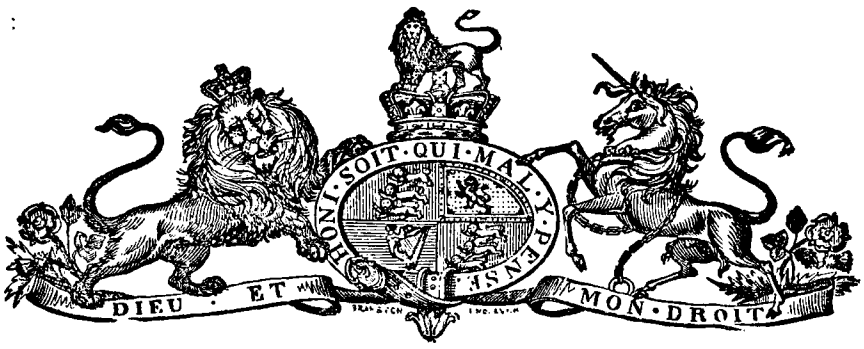


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CAP. XIV.

An Act to amend the Laws for the Importation of Corn. [29th *April* 1842.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Importation of Corn:* And whereas it is expedient that the said Act should be repealed, and that new Provisions should be made in lieu thereof; be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of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this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed: Provided nevertheless, that all Acts or Parts of Acts which by virtue of the above-recited Act were repealed shall still be deemed and taken to be and remain repealed. 9 G. 4. c. 60. Recited Act repealed.

II. And whereas it is expedient that Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour, the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of any Foreign Country, or of any *British* Possession out of *Europe*, should be allowed to be imported into the United Kingdom for Consumption, upon Corn, &c. may be imported from Foreign Countries, and from

the British Possessions out of Europe, on Payment of the Duties specified in the Table to this Act.

upon the Payment of Duties to be regulated from Time to Time according to the average Price of *British* Corn made up and published in manner herein-after required; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act there shall be levied and paid to Her Majesty, upon all Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour entered for Home Consumption in the United Kingdom from Parts beyond the Seas, the several Duties specified and set forth in the Table annexed to this Act; and that the said Duties shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid in such and the same Manner in all respects as the several Duties of Customs mentioned and enumerated in the Table of Duties of Customs Inwards annexed to an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for granting Duties of Customs*, herein-after referred to as the Customs Duties Act, and by virtue and in pursuance of the several Powers and Provisions in that Act contained, and in the Acts amending the same, and not otherwise.

3 & 4 W. 4. c. 56.

Repeal of 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 13. imposing the same Duties on the Importation of Foreign Corn into the Isle of Man as into the United Kingdom, under 9 G. 4. c. 60.

III. And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Importation of Corn into the* Isle of Man, it was enacted, that it should not be lawful to import into the *Isle of Man* any Foreign Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, except upon Payment of the same Duties as were by the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth made payable on the Importation into the United Kingdom of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, which Duties were by the said Act now in recital directed to be ascertained, levied, and paid as therein is mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that the Duties payable on Foreign Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour imported into the *Isle of Man* should be the same as those payable on the Importation of Foreign Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour into the United Kingdom, and that for this Purpose the said recited Act for regulating the Importation of Corn into the *Isle of Man* should be repealed, and such Provision should be made in that Behalf as herein-after is contained; be it therefore enacted, That the said recited Act regulating the Importation of Corn into the *Isle of Man* shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and that from and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful to import into the *Isle of Man* any Foreign Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, except upon Payment of the same Duties as are by this Act made payable upon Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour imported from any Foreign Country, and entered for Home Consumption in the United Kingdom; and such Duties shall be levied, collected, and paid in such and the same Manner as if the same had been imposed by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for regulating the Trade with the* Isle of Man.

Foreign Corn imported into the Isle of Man to pay the same Duties as are imposed by this Act on Foreign Corn importedinto the United Kingdom.

3 & 4 W. 4. c. 60.

Actions, &c. for Breach of Provisions of Acts hereby repealed,

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions now depending or hereafter to be brought, for or by reason of any Breach or Non-performance of any of the Provisions of the said Acts hereby repealed, or either of them, or for the Recovery of

of any Duties or Sums of Money payable under or by virtue of the same Acts or either of them, shall and may be proceeded with as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if this present Act had not been made.

or for Duties payable under them, may be proceeded with.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour shall be shipped from any Port in any *British* Possession out of *Europe* as being the Produce of any such Possession until the Owner or Proprietor or Shipper thereof shall have made and subscribed, before the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Shipment, a Declaration in Writing, specifying the Quantity of each Sort of such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, and that the same was the Produce of some *British* Possession out of *Europe* to be named in such Declaration, nor until such Owner or Proprietor or Shipper shall have obtained from the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs of the said Port a Certificate, under his Signature, of the Quantity of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour so declared to be shipped; and before any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour shall be entered at any Port or Place in the United Kingdom as being the Produce of any *British* Possession out of *Europe* the Master of the Ship importing the same shall produce and deliver to the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs of the Port or Place of Importation a Copy of such Declaration, certified to be a true and accurate Copy thereof, under the Hand of the Collector and other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Shipment before whom the same was made, together with the Certificate, signed by the said Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs, of the Quantity of Corn so declared to be shipped; and such Master shall also make and subscribe, before the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port or Place of Importation, a Declaration in Writing, that the several Quantities of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour on board such Ship, and proposed to be entered under the Authority of such Declaration, are the same that were mentioned and referred to in the Declaration and Certificate produced by him, without any Admixture or Addition; and if any Person shall in any such Declaration wilfully and corruptly make any false Statement respecting the Place of which any such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour was the Produce, or respecting the Identity of any such Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour, such Person shall forfeit and become liable to pay to Her Majesty the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and the Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour to such Person belonging on board any such Ship shall also be forfeited; and such Forfeiture shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and applied in such and the same Manner in all respects as any Forfeiture incurred under and by virtue of the said Customs Duties Act.

Regulations to be observed on shipping Corn from any British Possession out of Europe.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful to import from Parts beyond the Seas into the United Kingdom, for Consumption there, any Malt, or any Corn ground, except Wheat Meal, Wheat Flour, and Oatmeal; and that if any such Article as aforesaid shall be imported contrary to this Provision the same shall be forfeited; and such Forfeitures shall and may be sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and applied in such and the same Manner in

Prohibition of Importation of Malt.

in all respects as any Forfeiture incurred under and by virtue of the said Customs Duties Act.

Accounts of Corn imported, of Corn upon which Duty is paid, of the Rates of Duty, and of Corn in Warehouse, to be published monthly.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs shall once in each Calendar Month cause to be published in the *London Gazette* an Account of the total Quantity of each Sort of the Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively, which shall have been imported into the United Kingdom, and also an Account of the total Quantity of each Sort of the Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively upon which the Duties of Importation shall have been paid in the United Kingdom during the Calendar Month next preceding, and of the several Rates of Duty which shall from Time to Time during such Month have been payable upon each Sort of Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively, together with an Account of the total Quantity of each Sort of the said Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour respectively remaining in Warehouse at the End of such next preceding Calendar Month.

