesty, or being in His Majesty's Occupation or Possession, or under the Government of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, shall, except in such Cases as are in and by the Laws now in force permitted, after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, upon the High Seas, or in any Haven, River, Creek, or Place, where the Admiral has Jurisdiction, knowingly and wilfully carry away, convey, or remove, or aid or assist in carrying away, conveying, or removing, any Person or Persons as a Slave or Slaves, or for the Purpose of his, her, or their being imported or brought as a Slave or Slaves into any Island, Colony, Country, Territory, or Place whatsoever, or for the Purpose of his, her, or their being sold, transferred, used or dealt with as a Slave or Slaves; or shall, after the said First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, except in such Cases as are in and by the Laws now in force permitted, upon the High

Dealing in Slaves, on the High Seas, &c. to be deemed Piracy.

Seas,

Seas, or within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, knowingly and wilfully ship, embark, receive, detain, or confine, or assist in shipping, embarking, receiving, detaining, or confining, on board any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, any Person or Persons, for the Purpose of his, her, or their being carried away, conveyed, or removed as a Slave or Slaves, or for the Purpose of his, her, or their being imported or brought as a Slave or Slaves into any Island, Colony, Country, Territory, or Place whatsoever, or for the Purpose of his, her, or their being sold, transferred, used, or dealt with as a Slave or Slaves, then and in every such Case the Person or Persons so offending shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of Piracy, Felony, and Robbery, and being convicted thereof shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy, and Loss of Lands, Goods, and Chattels, as Pirates, Felons, and Robbers upon the Seas ought to suffer.

Acts relating to Slave Trade not to be affected.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained, making and declaring the aforesaid Offences to be Piracies, Felonies, and Robberies, shall be construed to repeal, annul, or alter the Provisions and Enactments in any other Act or Acts contained, imposing Forfeitures and Penalties, or either of them, upon the same Offences, or to repeal, annul, or alter the Remedies given for the Recovery thereof; but that the said Provisions and Remedies shall in all respects be deemed and taken to be and remain in full force, as they existed immediately before the passing of this Act: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal, annul, or alter any of the Enactments or Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Fifty-first Year of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for rendering more effectual an Act made in the Forty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade;"* except so far as such Enactments or Provisions are altered or varied by this Act; but that the said Act shall in all other respects remain in full force and effect.

51 G. 3. c. 23.

Mode of trying Offences.

III. And be it further enacted and declared, That all and every the Offences herein-before specified shall and may be enquired of, either according to the ordinary Course of Law, and the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act for Pirates*, or according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the more speedy Trial of Offences committed in distant Parts upon the High Seas.*

28 H. 8. c. 15.

46 G. 3. c. 54.

Act may be altered this Session.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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