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CAP. LXXXI.

An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen. [12th *July* 1799.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS great Numbers of Journeymen Manufacturers and Workmen, in various Parts of this Kingdom, have, by unlawful Meetings and Combinations, endeavoured to obtain Advance of their Wages, and to effectuate other illegal Purpoſes; and the Laws at preſent in Force againſt ſuch unlawful Conduct have been found to be inadequate to the Suppreſſion thereof, whereby it is become neceſſary that more effectual Proviſion ſhould be made againſt ſuch unlawful Combinations; and for preventing ſuch unlawful Practices in future, and for bringing ſuch Offenders to more ſpeedy and exemplary Juſtice: May it 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, all Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements whatſoever, in Writing or not in Writing, at any Time or Times heretofore made or entered into by or between any Journeymen Manufacturers or other Workmen, or other Perſons within this Kingdom, for obtaining an Advance of Wages of them, or any of them, or any other Journeymen Manufacturers or Workmen, or other Perſons in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or for leſſening or altering their or any of their uſual Hours or Time of

All Contracts heretofore entered into by Workmen for obtaining an Advance of Wages, altering the uſual Time of working, decreaſing the Quantity of Work, &c. illegal.

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working, or for decreaſing the Quantity of Work, or for preventing or hindering any Perſon or Perſons from employing whomſoever he, ſhe, or they ſhall think proper to employ in his, her, or their Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or for controlling or anyway affecting any Perſon or Perſons carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, in the Conduct or Management thereof, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby declared to be illegal, null, and void, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Every Workman, after paſſing this Act, who ſhall be guilty of any ſuch Offence, ſhall be committed to the Common Gaol, or the Houſe of Correction;

II. And be it further enacted, That no Journeymen, Workmen, or other Perſons ſhall, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, make or enter into, or be concerned in the making of or entering into any ſuch Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, in Writing or not in Writing, as is herein-before declared to be an illegal Covenant, Contract, or Agreement; and every Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon who, after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be guilty of any of the ſaid Offences, being thereof lawfully convicted, upon his own Confeſſion, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and empowered to adminiſter in ſuch Caſe, and in all other Caſes where an Oath is to be taken before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in purſuance of this Act), within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, ſhall be committed to ſome Houſe of Correction within the ſame Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

as alſo any Workman entering into any Combination for advancing Wages, &c. or who ſhall endeavour to prevent any Workman from hiring himſelf, or prevail on him to quit his Employment, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Journeyman or Workman, or other Perſon who ſhall, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, enter into any Combination to obtain an Advance of Wages, or to leſſen or alter the Hours or Duration of the Time of working, or to decreaſe the Quantity of Work, or for any other Purpoſe contrary to this Act, or who ſhall, by giving Money, or by Perſuaſion, Solicitation, or Intimidation, or any other Means, directly or indirectly, endeavour to prevent any unhired or unemployed Journeyman, or Workman, or other Perſon in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or any other Perſon wanting Employment in ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, from hiring himſelf to any Manufacturer or Tradeſman, or Perſon conducting any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or who ſhall, for the Purpoſe of obtaining an Advance of Wages or for any other Purpoſe contrary to the Proviſions of this Act by any Means whatſoever, directly or indirectly, decoy, perſuade, ſolicit, intimidate, influence, or prevail, or attempt or endeavour to prevail, on any Journeyman, or Workman, or other Perſon hired or employed, or to be hired or employed, in any ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, to quit or leave his Work, Service, or Employment, or who ſhall hinder or prevent, or attempt to hinder or prevent, any Manufacturer or Tradeſman, or other Perſon, from employing in his or her Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, ſuch Journeymen, Workmen, and other Perſons as he or ſhe ſhall think proper, or who, being hired or employed ſhall refuſe to work with any other Journeyman or Workman employed or hired

hired to work therein, and who ſhall be lawfully convicted of any of the ſaid Offences, upon his own Confeſſion, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or otherwiſe be committed to ſome Houſe of Correction within the ſame Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

and alſo all Perſons who ſhall attend any Meeting for the Purpoſe of making any ſuch illegal Contract, or who ſhall ſummons or endeavour to induce any Journeyman to attend any ſuch Meeting, or who ſhall collect any Money, &c.