If any Foreign State shall subject British Vessels, Goods, &c. to any higher Duties or Charges than are levied on the Vessels of other Countries, &c. Her Majesty may prohibit the Importation of Corn from such State.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if it shall be made to appear to Her Majesty in Council that any Foreign State or Power hath subjected *British* Vessels at any Port within the Dominions of such State or Power to any other or higher Duties or Charges whatever than are levied on national Vessels at any such Port, or hath subjected at any such Port Goods the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any of Her Majesty's Dominions, when imported from any of such Dominions in *British* Vessels, to any other or higher Duties or Charges whatever than are levied on such or the like Goods, of whatever Growth, Produce, or Manufacture, when so imported in national Vessels, or hath subjected, at any Port or Place within the Dominions of such Foreign State or Power, any Article of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of Her Majesty's Dominions, when imported from any of such Dominions in *British* Vessels or in national Vessels, to any Duties or Charges which would not be payable on the like Article being of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any other Country, and imported from such other Country in national Vessels; or that any such Foreign State or Power hath granted any Bounties, Drawbacks, or Allowances upon the Exportation from any Port or Place within the Dominions thereof of any Articles the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of the Dominions of any other Foreign State or Power, which hath not also been granted upon the Exportation from such Port or Place of such or the like Articles being the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of Her Majesty's Dominions; then and in any of the Cases aforesaid it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by Her made, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to prohibit the Importation of all or of any Sort of Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour from the Dominions of any such Foreign State or Power; and it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty from Time to Time, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to revoke and to renew any such Orders or Order as aforesaid, as there shall be Occasion.

Weekly Returns of Purchases and

IX. And whereas it is necessary, for regulating the Amount of such Duties, that effectual Provision should be made for ascertaining from

Time to Time the average Prices of *British* Corn; be it therefore enacted, That weekly Returns of the Purchases and Sales of *British* Corn shall be made, collected, and transmitted, in the Manner hereinafter directed, in and from the Cities and Towns named in the Schedule of Cities and Towns annexed to this Act.

Sales of Corn to be made in the Places herein mentioned.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to appoint a fit and proper Person to be Comptroller of Corn Returns, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, and to grant to such Comptroller of Corn Returns such Salary and Allowances as to Her Majesty shall seem meet: Provided always, that such Person shall be appointed to and shall hold such his Office during Her Majesty's Pleasure, and not otherwise, and shall at all Times conform to and obey such lawful Instructions touching the Execution of the Duties of such his Office as shall from Time to Time be given to him by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council appointed for the Consideration of all Matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations.

Power of appointing a Comptroller of Corn Returns.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall at all Times execute the Duties of such his Office in Person, and not by Deputy; but that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to appoint a fit and proper Person who shall act as Deputy Comptroller of Corn Returns in case of the Sickness or other Incapacity of the said Comptroller, or in case he the said Comptroller should, with the Permission of the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council, be absent from the Duties of such his Office; and all and every the Powers hereby vested in the said Comptroller of Corn Returns, and all and every the Acts, Matters, and Things hereby directed to be done and performed by him, shall be vested in and shall and may be done and performed by any such Deputy as aforesaid, during the Continuance of any such Sickness, Incapacity, or Absence as aforesaid of the said Comptroller of Corn Returns; and such Deputy shall hold such his Office during Her Majesty's Pleasure, and not otherwise, and shall receive and be paid such Salary and Allowances as to Her Majesty shall seem meet.

Comptroller to execute his Office in Person.

A Deputy may be appointed to act in certain Cases.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, at a Court to be holden for that Purpose, and they, or the Majority of them present at such Court, are hereby authorized and required, to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to be Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*; and it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen, from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, upon any Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty of any such Inspector, to remove him from such his Office, by any Order to be by them made at a Court to be specially convened and holden for that Purpose; and upon the Death, Resignation, permanent Incapacity, or Removal of any such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen, at a Court to be holden for that Purpose, and they, or a Majority of them present at any such Court, are hereby authorized and required to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to succeed to the said Office.

Lord Mayor, &c. to appoint an Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of London.

Said Inspector to execute his Office in Person.

A Deputy may be appointed to act in certain Cases.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* shall at all Times execute the Duties of such his Office in Person, and not by Deputy; but that in case of the Sickness or other temporary Incapacity of the said Inspector it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London* to appoint some fit and proper Person to act as the Deputy of the said Inspector during the Continuance of any such Sickness or Incapacity as aforesaid of that Officer, and no longer; and all and every the Powers hereby vested in the said Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, and all and every the Acts, Matters, and Things hereby directed to be done and performed by him, shall and may be vested in and be done and performed by any such Deputy as aforesaid during the Continuance of such his Appointment.

Chancellors of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to appoint and remove Inspectors of Corn Returns for the said City and Town.

XIV. And whereas it is expedient that the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively should, as heretofore, be appointed and removed by the Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars of the respective Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and should perform, as heretofore, the Duties of their respective Offices, and that the Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars of the said respective Universities should have Power to suspend such Inspectors respectively as herein-after is mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That the Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars of the Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge* respectively shall and they are hereby respectively authorized and required to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to be the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, and it shall be lawful for the said Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars respectively, from Time to Time as Occasion may require, upon any Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty of any such Inspector, or for any other good and sufficient Cause to them respectively appearing, to remove or suspend any such Inspector from his Office; and upon the Death, Resignation, Removal, or Suspension of any such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* or Town of *Cambridge* it shall be lawful for the said respective Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars, and they are hereby authorized and required, respectively to nominate and appoint some fit and proper Person to succeed to the said Office vacant by such Death, Resignation, or Removal, or to hold the same during the Continuance of such Suspension (as the Case may be).

No Person dealing in Corn, Flour, or Malt to be appointed Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Corn Returns for the Cities of London or Oxford or Town of Cambridge.

XV. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be eligible or shall be appointed to the Office of Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or to the Office of Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* or the Town of *Cambridge*, who, within Six Months next preceding the Time of any such Appointment, shall have been engaged in Trade or Business as a Miller, Maltster, or Corn Factor, or who during that Period shall, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, have bought Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof; and if any Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or any Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* or the Town of *Cambridge*, shall, during his Continuance in such his Office, engage in Trade or Business as a Miller, Maltster, or Corn Factor,

Factor, or shall, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, buy Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof, he shall in manner aforesaid be removed from such his Office, and from and after the Time of such Removal shall become incapable of acting as Inspector of Corn Returns under this Act.

Appointments of Inspectors for London, Oxford, and Cambridge to be enrolled.

