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CAP. XXII.

An Act to permit Bakers to make and ſell certain Sorts of Bread. [24th *December* 1795.]

WHEREAS it is expedient, in order to diminiſh the Conſumption of Wheat, that Bakers ſhould be permitted to make and ſell, in all Places, various Kinds of mixed Bread, and ſuch Kinds of Wheaten Bread as they cannot now ſell in Places where an Aſſize is ſet: And whereas it is not expedient to apply to ſuch Sorts of Bread the Reſtrictions contained in the Tables of the Aſſize and Price of Bread, now by Law eſtabliſhed: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, in any Place whatſoever, and whether any Aſſize of Bread ſhall be ſet in ſuch Place or not, to make, ſell, and expoſe to Sale, Peck Loaves, Half Peck Loaves, Quartern Loaves, and Half Quartern Loaves, made of the whole Produce of the Wheat, deducting only Five Pound Weight of Bran *per* Buſhel, or made of any Sort of Wheaten Flour, mixed with Meal or Flour of Barley, Rye, Oats, Buckwheat, *Indian* Corn, Peaſe, Beans, Rice, or any other Kind of Grain whatſoever, or with Potatoes, in ſuch Proportions, and at ſuch Prices for the ſaid Loaves reſpectively, as the Maker and Seller thereof ſhall deem proper and reaſonable; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Preamble.

Loaves may be made of Wheat, deducting only 5 *lb.* of Bran *per* Buſhel, or mixed with any Grain or Potatoes, and ſold at ſuch Prices as ſhall be deemed reaſonable.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make, ſell, or expoſe to Sale, any Loaves of

Mixed Bread to be marked, to diſtinguiſh the Sorts, &c.

of mixed Bread as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe to be fairly imprinted on every Loaf of each reſpective Sort of Bread which he, ſhe, or they ſhall make, ſell, or expoſe to Sale, a Mark, in large Roman Letters, denoting what are the Sorts and Proportions of ſuch Mixtures, or a large Roman M, together with ſome Mark diſtinguiſhing one Sort of ſuch Bread from another; and ſhall alſo affix in ſome conſpicuous Part of his, her, or their Shop, or in the Window thereof, a Paper, written in large and legible Characters at length, ſpecifying the Sorts and Proportions of the Mixtures compoſing each Sort of Bread, and alſo the Marks correſponding to each Sort, and the reſpective Prices thereof.

If Bread be deficient in Weight according to the Aſſize preſcribed by 31 *Geo.* II. Cap. 29, or be not marked, or have any Mixture not denoted by the Mark, &c. the Offender liable to the Penalties of that Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any ſuch Peck Loaves, Half Peck Loaves, Quartern Loaves, or Half Quartern Loaves, ſhall be deficient in Weight, according to the Aſſize of Loaves of ſuch Denominations reſpectively, preſcribed in an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the due Making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof, and to puniſh Perſons who ſhall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread*; or if any ſuch mixed Loaves ſhall not be imprinted with Marks purſuant to the Directions of this Act, and correſponding to the Paper herein-before required to be affixed, or if the ſame ſhall have any Mixture of Meal or Flour of any other Sort, or in any other Proportions thereof than ſhall be denoted by ſuch Marks imprinted thereon, or any Mixture or Article as for or in lieu of Flour which ſhall not really be the genuine Flour or Article the ſame ſhall import to be, or if the ſame ſhall have in them any Allum, or Preparation or Mixture in which Allum ſhall be an Ingredient, or if any other Mixture or Ingredient whatſoever (except only the genuine Meal or Flour or Article of which the ſame purports to be made, and common Salt, pure Water, Eggs, Milk, Yeaſt, and Barm, or ſuch other Leaven as ſhall at any Time be allowed to be put into Bread by the Court, or Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have ſet an Aſſize of Bread for the Place where ſuch Leaven ſhall be uſed; and where no ſuch Aſſize ſhall be ſet, then ſuch other Leaven as any Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, within his or their Juriſdiction, ſhall allow to be uſed in making of Bread), ſhall be put into or in any wiſe uſed in making the Dough whereof, or as or for Leaven to ferment any ſuch Dough, or on any other Account, under any Colour or Pretence whatſoever; every Perſon offending therein ſhall be liable to the ſame Penalties and Forfeitures, to be recovered and applied in the ſame Manner as is provided in the ſaid Act, in the Caſe of any of the aforeſaid Offences being committed againſt the ſeveral and reſpective Proviſions in that Behalf made in the ſaid Act.

This Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to alter or repeal this Act, or any Part of the ſame, during the preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Act not to affect the Rights of *London*, or the Company of Bakers.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall in any ways affect or infringe upon the Rights and Privileges of the City of *London*, or of the Worſhipful Company of Bakers of the ſaid City.

FINIS.