IV. And, for the more effectual Suppreſſion of all Combinations amongſt Journeymen, Workmen, and other Perſons employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, be it further enacted, That all and every Perſons and Perſon whomſoever (whether employed in any ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or not) who ſhall attend any Meeting had or held for the Pupoſe of making or entering into any Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, by this Act declared to be illegal, or of entering into, ſupporting, maintaining, continuing, or carrying on any Combination for any Purpoſe by this Act declared to be illegal, or who ſhall ſummons, give notice to, call upon, perſuade, entice, ſolicit, or by Intimidation or any other Means directly or indirectly endeavour to induce any Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, to attend any ſuch Meeting, or who ſhall collect, demand, aſk, or receive any Sum of Money from any ſuch Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon, for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or who ſhall perſuade, entice, ſolicit, or by Intimidation or any other Means directly or indirectly, endeavour to induce any ſuch Journeyman, Workman, or other Perſon, to enter into or be concerned in any ſuch Combination, or to quit or leave his Work, Service, or Employment, or who ſhall pay any Sum of Money, or make or enter into any Subſcription or Contribution for or towards the Support or Encouragement of any ſuch illegal Meeting or Combination, and who ſhall be lawfully convicted of any of the ſaid Offences, upon his own Confeſſion, or the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence ſhall have been committed, ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within his or their Juriſdiction, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or otherwiſe be committed to ſome Houſe of Correction within the ſame, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

No Perſon ſhall contribute for any Expences incurred for acting contrary to this Act, or towards the Support of

V. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon (whether employed as a Journeyman or Workman in any Manufacture, Trade or Buſineſs, or not) ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act pay or give any Sum or Sums of Money, or valuable Thing, as a Subſcription or Contribution for the Purpoſe of paying any Expences incurred or to be incurred by any Perſon acting contrary to the Proviſions of this Act, or ſhall, by Payment of Money or other Means, ſupport or maintain any Journeyman, Workman,

any Perſon to induce him not to work, on Penalty of 10 *l.* and every Perſon collecting Money for ſuch Purpoſes ſhall forfeit 5 *l.*

man, or other Perſon, or contribute towards his Support or Maintenance, for the Purpoſe of inducing him to refuſe to work, or to be hired or employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, and every Perſon who ſhall be guilty of any ſuch Offence ſhall forfeit and loſe any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, and every Journeyman, Workman, and other Perſon, who ſhall collect or receive any Money or valuable Thing for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and loſe any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds; and all and every of the ſaid Offences ſhall be heard and determined in a ſummary Way, before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, and the Conviction for the ſame may be had and made upon the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, and the Amount of the Forfeiture or Penalty for every ſuch Offence ſhall be fixed and determined by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, but not exceeding the ſeveral Sums herein-before mentioned; and in caſe any ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid, purſuant to ſuch Conviction, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands, cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands, commit the Offender to the Common Gaol, or ſome Houſe of Correction within his or their Juriſdiction, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months nor leſs than Two Calendar Months.

Penalty may be levied by Diſtreſs, and if not paid, the Offender may be committed to Gaol.

Contributions for any of the Purpoſes prohibited by this Act, not divided for Three Months after paſſing thereof, to be forfeited, as alſo all future Contributions for ſuch Purpoſes.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money, which at any Time heretofore have been paid or given as a Subſcription or Contribution for or towards any of the Purpoſes prohibited by this Act, and ſhall, for the Space of Three Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, remain undivided in the Hands of any Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, Truſtee, Agent, or other Perſon, or placed out at Intereſt, and all Sums of Money which ſhall at any Time after the paſſing of this Act be paid or given as a Subſcription or Contribution for or towards any of the Purpoſes prohibited by this Act, ſhall be forfeited, One Moiety thereof to His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to ſuch Perſon as will ſue for the ſame in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; and any Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, Truſtee, Agent, or other Perſon, in whoſe Hands or in whoſe Name any ſuch Sum of Money ſhall be or ſhall be placed out, or unto whom the ſame ſhall have been paid or given, ſhall and may be ſued for the ſame as forfeited as aforeſaid.

Perſons liable to be ſued for Money paid for ſuch Purpoſes compellable to anſwer on Oath to any Information preferred againſt them.

VII. And, for the better Diſcovery of all Sums of Money which have been or ſhall be paid or given for any Purpoſe prohibited by this Act, be it further enacted, That all and every the Perſons and Perſon who ſhall or may be liable by virtue of this Act to be ſued for the ſame, ſhall be obliged and compellable to anſwer upon Oath to any Information which ſhall or may be preferred againſt them or him in any Court of Equity, by or in the Name of His Majeſty's Attorney General, on the Part of His Majeſty, or at the Relation of any Informer, for diſcovering the Sum and Sums of Money ſo paid or given, for any of the prohibited Purpoſes aforeſaid; and ſuch Court ſhall and may make ſuch Orders and Decrees therein as to ſuch Court ſhall ſeem juſt, and no Perſon ſhall de-

mur to, or refuſe to anſwer ſuch Information, by reaſon of any Penalty or Forfeiture, to which ſuch Perſon may be liable, in conſequence of any Diſcovery which may be ſought thereby.