XVI. And be it enacted, That every Nomination and Appointment so to be made as aforesaid of any Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or of any Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* or the Town of *Cambridge*, shall be enrolled at the next Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for such City or Town; and the said Enrolment, or a Copy thereof, certified under the Hand of the Clerk of the Peace for the said City of *London*, or under the Hand of the Town Clerk of the said City of *Oxford*, or of the Town Clerk of the said Town of *Cambridge*, as the Case may be, to be a true Copy, shall, for all Intents and Purposes, be and be deemed and taken to be good and conclusive Evidence of any such Appointment as aforesaid having been duly made.

Dealers in Corn in and near London to deliver in a Declaration to the Lord Mayor, &c.

XVII. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall carry on Trade or Business in the City of *London*, or within Five Miles from the Royal Exchange in the said City, as a Corn Factor, or as an Agent employed in the Sale of *British* Corn, and every Person who shall sell any *British* Corn within the present Corn Exchange in *Mark Lane* in the said City, or within any other Building or Place which now is or may hereafter be used within the City of *London*, or within Five Miles from the Royal Exchange in the said City, for such and the like Purposes for which the said Corn Exchange in *Mark Lane* hath been and is used, shall, before he or they shall carry on such Trade or Business, or sell any Corn in manner aforesaid, make and deliver to the Lord Mayor or One of the Aldermen of the City of *London* a Declaration in the following Words; (that is to say,)

Form of Declaration.

'I *A.B.* do declare, That the Returns to be by me made, conformably to an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], of the Quantities and Prices of *British* Corn which henceforth shall be by or for me sold or delivered, shall, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the Corn *bonâ fide* sold and delivered by or for me within the Periods to which such Returns respectively shall refer, with the Prices of such Corn, and the Names of the Buyers respectively, and of the Persons for whom such Corn shall have been sold by me respectively, and to the best of my Judgment the said Return shall in all respects be conformable to the Provisions of the said Act.'

Which Declaration shall be in Writing, and shall be subscribed with the Hand of the Person so making the same; and the Lord Mayor or such Alderman as aforesaid of the City of *London* for the Time being shall and he is hereby required to deliver a Certificate thereof, under his Hand, to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, to be by him registered in a Book to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose.

XVIII. And

Dealers in Corn to make Returns to Corn Inspector.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That every such Corn Factor and other Person as aforesaid who is herein-before required to make and who shall have made such Declaration as aforesaid shall and he or she is hereby required to return or cause to be returned, on *Wednesday* in each and every Week, to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, an Account in Writing, signed with his or her own Name, or the Name of his or her Agent duly authorized in that Behalf, of the Quantities of each respective Sort of *British* Corn by him or her sold during the Week ending on and including the next preceding *Tuesday*, with the Prices thereof, and the Amount of every Parcel, with the total Quantity and Value of each Sort of Corn, and by what Measure or Weight the same was sold, and the Names of the Buyers thereof, and of the Persons for and on behalf of whom such Corn was sold; and it shall be lawful for any such Inspector of Corn Returns to deliver to any Person making or tendering any such Returns a Notice in Writing requiring him or her to declare and set forth therein where and by whom and in what Manner any such *British* Corn was delivered to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; and every Person to whom any such Notice shall be so delivered shall and he or she is hereby required to comply therewith, and to declare and set forth in such his or her Return, or in a separate Statement in Writing, the several Particulars aforesaid.

The present Comptroller, Deputy Comptroller, and Inspectors of Corn Returns for London, Oxford, and Cambridge to continue in Office.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller of Corn Returns, and the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, who at or immediately before the passing of this Act shall respectively hold such Offices or Appointments under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, shall and they are hereby authorized and required respectively, without further Appointment, to hold and forthwith to act in such their Offices or Appointments under and by virtue of this present Act, and to discharge the several Duties of and belonging to such their former Offices or Appointments, in such and the same Manner, and as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if they had been respectively appointed to such their Offices or Appointments as aforesaid under and by virtue of this present Act; and each and every Inspector of Corn Returns for any City or Town, other than the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, who at or immediately before the passing of this Act shall hold such Office or Appointment under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, shall and they are hereby respectively authorized to continue to hold their respective Offices or Appointments until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next after the passing of this Act, and are hereby authorized and required to perform the several Duties herein-after assigned to them: Provided nevertheless, that, except so far as respects the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, and such other Inspectors of Corn Returns as shall be continued in Office by virtue of the Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, as herein-after is provided, the Office or Appointment of

The Appointments of the other Inspectors of Returns to cease on the 24th Day of June next after the passing of this Act.

every Inspector of Corn Returns, who at or immediately before the passing of this Act shall hold such Office or Appointment, shall on the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next after the passing of this Act cease and determine.

In other Cities and Towns than London, Oxford, and Cambridge, Officers of Excise to act as Corn Inspectors, and attend at Places appointed.

XX. And be it enacted, That in the several Cities and Towns enumerated in the said Schedule hereunto annexed, except the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, and except the Cities or Towns in which the Inspectors of Corn Returns, appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, shall for the Time being continue to hold their respective Offices under the Provisions of this Act, the Duties of Inspector of Corn Returns shall be performed as herein-after is mentioned by the Officers of Excise, under the Orders and Directions of the Commissioners of Excise; and in order thereto, the Commissioners of Excise shall cause a fit and convenient Place to be appointed, such Place to be varied from Time to Time as the said Commissioners may see Occasion, at which the Accounts by this Act required to be returned by Persons purchasing Corn within such Cities and Towns respectively shall be delivered, and shall cause an Officer of Excise to attend at such Place on the Days on which such Accounts are required to be returned, for the Purpose of receiving the same; and every Officer of Excise attending at such Place and receiving such Returns shall be deemed and taken to be an Inspector of Corn Returns under the Provisions of this Act.

Commissioners of Excise to make known the Place to be appointed for delivering Returns of Corn purchased.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Excise shall, as soon as such Place for receiving such Returns shall have been fixed and appointed in any such City or Town as aforesaid, cause the same to be made known by Advertisement in the *London Gazette* and in some Newspaper circulating within the City or Town, and shall also cause a Board to be affixed in the Market House, or, if there shall be no Market House, in some conspicuous Place near to the Place where the Corn Market is usually held in such City or Town, setting forth the Place at which such Accounts of Corn bought within the City or Town are to be delivered; and any Person who shall wilfully and maliciously remove, deface, obliterate, or injure any such Board, or the Writing thereon, or any Part thereof, shall for each such his Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Inspectors of Corn Returns may continue to hold their Offices by Warrant of the Commissioners of the Treasury.

XXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, by any Warrant or Warrants under the Hands of them or any Three or more of them, to be signed before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next after the passing of this Act, to order and direct that the Person who at or immediately before the Time of the passing of this Act shall hold the Office of Inspector of Corn Returns in any City or Town named in such Order, other than the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, shall continue to hold such Office, and such Person shall

accordingly be Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town under this Act, until he shall die or resign, or until the Determination of his Office or Appointment as herein-after is mentioned, and shall, as respects the City or Town for which he is so continued as Inspector, perform, under the Orders and Directions of the Commissioners of Excise, the Duties assigned to him by this Act; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, by any Warrant under the Hands of them, or any Three or more of them, to direct that, at any Time to be named in such Warrant, the Office or Appointment of any such Inspector of Corn Returns, so continued in Office by any such previous Warrant as aforesaid, shall cease and determine, and the Office or Appointment of such Inspector shall cease and determine accordingly; and in case of the Death, Resignation, or Determination of Office of any such Inspector of Corn Returns so continued in Office in any City or Town by such previous Warrant as aforesaid, the Duties of Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town shall thenceforth be performed by the Officers of Excise, as herein-before is mentioned.