Upon Payment into Court of the Money remaining in the Hands of any Perſon at the Time of filing Information, and making a Diſcovery of the Securities upon which other Monies ſhall have been placed, the Party to be diſcharged from Penalty.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That upon Payment into the Court, in which ſuch Information ſhall be filed, of all the Money paid or given unto any ſuch Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, Truſtee, Agent, or other Perſon, for any of the prohibited Purpoſes aforeſaid, and remaining in his Hands at the Time of filing ſuch Informations, and upon making a full Diſcovery of all the Securities in or upon which all ſuch Money, which ſhall not be ſo remaining in his Hands, ſhall have been placed out or inveſted, the Perſon or Perſons paying ſuch Money into Court, and making ſuch Diſcovery, ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged from all Forfeitures and Penalties which ſhall or may have been incurred by him or them by reaſon of having collected or received ſuch Money, or otherwiſe acted concerning the ſame, and from all Actions and other Suits reſpecting the ſame, by any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; any Statute, Law, or Uſage, or any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Offenders may be compelled to give Evidence, and ſhall be indemnified from Proſecution for any Matter relative to it.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſons and Perſon who ſhall or may offend againſt this Act, ſhall and may, equally with all other Perſons, be called upon and compelled to give his or her Teſtimony and Evidence as a Witneſs or Witneſſes on Behalf of His Majeſty, or of the Proſecutor or Informer, upon any Information to be made or exhibited under this Act; and that in all ſuch Caſes, every Perſon having given his or her Teſtimony or Evidence as aforeſaid, ſhall be and hereby is indemnified of, from, and againſt any Information to be laid, or Proſecution to be commenced, againſt him or her for having offended in the Matter wherein or relative to which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall have given Teſtimony or Evidence as aforeſaid.

Juſtices may ſummon Offenders, and on their not appearing, or in the firſt Inſtance, may iſſue Warrant for their Apprehenſion, and on their appearing, may determine the Matter.

X. And, for the more effectually enforcing and carrying into Execution the Proviſions of this Act, be it further enacted, That on Complaint and Information on Oath before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, of any Offence having been committed againſt this Act, within his or their reſpective Juriſdictions, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices are hereby authorized and required to ſummon the Perſon or Perſons charged with being an Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, to appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, at a certain Time and Place to be ſpecified; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned ſhall not appear according to ſuch Summons, then ſuch Juſtices, or any One of them, (Proof on Oath having been firſt made before them or him, of the due Service of ſuch Summons upon ſuch Perſon or Perſons, by delivering the ſame to him or them perſonally, or leaving the ſame at his or their uſual Place or Places of Abode), ſhall make and iſſue their or his Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned, and not appearing as aforeſaid, and bringing him or them before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, or it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, if he or they ſhall think fit, without iſſuing any previous Summons, and inſtead of iſſuing the ſame, upon ſuch Complaint and Information on Oath as aforeſaid, to make and iſſue his or their Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Perſon or Perſons by ſuch Information charged to have offended againſt this Act,

and bringing him or them before such Justice or Justices; and upon the Person or Persons complained against appearing upon such Summons, or being brought by virtue of such Warrant or Warrants before such Justice or Justices, then such Justices, or One of them, shall, and they or he are and is hereby authorized and required forthwith to make Enquiry touching the Matters complained of, and to examine into the same by the Oath or Oaths of any credible Person or Persons, as shall be requisite, and to hear and determine the Matter of every such Complaint, and upon Confession by the Party, or Proof by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, to convict or acquit the Party or Parties against whom Complaint shall have been made as aforesaid.

Justices may summon Witnesses, and on their not appearing or refusing to give Evidence, may commit them.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom any such Complaint and Information shall be made as aforesaid, and he and they are hereby authorized and required, at the Request in Writing of any of the Parties, to issue his or their Summons to any Witness or Witnesses, to appear and give Evidence before such Justice or Justices, at the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining such Complaint, and which Time and Place shall be specified in such Summons; and if any Person or Persons so summoned to appear as a Witness or Witnesses as aforesaid, shall not appear before such Justice or Justices at the Time and Place specified in such Summons, or offer some reasonable Excuse for the Default, or appearing according to such Summons, shall not submit to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses, and give his or their Evidence before such Justice or Justices, touching the Matter of such Complaint, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized, (Proof on Oath, in the Case of any Person not appearing according to such Summons, having been first made before such Justice or Justices of the due Service of such Summons on every such Person, by delivering the same to him or her, or leaving the same at his or her usual Place of Abode), by Warrant under the Hands or Hand of such Justices or One of them, to commit such Person or Persons so making Default in appearing, or appearing and refusing to give Evidence, to some Prison within the Jurisdiction of such Justice or Justices, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until such Person or Persons shall submit himself, herself, or themselves to be examined, and give his, her, or their Evidence before such Justice or Justices as aforesaid.