Dealers in Corn in Cities and Towns to make Declaration.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall deal in *British* Corn at or within any City or Town named in the said Schedule hereunto annexed, other than the City of *London*, or who shall at or within any such City or Town engage in or carry on the Trade or Business of a Corn Factor, Miller, Maltster, Brewer, or Distiller, or who shall be the Owner or Proprietor, or Part Owner or Proprietor, of any Stage Coaches, Waggons, Carts, or other Carriages carrying Goods or Passengers for Hire to and from any such City or Town, and each and every Person who, as a Merchant, Clerk, Agent, or otherwise, shall purchase at any such City or Town any *British* Corn for Sale, or for the Sale of Meal, Flour, Malt, or Bread made or to be made thereof, shall, before he or she shall so deal in *British* Corn at any such City or Town, or shall engage in or carry on any such Trade or Business as aforesaid, or shall purchase any *British* Corn for any such Purpose as aforesaid, at or within any such City or Town, make and deliver, in manner herein-after mentioned, a Declaration in the following Words; (that is to say,)

Form of Declaration.

'I *A.B.* do declare, That the Returns to be by me made, conformably to the Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], of the Quantities and Prices of *British* Corn which hencefforward shall by or for me be bought, shall, to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, contain the whole Quantity, and no more, of the *British* Corn *bonâ fide* bought for or by me within the Periods to which such Returns respectively shall refer, with the Prices of such Corn, and the Names of the Sellers respectively, and to the best of my Judgment the said Returns shall in all respects be conformable to the Provisions of the said Act.'

Declaration to be delivered to the Mayor, &c., who shall give a Cer-

Which Declaration shall be in Writing, and shall be subscribed with the Hand of the Person so making the same, and shall by him or her, or by his or her Agent, be delivered to the Mayor or Chief Magistrate or to some Justice of the Peace for such City or Town, or for the County, Riding, or Division in which the same is situate, who

to comply therewith, and to declare and set forth in such his or her Return, or in a separate Statement in Writing, the several Particulars aforesaid.

Inspectors to enter Returns made to them in a Book; and transmit to the Comptroller weekly an Account of the Quantities and Prices of Corn sold.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, and every Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns for the several other Cities and Towns aforesaid, and every such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns for any of such other Cities or Towns as aforesaid, shall duly and regularly enter in a Book, to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose, the several Accounts of the Quantities and Prices of Corn returned to him by such Persons respectively as aforesaid; and every such Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, and every Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns, and every such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid, for any of the several other Cities and Towns enumerated in the said Schedule, shall in each and every Week return to the Comptroller of Corn Returns an Account of the weekly Quantities and Prices of the several Sorts of *British* Corn sold in the City of *London*, or in the City or Town for which he shall be or act as Inspector, according to the Returns so made to him as aforesaid, and in such Form as shall be from Time to Time prescribed and directed by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns; and the said Returns shall be so made to the said Comptroller by the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* on *Friday* in each Week, and by the respective Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge*, and by the respective Officers of Excise acting as Inspectors of Corn Returns, and by the respective continuing Inspectors of Corn Returns, for the several other Cities and Towns aforesaid, within Three Days next after the First Market Day holden in each and every Week in any such City or Town.

Inspectors not to include Returns until they have ascertained that the Persons making them have taken the Declaration required.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That no Inspector of Corn Returns in the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, or the Town of *Cambridge*, nor any Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns in any other of the Cities or Towns aforesaid, nor any such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns in any of such other Cities or Towns as aforesaid, shall include in the Return so to be made by them as aforesaid to the Comptroller of Corn Returns any Account of Sales or Purchases of Corn, unless such Inspector or Officer shall have received satisfactory Proof that the Person tendering such Account hath made the Declaration herein-before required, and hath delivered the same to the Lord Mayor or an Alderman of the City of *London*, Mayor or Chief Magistrate or to some Justice of the Peace of the City or Town for which such Officer or Inspector shall be acting as Inspector of Corn Returns, or to some Justice of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Division in which such City or Town is situate, or that such Person hath previously to the passing of this Act made and duly delivered the Declaration required of him by the said recited Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth.

XXVIII. And

are hereby required to deliver a Certificate thereof to the Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town as aforesaid, or to such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid for such City or Town (as the Case may be), to be by such Officer or Inspector registered in a Book to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose.

tificate thereof to the Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, and for any Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns in any such other City or Town as aforesaid, or for any continuing Inspector of Corn Returns in any such other City or Town as aforesaid, to serve upon and deliver to any Person buying or selling Corn in any such City or Town, and who is not within the Terms and Meaning of this present Act specially required to make any such Declaration as aforesaid, a Notice in Writing under the Hand of such Inspector or Officer, requiring him to make such Declaration as aforesaid; and every such Person upon whom such Notice shall be served as aforesaid shall and he is hereby required to comply with such Notice, and to make such Declaration, in such and the same Manner in all respects as if he or she had been specially required to make the same by the express Provisions of this present Act.

Inspectors of Corn Returns empowered to require such Declaration from Corn Dealers.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all Persons who are herein-before required to make and who shall have made such Declaration as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby required, on the first Market Day which shall be holden in each and every Week within each and every City or Town named in the said Schedule hereunto annexed, except the City of *London*, at or within which they shall respectively deal in Corn, or engage in or carry on any such Trade or Business as aforesaid, or purchase any Corn for any such Purpose as aforesaid, to return or cause to be returned to the Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town, at the Place appointed for receiving such Returns, or to the continuing Inspector of Corn Returns for such City or Town, or to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* or the Town of *Cambridge*, (as the Case may be,) an Account in Writing, signed with their Names respectively, of the Amount of each and every Parcel of each respective Sort of *British* Corn so by them respectively bought during the Week ending on and including the Day next preceding such First Market Day as aforesaid, with the Price thereof, and by what Weight or Measure the same was so bought by them, with the Names of the Sellers of each of the said Parcels respectively, with the Names of the Person or Persons, if any, other than the Person making such Return, for or on account of whom the same was so bought and sold; and it shall be lawful for any such Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns, or any such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid, to deliver to any Person making or tendering any such Return a Notice in Writing requiring him or her to declare and set forth where and by whom and in what Manner any such *British* Corn was delivered to him or her; and every Person to whom any such Notice shall be so delivered shall and he or she is hereby required to

Corn Dealers to make Returns in Writing to Inspectors of the Corn bought by them.