Convictions and Commitments to be drawn up in the Form in the Schedule annexed.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Justice or Justices before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or by whom any Person shall be committed to Prison for not appearing as a Witness, or not submitting to be examined, shall cause all such Convictions, and the Warrants or Orders for such Commitment, to be drawn up in the Form or to the Effect set forth in the Schedule to this Act.

Convictions to be transmitted to the next General or General Quarter Sef-

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Justice or Justices before whom any such Conviction shall be had, shall cause the same (drawn up in the Form or to the Effect herein-before directed) to be fairly written on Parchment, and transmitted to the next General Sessions or General

Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, wherein ſuch Conviction was had, to be filed and kept amongſt the Records of the ſaid General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall appeal, in Manner herein-after mentioned, from the Judgement of the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices to the ſaid General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions, the Juſtices in ſuch General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions are hereby required, upon receiving ſuch Conviction, to proceed to the Hearing and Determination of the Matter of the ſaid Appeal, according to the Directions of this Act; and no *Certiorari* ſhall be granted to remove any Conviction or other Proceedings had thereon in purſuance of this Act.

ſions to be filed, and if Appeal be made, the Juſtices ſhall then proceed to hearing it.

No *Certiorari* to be granted.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon convicted of any Offence or Offences puniſhable by this Act, ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by the Judgement of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices before whom he or ſhe ſhall have been convicted, ſuch Perſon ſhall have Liberty to appeal from every ſuch Conviction to the next Court of General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, which ſhall be held for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place wherein ſuch Offence was committed, and that the Execution of every Judgement ſo appealed from ſhall be ſuſpended, in caſe the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall immediately enter into Recognizance before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices (which he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to take) with Two ſufficient Sureties, in the Penalty of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, upon Condition to proſecute ſuch Appeal with Effect, and to be forthcoming to abide the Judgement and Determination of the ſaid next General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions, and to pay ſuch Coſts as the ſaid Court ſhall award on ſuch Occaſion; and the Juſtices in the ſaid next Court of General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions are hereby authorized and required to hear and finally determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal, and to award ſuch Coſts as to them ſhall appear juſt and reaſonable to be paid by either Party, which Deciſion ſhall be final; and if upon hearing the ſaid Appeal, the Judgement of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom the Appellant ſhall have been convicted, ſhall be affirmed, ſuch Appellant ſhall forthwith pay the Forfeiture or Penalty (if any) mentioned in ſuch Conviction, and the Coſts awarded to be paid by ſuch Appellant; and in Default of Payment thereof, or in caſe ſuch Conviction ſhall contain a Judgement of Impriſonment, ſuch Appellant ſhall immediately be committed by the ſaid Court, either to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction, according to ſuch Conviction, and for the Space of Time therein mentioned, without Bail or Mainprize, and alſo until the Payment of ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the ſaid Court to be paid by ſuch Appellant.

Appeal may be made from the Judgement of a Juſtice to the General or General Quarter Seſſions, which ſhall be ſuſpended on the Party's entering into Recognizance to proſecute the Appeal.

Deciſion of the Seſſions to be final.

If Judgement be affirmed, the Appellant to pay the Penalty, &c.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to repeal, take away, or abridge, the Powers and Authorities given to any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in and by any Act or Acts of Parliament heretofore made and now in Force touching any Combinations of Manufacturers, Journeymen, or Workmen, or for ſettling and adjuſting Diſputes or Differences between Maſters and their Journeymen, Workmen, or other Perſons employed by them in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or the Rate

Act not to abridge Powers now given to Juſtices touching Combinations of Manufacturers, &c.

or

of Amount of Wages to be paid to ſuch Journeymen, Workmen, or other Perſons, or the Mode or Time of their working or being employed, or the Quantity of Work to be done, or touching any Matter whatſoever alſo provided for by this Act; but that all Juſtices of the Peace ſhall continue to uſe, exerciſe, and execute, all the Powers and Authorities given to them in and by ſuch Acts of Parliament, or any of them, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as they could or might have done if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

nor to empower Manufacturers to employ Workmen contrary to the Proviſions now in force for regulating the Conduct of any particular Manufacture, without Licence from a Juſtice.