Average Prices to be made up and published every Week.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That the average Prices of all *British* Corn, by which the Rate and Amount of the said Duties shall be regulated, shall be made up and computed on *Thursday* in each and every Week, in manner following; (that is to say,) the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall on such *Thursday* in each Week, from such Returns as shall be received by him during the Week next preceding, ending on and including the *Saturday* in such preceding Week, add together the total Quantities of each Sort of *British* Corn respectively appearing by such Returns to have been sold, and the total Prices for which the same shall thereby appear to have been sold, and shall divide the Amount of such total Prices respectively by the Amount of such total Quantities of each Sort of *British* Corn respectively, and the Sum produced thereby shall be added to the Sums in like Manner produced in the Five Weeks immediately preceding the same, and the Amount of such Sums so added shall be divided by Six, and the Sum thereby given shall be deemed and taken to be the aggregate average Price of each such Sort of *British* Corn respectively, for the Purpose of regulating and ascertaining the Rate and Amount of the said Duties; and the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall cause such aggregate weekly Averages to be published in the next succeeding Gazette, and shall on *Thursday* in each Week transmit a Certificate of such aggregate average Prices of each Sort of *British* Corn to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs at each of the several Ports of the United Kingdom, and to the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs at the Port of *Douglas* in the *Isle of Man;* and the Rate and Amount of the Duties to be paid under the Provisions of this Act shall from Time to Time be regulated and governed at each of the Ports of the United Kingdom respectively by the aggregate average Prices of *British* Corn at the Time of the Entry for Home Consumption of any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour chargeable with any such Duty, as such aggregate average Prices shall appear and be stated in the last of such Certificates as aforesaid, which shall have been received as aforesaid by the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at such Port; and the Rate and Amount of the Duties to be paid under the Provisions of this Act shall from Time to Time be regulated and governed in the *Isle of Man* by the aggregate average Prices of *British* Corn at the Time of the Importation into the *Isle of Man* of any Corn, Grain, Meal, or Flour chargeable with any such Duty, as such aggregate average Prices shall appear and be stated in the last of such Certificates as aforesaid which shall have been received as aforesaid by the Collector or other Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of *Douglas*.

Certificate of Averages to be transmitted to the Chief Officers of Customs.

Rate and Amount of Duties, how to be regulated.

How Quantities of Corn are to be computed.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in the Returns so to be made as aforesaid to the Comptroller of Corn Returns, and in the Publications so to be made from Time to Time in the *London Gazette*, and in the Certificate so to be transmitted by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns to such Collectors or other Chief Officers of the Customs as aforesaid, the Quantities of each Sort of *British* Corn respectively shall be computed and set forth by, according, and with reference to the Imperial Standard Gallon, as the same is declared and established by a certain Act passed in the Fifth Year of

5 G. 4. c. 74. 6 G. 4. c. 12. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 63.

His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures*, as the said Act is amended or altered by a certain other Act passed in the Sixth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to prolong the Time of the Commencement of an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures; and to amend the said Act*, and by a certain other Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the Fourth and Fifth Year of His present Majesty, relating to Weights and Measures; and to make other Provisions instead thereof.*

Until sufficient Number of Returns are made, Comptroller may use the present Averages.

XXX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That until a sufficient Number of weekly Returns shall have been received by the said Comptroller of Corn Returns under this Act to afford such aggregate average Prices of *British* Corn as aforesaid, the weekly average Prices of *British* Corn published by him immediately before the passing of this Act shall by him be used and referred to in making such Calculations as aforesaid, in such and the same Manner as if the same had been made up and taken under and in pursuance of this Act.

What shall be deemed British Corn.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Corn or Grain the Produce of the United Kingdom shall be deemed and taken to be *British* Corn for the Purposes of this Act.

If any Corn Return is believed fraudulent, the same may be omitted in the Computation.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall at any Time see Cause to believe that any Return made to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, or the Town of *Cambridge*, or to any Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns, or any such continuing Inspector as aforesaid, for any other City or Town as aforesaid, is fraudulent or untrue, the said Comptroller shall and he is hereby required with all convenient Expedition to lay before the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council a Statement of the Grounds of such his Belief; and if upon Consideration of any such Statement the said Lords of the said Committee shall direct the said Comptroller to omit any such Return in the Computation of such aggregate weekly average Price as aforesaid, then and in that Case, but not otherwise, the said Comptroller of Corn Returns shall be and he is hereby authorized to omit any such Return in the Computation of such aggregate weekly average Price.

Corn Dealers having made the Declaration previous to this Act shall transmit Returns, and comply with the Rules hereby required.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That any Corn Factor, Dealer, or other Person who at or previously to the Time when this present Act shall come into operation shall have made the Declaration required of him in and by the said Act so passed as aforesaid in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, shall and he or she is hereby required forthwith to make all such Returns to the Inspectors for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, and to the respective Officers of Excise acting

as Inspectors of Corn Returns in the several other Cities and Towns aforesaid, at the respective Places appointed for receiving such Returns as aforesaid, or to such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid in any such other Cities or Towns, (as the Case may be,) and to perform and do all such Acts, Matters, and Things, and to comply with and observe all such Rules and Regulations, as are hereby required or directed of or in regard to Persons who have made any Declaration required of them in and by the present Act, although he or she may not have actually made such last-mentioned Declaration.

Comptroller to issue Directions respecting Inspection of Books of Inspectors.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That the Comptroller of Corn Returns shall and he is hereby authorized from Time to Time, in pursuance of any Instructions which he shall receive in that Behalf from the Lords of the said Committee of Privy Council, to issue to the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, any general or special Directions respecting the Inspection by any Person or Persons of the Books so directed as aforesaid to be kept by such Inspector of Corn Returns; and no such Inspectors for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, or the Town of *Cambridge* shall permit or suffer any Person to inspect any such Book, or to peruse or transcribe any Entry therein, except in compliance with some such general or special Directions from the said Comptroller of Corn Returns.

Inspectors not to permit Books to be perused without such Directions.

Copy of the last Return to be affixed on Market Place on each Market Day.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, and each and every Officer of Excise acting as Inspector of Corn Returns, and each and every such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid for any City or Town other than the City of *London*, shall and he is hereby required, on each and every Market Day, to put up or cause to be put up in the Market Place of the City or Town for which he shall act as Inspector, or if there shall be no Market Place in such City or Town then in some other conspicuous Place therein near to where the Corn Market is usually held, a Copy of the last Return made by him to the Comptroller of Corn Returns, omitting the Names of the Parties who may have sold and bought the said Corn; and every such Officer or Inspector shall also again put up such Account on the Market Day immediately following that on which it shall first have been put up, in case the same shall from Accident or any other Cause have been removed, and shall take due Care that the same shall remain up for public Inspection until a new Account for the ensuing Week shall have been prepared and set up.

Treasury to fix Salaries of Inspectors.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by any Warrant or Warrants to be for that Purpose from Time to Time made and issued, to settle and allow such reasonable and moderate Salaries as shall be paid and payable to the said Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, and to such continuing Inspectors of Corn Returns as aforesaid, for and in consideration of the Duties so to be performed by them: Provided always, that the Salary so to be allowed to the Inspector of Corn Returns

Returns for the City of *London* shall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Three hundred Pounds, in consideration of which Salary he shall and is hereby required to keep and maintain a proper and convenient Apartment or Place of Business at or near to the said Corn Exchange in *Mark Lane*, for transacting the Duties of such his Office, and to defray all incidental Charges and Expences of and attendant upon such his Office: Provided also, that the Salary to be granted to the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, and to any such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid for any other of the Cities or Towns aforesaid, shall not exceed Fifty Pounds in any One Year for such Inspector, or a proportionate Sum for any Period less than a Year.

Regulation as to Payment of Salaries.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That the Salary aforesaid allowed to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the said City of *London* shall be paid quarterly by the Receiver General of the Customs or of the Excise in or for the City of *London*; and the Salaries which shall be allowed to the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, or to any such continuing Inspectors of Corn Returns as aforesaid for any City or Town other than the City of *London*, shall, as regards those Persons whose Offices or Appointments are hereby continued until the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next after the passing of this Act, and are then to cease, be paid to them up to that Day, and as regards the Inspectors of Corn Returns for the City of *Oxford* and the Town of *Cambridge* respectively, and those Persons who shall be continued in Office after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, by virtue of the Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, as herein-before is mentioned, shall be paid quarterly; and such Salaries shall be paid by the Collectors or other Chief Officers of the Customs or Excise in or for the Cities or Towns for which such continuing Inspectors as aforesaid shall be respectively acting; provided that no such Payment of Salary shall be made either to the Inspector of the Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or to any such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid, unless the Inspector of Corn Returns claiming the same shall first produce and deliver to the Receiver General or Collector of the Customs or Excise by whom the same is to be paid a Certificate under the Hand of the Comptroller of Corn Returns, certifying that such Inspector hath duly made the Returns required of him by this present Act, during the Period in respect of which any such Payment is to be made, and which Certificate such Comptroller is hereby required, on the Application of any such Inspector as aforesaid, to grant, unless any such Inspector shall, without good and sufficient Cause, have neglected or omitted to make such Returns as aforesaid, or some of them: Provided also, that if the Duties of the said Office of Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London* shall during any such Quarter of a Year as aforesaid have been discharged wholly or in part by a Deputy, the Comptroller of Corn Returns shall in such Certificate as aforesaid specify the Length of Time during which such Deputy hath so acted, and the whole or a proportionate Part, as the Case may be, of any such quarterly Payment, shall in that Case be paid to the said Deputy.

XXXVIII. And

Power to the Lords of the Treasury to grant Compensation to Inspectors of Corn Returns.

XXXVIII. And whereas the Persons who at the Time of the passing of this Act respectively hold the Offices or Appointments of Inspectors of Corn Returns in any of the Cities or Towns aforesaid, other than the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, will, by reason of the Determination of their respective Offices and Appointments under the Provisions of this Act, cease to receive the Salaries attached thereto, and it may be reasonable and fit that Compensation should be made to such Persons; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Three or more of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, by Warrant under their Hands, to order and direct that such annual Compensation or Allowance, not exceeding in any Case the annual Salary of the Office in respect of which such Compensation or Allowance is granted, as to them in their Discretion shall seem just and reasonable, having due Regard to the Length of Service and Conduct of the Parties, shall be made to the several Persons who at or immediately before the Time of the passing of this Act shall respectively hold Offices or Appointments of Inspectors of Corn Returns for any of the Cities or Towns aforesaid, other than the City of *London*, the City of *Oxford*, and the Town of *Cambridge*, for any Loss of Salary attached to such Offices or Appointments which they may respectively sustain by reason of the Determination of their respective Offices or Appointments by the Provisions of this Act; and such Compensation or Allowance shall be issued and paid to the Party to whom such Compensation shall be made, at such Times and in such Manner as in such Warrant shall be directed, by the Collector or the Chief Officer of the Customs or of the Excise in or for the City or Town for which such Party shall hold the Office of Inspector of Corn Returns at the Time of the passing of this Act: Provided always, that an Account of such Compensations shall, within Fourteen Days next after the same shall have been so granted, be laid before the Commons House of Parliament, if Parliament shall be then assembled, or if Parliament shall then not be assembled, then within Fourteen Days after the meeting of Parliament next following.

Penalty on Corn Dealers for not making Declarations or Returns.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That if any Person who is hereby required to make and deliver the Declaration or Declarations herein-before particularly mentioned and set forth, or either of them, shall not make and deliver such Declaration or Declarations at the Time and in the Form and Manner and to the Person or Persons herein-before directed and prescribed in that Behalf, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds for each and every Calendar Month during which he shall neglect or delay to make and deliver any such Declaration; and if any Person who is herein-before required to make any Return to the Inspector of Corn Returns for the City of *London*, or the City of *Oxford*, or the Town of *Cambridge*, or to any Officer of Excise acting as Inspector as aforesaid, or to any such continuing Inspector of Corn Returns as aforesaid, shall not make such Returns to such Inspector or Officer at the Time and in the Form and Manner herein-before directed and prescribed, every such Offender shall for such his Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XL. And be it enacted, That all and every the Penalties aforesaid shall and may be prosecuted, sued for, and recovered, by and to the Use of any Person who will sue for the same, before any Two Justices of the Peace acting in and for the City, Town, County, Riding, or Division within which the Offence shall have been committed; and upon Conviction of any such Offender before any such Justices of the Peace, either by the Confession of the Party offending or by the Oath of any credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justices are hereby authorized to administer), the Amount of such Penalties and Forfeitures shall be levied, together with the Costs attending the Information and Conviction, to be assessed and allowed by such Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices (which Warrant such Justices are hereby empowered and required to grant); and the Overplus (if any), after such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, unto the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and in case such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justices, for his or their Appearance before such Justices on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Seven Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justices are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then it shall be lawful for any such Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the City, Town, County, Riding, or Division where the Offender shall be or reside, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Term not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalty on Witnesses not attending when required.

XLI. And be it enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before any Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or of the Person or Persons accused, shall, after a reasonable Sum of Money for his or her Charges and Expences shall have been paid or been tendered to him or her, refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Neglect, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath and give Evidence before such Justices of the Peace, then and in either of such Cases such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered in the Manner herein-before provided for the Recovery of the several Penalties aforesaid.

XLII. And

Punishment for making false Returns.