XVI. Provided always, That this Act ſhall not extend to authorize or empower any Perſon or Perſons carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, to employ therein any Journeyman or Workman contrary to the Regulations and Proviſions contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament which hath or have been heretofore made, and is and are now in Force, for ſettling, regulating, or directing the Manner or Method of conducting, managing, or carrying on any particular Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or the Work or Service of the Perſons employed therein, without the previous Licence and Conſent in Writing of One Juſtice of the Peace for the County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, in which ſuch Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs ſhall be carried on, expreſſing the Cauſe or Reaſon of giving or granting the ſame, which Licence it ſhall be lawful for One ſuch Juſtice to grant, whenever the qualified Journeymen or Workmen uſually employed in any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, ſhall refuſe to work therein for reaſonable Wages, or to work for any particular Perſon or Perſons, or to work with any particular Perſons, or ſhall, by refuſing to work for any Cauſe whatſoever, or by miſconducting themſelves when employed to work, in any Manner impede or obſtruct the ordinary Courſe of any Manufacture, Trade, or Buſineſs, or endeavour to injure the Perſon or Perſons carrying on the ſame.

Limitation of Actions.

XVII. And be it further 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 or executed in purſuance of this Act, or for any Cauſe, Matter, or Thing herein contained, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within Three Calendar 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 may plead the General Iſſue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon Trial a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs become nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or Judgement ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him or them againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FORM of Conviction and Commitment.

BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before me [*or* us, *naming the Justices*], One [*or* Two] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, *or* Place], of of having [*stating the Offence*], contrary to the Statute made in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act*, [*here set forth the Title of the Act*], and I [*or* we], the said Justice or Justices, do hereby order and adjudge the said *A. B.* for the said Offence, to be committed to and confined in the common Gaol for the said County, [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, *or* Place], for the Space of [*or* to be committed to the House of Correction at within the said County, [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, *or* Place], there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of

Given under my [*or* our] Hand [*or* Hands], the Day and Year above written.

FORM of Conviction in a pecuniary Penalty.

BE it remembered, That on [*pursuing the same Form as far as the Title of this Act*], and I [*or* we] the said Justice [*or* Justices], do hereby adjudge and determine the said *A. B.* for the said Offence, to forfeit and lose the Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, and do order the same to be forthwith paid by him [*or* her], into my [*or* our] Hands, for the Use of His Majesty.

Given under [*as before*].

FORM of Commitment of a Person summoned as a Witness.

WHEREAS *C. D.* hath been duly summoned to appear and give Evidence before me [*or* us], [*naming the Justice or Justices who issued the Summons*] One [*or* Two] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County [*or* Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, *or* Place], of on this Day of at being the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining the Complaint made on the Oath of [*the Informer or Prosecutor*], before me [*or* us], against *A. B.* of having [*stating the Offence as laid in the Information*], contrary to the Statute made in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act*, [*here insert the Title of the Act*]: And whereas the said *C. D.* hath not appeared before me [*or* us], at the Time and Place aforesaid, specified for that Purpose, or offered any reasonable Excuse for his [*or* her] Default: [*Or*, And whereas the said *C. D.* having appeared before me [*or* us], at the Time and Place aforesaid specified, for that Purpose, hath not sub-

mitted to be examined as a Witneſs, and give his [*or* her] Evidence, before me [*or* us], touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, but hath refuſed ſo to do]: Therefore I [*or* we] the ſaid Juſtice [*or* Juſtices], do hereby, in purſuance of the ſaid Statute, commit the ſaid *C. D.* to the [*deſcribing the Priſon*], there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for his [*or* her] Contempt aforeſaid, until he [*or* ſhe] ſhall ſubmit himſelf [*or* herſelf] to be examined and give his [*or* her] Evidence before me [*or* us] touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, or ſhall otherwiſe be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law: And you the [Conſtable, *or* other Peace Officer or Officers to whom the Warrant is directed], are hereby authorized and required to take into your Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *C. D.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to convey to the ſaid Priſon, and him [*or* her] there to deliver to the Gaoler or Keeper thereof, who is hereby authorized and required to receive into his Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *C. D.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to detain and keep purſuant to this Commitment.

Given under my [*or* our] Hand [*or* Hands] this Day of in the Year of our Lord

This Commitment to be directed to the proper Peace Officer and the Gaoler or Keeper of the Priſon.

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