XLII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall make any false and fraudulent Statement in any such Return as he is herein-before directed and required to make, or shall falsely and wilfully include, or procure or cause to be included, in any such Return, any *British* Corn which was not truly and *bonâ fide* sold or bought to, by, or on behalf of the Person or Persons in any such Return mentioned in that Behalf, in the Quantity and for the Price therein stated and set forth, every such Offender shall be and be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Act not to affect the Practice of measuring or Privileges of the City of London.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to alter the present Practice of measuring Corn, or any of the Articles aforesaid, to be shipped from or to be landed in the Port of *London*, but that the same shall be measured by the Sworn Meters appointed for that Purpose, by whose Certificate the Searchers or other proper Officers of Her Majesty's Customs are hereby empowered and required to certify the Quantity of Corn or other Articles as aforesaid so shipped or landed; and that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to lessen or take away the Rights and Privileges of or the Tolls or Duties due and payable to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or to the Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to take away the Privileges of any Persons lawfully deriving Title from or under them.

Limitation of Actions.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing by him, her, or them done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Months next after the Matter or Thing done, and shall be laid in the proper County; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if afterwards a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or be nonsuited, or Judgment shall be given against him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwise, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs awarded to him, her, or them against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Act may be amended or repealed.

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

TABLE OF DUTIES to which this ACT refers.

If imported from any FOREIGN COUNTRY:

WHEAT —

——— Whenever the average Price of Wheat, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be for every Quarter

	£	s.	d.
- - - under 51*s.*, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	1	0	0
- - - 51*s.* and under 52*s.* - - - -	0	19	0
- - - 52*s.* and under 55*s.* - - - -	0	18	0
- - - 55*s.* and under 56*s.* - - - -	0	17	0
- - - 56*s.* and under 57*s.* - - - -	0	16	0
- - - 57*s.* and under 58*s.* - - - -	0	15	0
- - - 58*s.* and under 59*s.* - - - -	0	14	0
- - - 59*s.* and under 60*s.* - - - -	0	13	0
- - - 60*s.* and under 61*s.* - - - -	0	12	0
- - - 61*s.* and under 62*s.* - - - -	0	11	0
- - - 62*s.* and under 63*s.* - - - -	0	10	0
- - - 63*s.* and under 64*s.* - - - -	0	9	0
- - - 64*s.* and under 65*s.* - - - -	0	8	0
- - - 65*s.* and under 66*s.* - - - -	0	7	0
- - - 66*s.* and under 69*s.* - - - -	0	6	0
- - - 69*s.* and under 70*s.* - - - -	0	5	0
- - - 70*s.* and under 71*s.* - - - -	0	4	0
- - - 71*s.* and under 72*s.* - - - -	0	3	0
- - - 72*s.* and under 73*s.* - - - -	0	2	0
- - - 73*s.* and upwards - - - - -	0	1	0

BARLEY —

——— Whenever the average Price of Barley, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be for every Quarter

- - - under 26*s.*, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	0	11	0
- - - 26*s.* and under 27*s.* - - - -	0	10	0
- - - 27*s.* and under 30*s.* - - - -	0	9	0
- - - 30*s.* and under 31*s.* - - - -	0	8	0
- - - 31*s.* and under 32*s.* - - - -	0	7	0
- - - 32*s.* and under 33*s.* - - - -	0	6	0
- - - 33*s.* and under 34*s.* - - - -	0	5	0
- - - 34*s.* and under 35*s.* - - - -	0	4	0
- - - 35*s.* and under 36*s.* - - - -	0	3	0
- - - 36*s.* and under 37*s.* - - - -	0	2	0
- - - 37*s.* and upwards - - - - -	0	1	0

If imported from any FOREIGN COUNTRY—*continued.*

OATS—

——— Whenever the average Price of Oats, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be for every Quarter

	£	s.	d.
- - - under 19*s.*, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	0	8	0
- - - 19*s.* and under 20*s.* - - - - -	0	7	0
- - - 20*s.* and under 23*s.* - - - - -	0	6	0
- - - 23*s.* and under 24*s.* - - - -	0	5	0
- - - 24*s.* and under 25*s.* - - - - -	0	4	0
- - - 25*s.* and under 26*s.* - - - - -	0	3	0
- - - 26*s.* and under 27*s.* - - - -	0	2	0
- - - 27*s.* and upwards - - - - -	0	1	0

RYE, PEASE, AND BEANS—

——— Whenever the average Price of Rye, or of Pease, or of Beans, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be for every Quarter

	£	s.	d.
- - - under 30*s.*, the Duty shall be for every Quarter -	0	11	6
- - - 30*s.* and under 33*s.* - - - - -	0	10	6
- - - 33*s.* and under 34*s.* - - - - -	0	9	6
- - - 34*s.* and under 35*s.* - - - -	0	8	6
- - - 35*s.* and under 36*s.* - - - - -	0	7	6
- - - 36*s.* and under 37*s.* - - - -	0	6	6
- - - 37*s.* and under 38*s.* - - - - -	0	5	6
- - - 38*s.* and under 39*s.* - - - - -	0	4	6
- - - 39*s.* and under 40*s.* - - - -	0	3	6
- - - 40*s.* and under 41*s.* - - - -	0	2	6
- - - 41*s.* and under 42*s.* - - - -	0	1	6
- - - 42*s.* and upwards - - - - -	0	1	0

WHEAT MEAL AND FLOUR—

——— For every Barrel, being One hundred and ninety-six Pounds,
A Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on Thirty-eight and a Half Gallons of Wheat.

OATMEAL—

——— For every Quantity of One hundred and eighty-one Pounds and a Half,
A Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on a Quarter of Oats.

MAIZE OR INDIAN CORN, BUCK WHEAT, BEAR OR BIGG—

——— For every Quarter,
A Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on a Quarter of Barley.

If the Produce of and imported from any BRITISH POSSESSION in NORTH AMERICA, or elsewhere out of Europe.

WHEAT—

	£	s.	d.
—— Whenever the average Price of Wheat, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be			
- - - under 55s. for every Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter	0	5	0
- - - 55s. and under 56s.	0	4	0
- - - 56s. and under 57s.	0	3	0
- - - 57s. and under 58s.	0	2	0
- - - 58s. and upwards	0	1	0

BARLEY—

	£	s.	d.
—— Whenever the average Price of Barley, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be			
- - - under 28s. for every Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter	0	2	6
- - - 28s. and under 29s.	0	2	0
- - - 29s. and under 30s.	0	1	6
- - - 30s. and under 31s.	0	1	0
- - - 31s. and upwards	0	0	6

OATS—

	£	s.	d.
—— Whenever the average Price of Oats, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be			
- - - under 22s. for every Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter	0	2	0
- - - 22s. and under 23s.	0	1	6
- - - 23s. and upwards	0	0	6

RYE, PEASE, AND BEANS—

	£	s.	d.
—— Whenever the average Price of Rye, or of Pease, or of Beans, made up and published in the Manner required by Law, shall be			
- - - under 30s. for every Quarter, the Duty shall be for every Quarter	0	3	0
- - - 30s. and under 31s.	0	2	6
- - - 31s. and under 32s.	0	2	0
- - - 32s. and under 33s.	0	1	6
- - - 33s. and under 34s.	0	1	0
- - - 34s. and upwards	0	0	6

WHEAT MEAL AND FLOUR—

—— For every Barrel, being One hundred and ninety-six Pounds, A Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on Thirty-eight and a Half Gallons of Wheat.

OATMEAL—

—— For every Quantity of One hundred and eighty-one Pounds and a Half, A Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on a Quarter of Oats.

MAIZE OR INDIAN CORN, BUCK WHEAT, BEAR OR BIGG—

—— For every Quarter, A Duty equal in Amount to the Duty payable on a Quarter of Barley.

SCHEDULE of CITIES and TOWNS to which this ACT refers.

COUNTIES.	TOWNS.
CHESHIRE -	Chester.
	Nantwich.
	Middlewich.
	Four Lane Ends.
	* Congleton.
	* Macclesfield.
	* Stockport.
LANCASTER -	Liverpool.
	Ulverston.
	Lancaster.
	Preston.
	Wigan.
	Warrington.
	Manchester.
	Bolton.
	* Blackburn.
	* Bury.
	* Rochdale.
DERBY - -	Derby.
	* Chesterfield.
NOTTINGHAM -	Nottingham.
	Newark.
	* Mansfield.
	* Retford.
LEICESTER -	Leicester.
	* Loughborough.
	* Hinckley.
	* Lutterworth.
NORTHAMPTON -	Northampton.
	* Peterborough.
	* Daventry.
	* Wellingborough.
	* Kettering.
WARWICKSHIRE -	Coventry.
	Birmingham.
	* Warwick.
	* Stratford-on-Avon.
WORCESTER -	Worcester.
	* Bromsgrove.
	* Kidderminster.
	* Stourbridge.
	* Evesham.
GLOUCESTER -	Gloucester.
	Cirencester.
	Tetbury.
	Stow-on-the-Wold.
	Tewkesbury.
	* Cheltenham.
	* Dursley.
	* North Leach.
	* Stroud.
SOMERSETSHIRE -	Bristol.
	Taunton.
	Wells.
	Bridgewater.
	Frome.
	Chard.
	* Somerton.
	* Shepton Mallet.
	* Wellington.
	* Wiveliscomb.
MONMOUTHSHIRE	Monmouth.
	Abergavenny.
	Chepstow.
	Pontypool.
	* Newport.
DEVONSHIRE -	Exeter.
	Barnstaple.
	Plymouth.
	Totness.
	Tavistock.
	Kingsbridge.
	* Oakhampton.
	* Tiverton.
	* Honiton.

COUNTIES.	TOWNS.
CORNWALL -	Truro.
	Bodmin.
	Launceston.
	Redruth.
	Helston.
	St. Austell.
	* Falmouth.
	* Callington.
	* Liskeard.
	* St. Columb.
DORSETSHIRE -	Blandford.
	Bridport.
	Dorchester.
	Sherborne.
	Shaftesbury.
	Wareham.
	* Poole.
HAMPSHIRE -	Winchester.
	Andover.
	Basingstoke.
	Fareham.
	Havant.
	Newport.
	Ringwood.
	Southampton.
	Portsmouth.
	* Christchurch.
RUTLAND -	* Okeham.
HEREFORD -	* Leominster.
	* Hereford.
	* Kington.
SHROPSHIRE -	* Shrewsbury.
	* Ludlow.
	* Newport.
	* Oswestry.
	* Wellington.
	* Wenlock.
	* Whitchurch.
	* Market Drayton.
WILTSHIRE -	* Swindon.
	* Devizes.
	* Salisbury.
	* Troubridge.
	Warminster.
	* Chippenham.

COUNTIES.	TOWNS.
STAFFORDSHIRE	* Stafford.
	* Burton-on-Trent.
	* Lichfield.
	* Newcastle-under-Lyme.
	* Stone.
	* Uttoxeter.
	* Walsall.
	* Wolverhampton.
MIDDLESEX -	London.
	Uxbridge.
HERTFORDSHIRE	Hertford.
	Royston.
	* Bishop Stortford.
	* St. Albans.
	* Hemel Hempstead.
	* Hitchin.
SURREY - -	Guildford.
	* Croydon.
	* Kingston.
	* Dorking.
ESSEX - -	Chelmsford.
	Colchester.
	Romford.
	* Chipping Ongar.
	* Saffron Walden.
	* Braintree.
KENT - -	Maidstone.
	Canterbury.
	Dartford.
	* Chatham and Rochester
	* Dovor.
	* Gravesend.
	* Ashford.
SUSSEX - -	Chichester.
	Lewes.
	Rye.
	* Brighton.
	* East Grinstead.
	* Battle.
	* Arundel.
	* Hastings.
	* Midhurst.
	* Shoreham.

COUNTIES.	TOWNS.
BEDFORD - -	Bedford. * Leighton Buzzard. * Luton.
BERKSHIRE -	Windsor. Reading. * Abingdon. * Maidenhead. * Newbury. * Wallingford.
BUCKS - -	Aylesbury. * Buckingham. * High Wycombe. Newport Pagnel.
OXFORDSHIRE -	Oxford. * Banbury. * Henley. * Witney. * Chipping Norton.
HUNTINGDON -	Huntingdon. St. Ives.
CAMBRIDGE -	Cambridge. Ely. Wisbeach. * Newmarket.
SUFFOLK - -	Ipswich. Woodbridge. Sudbury. Hadleigh. Stowmarket. Beccles. Bungay. Lowestoft. Bury St. Edmund's.
NORFOLK - -	Norwich. Yarmouth. Lynn. Thetford. Watton. Diss. East Dereham. Harleston. Holt. Aylsham. Fakenham. North Walsham. * Swaffham.
LINCOLN -	Lincoln. Gainsborough. Glanford Bridge. Louth. Boston. Sleaford. Stamford. Spalding. * Barton on Humber. * Bourne. * Grantham. * Grimsby. * Horncastle. * Market Raisin. * Caistor. * Alford. * Holbech. * Long Sutton.
YORK - -	York. Leeds. Wakefield. Bridlington. Beverley. Hawden. Sheffield. Hull. Whitby. New Malton. * Barnsley. * Bedale. * Bradford. * Doncaster * Knaresborough. * Pickering. * Richmond. * Ripon. * Selby. * Skipton. * Thirsk. * Rotherham. * Otley. * Thorne.
DURHAM -	Durham. Stockton. Darlington. Sunderland. Barnard Castle.

COUNTIES.	TOWNS.	COUNTIES.	TOWNS.
NORTHUMBERLAND	Walsingham. Belford. Hexham. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Morpeth. Alnwick. Berwick.	WALES -	Carmarthen. Carnarvon. Haverfordwest. Cardiff. Denbigh. Wrexham. * Brecon. * Mold.
CUMBERLAND -	Carlisle. Whitehaven. Cockermouth. Penrith. Egremont. * Wigton. * Maryport. * Workington.		* Bangor. * Cowbridge. * Newtown. * Corwen. * Welshpool. * Llangefni. * Llandillo. * Knighton. * Swansea.
WESTMORELAND -	Appleby. Kendal.		

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