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An Act to remove Doubts respecting the Dues payable to the *Levant* Company.

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WHEREAS His late Majesty King *James* the First, by His Letters Patent bearing Date the Fourteenth Day of *December* in the Third Year of His Reign, did grant to several Persons therein named, and to their Sons, and such others as should then after be admitted or made free, that they should be One Fellowship and One Body Corporate and Politic, by the Name of "The Governor and Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Levant* Seas," and by the same Name should have perpetual Succession: And whereas His late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, by His Letters Patent bearing Date the Second Day of *April* in the Thirteenth Year of His Reign, did ratify and confirm the said Letters Patent of King *James* the First: And whereas by an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for enlarging and regulating the Trade into the* Levant *Seas*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every Person and Persons, being free of the said Company, separately or jointly to export or cause to be exported from any Port or Place in *Great Britain* to any Port or Place within the Limits of the said Letters Patent, in any *British* or Plantation-built Ships (navigated according to Law), at any Time, and to any Person or Persons whomsoever, being Freemen of the said Company, or Sons or Apprentices of Freemen (such Freemen, Sons, or Apprentices being His Majesty's Christian Subjects), so long as such Person or Persons shall remain under and submit to the Protection and Direction of the *British* Ambassador and Consuls respectively for the Time being, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, not prohibited by Law to be exported, and also to import in like Manner from any Port or Place within the Limits of the said Letters Patent, Raw Silk or any other Goods, Wares, or Commodities purchased within the said Limits (not prohibited by Law to be imported), upon paying or securing the Customs and other Duties payable for the same to His Majesty, His

Letters Patent of 3 Jac. 1.

and of 13 Car. 2.

26 G. 2. c. 18.

Heirs and Successors, by virtue of any Law now in force or hereafter to be made, and upon paying such Impositions or Sums of Money as shall be assessed and charged upon all Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes to be exported or imported as aforesaid, or upon any Ships laden with the same, for defraying the necessary Expences of the said Company: And whereas by an Act made in the Twentieth Year
20 G. 3. c. 18. of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal so much of an Act made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of* Henry *the Seventh, or of any other Acts which prohibit the exporting, carrying, or conveying Coin out of this Realm into* Ireland; *and so much of certain Acts made in* Great Britain *which prohibit the Importation of foreign Hops into* Ireland, *and which take off the Drawback upon Hops exported from* Great Britain *to* Ireland; *and to allow the Importation into and Exportation from* Ireland *of such Goods as may be imported into or exported from* Great Britain *by the Merchants of* England *trading to the* Levant *Seas*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that such Goods as may lawfully be exported from and imported into *Great Britain* in *British* Ships, by any Person or Persons free of the Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant Seas*, commonly called or known by the Name of "The *Turkey* Company," be exported from or imported into any Port or Place in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, by any Person admitted or to be admitted into and made free of the said Company, in *British* or *Irish* Ships or Vessels legally navigated, on paying such Impositions or Sums of Money as shall be assessed and charged on all Goods, Wares or Merchandize to be exported and imported as aforesaid, or on any Ships laden with the same, for defraying the necessary Expences of the said Company: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the Dues, Impositions, or Assessments of the said *Turkey* Company can legally be collected in *Ireland* in respect of such Exportations or Importations mentioned in the last-mentioned Act, in consequence of the said Act having passed in the Parliament of *Great Britain* before the Union with *Ireland*: And whereas by an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled
43 G. 3. c. 153. *An Act to permit, during the Continuance of Hostilities, and until Six Months after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, the Importation into* Great Britain *and* Ireland *in Neutral Vessels, from States in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, and to empower His Majesty by Order in Council to prohibit the Exportation of Copper, and to permit the Importation in Neutral Vessels, from States not in Amity with His Majesty, of certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons admitted into and made free of the Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant* Seas, commonly called or known by the Name of The *Turkey* Company, to import into the United Kingdom any Goods or Commodities which have heretofore usually been imported from *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or from any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior within the *Levant* Seas, in any Ship or Vessel built in or belonging to *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, navigated according to Law, or in any Ship or Vessel belonging to any Kingdom or State in Amity with His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, navigated by foreign Seamen from any Port or Place whatsoever, upon Payment of the same Duties, if imported in *British* or *Irish*-built Ships, as the like Goods would be subject and liable to if imported in *British* or *Irish*-

built Ships directly from the Place of their Growth, Production, or Manufacture, but if such Goods shall be imported in any foreign-built Ship or Vessel, then and in such Case the Goods so imported shall be subject to the Duties which such Goods would have been subject and liable to if the said last-recited Act had not been made; and it is by the said Act further enacted, that no Entry shall be suffered to pass at any Custom House in the United Kingdom for any such Goods of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or of any of the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, as before the passing of the said Act might be imported only from such Ports or Places in the Streights or *Levant* Seas as are within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, or for any Drugs which would have been liable to the Payment of higher Duties when not imported directly from the Place of their Growth or Production, and which by the Authority of the said Act are permitted to be imported in Manner aforesaid, until the Person importing or entering the same shall produce to the Collector or other proper Officer of His Majesty's Customs in *Great Britain*, and to the proper Officer of the Revenue in *Ireland* at the Port of Importation, a Certificate under the Hand of the Collector of the Duties for the said *Turkey* Company, certifying that such Person is free of the said Company, and that he has paid the Duties imposed on such Goods by the said Company, and has conformed in all Respects to the Rules and Regulations of the said Company relative thereto; and by the said Act it is further enacted, that all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize of the Produce of Countries within the *Levant* Seas, imported into *Great Britain* under the Authority of the said Act, shall be subject and liable to the Duties payable to the *Levant* Company, in like Manner as if such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize had been imported into *Great Britain* directly from *Turkey*: And whereas by an Act made in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Trade between* Malta *and its Dependencies and His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in* America, *and also between* Malta *and the United Kingdom*, it is amongst other Things enacted, that it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons to import from the Island of *Malta*, or the Dependencies thereof, into the United Kingdom, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize not prohibited to be imported, being of the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of any Country or Place within the Streights or *Levant* Seas, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, owned, navigated, and registered according to Law, and in no other Ship or Vessel whatever, on Payment of such Duties as now are or hereafter may be due and payable on such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize when imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively; provided that all such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, being of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior within the *Levant* Seas, so imported under the Authority of this Act, shall be subject and liable to the Payment of the same Duties to the Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant* Seas, commonly called or known by the Name of The *Turkey* Company, as shall be payable on the like Articles when imported direct from *Turkey* by Persons being Members of the said Company; and it is thereby further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons admitted into and made free of the said Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant* Seas, to import into the United Kingdom from the said Island of *Malta*, or the Dependencies thereof,

55 G. 3. c. 29.

thereof, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, owned, navigated, and registered according to Law, any Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn, being the Growth or Production of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Seignior within the *Levant* Seas, provided that all such Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn so imported into the United Kingdom shall be subject and liable to the Duties due and payable to the said *Turkey* Company, in like Manner as if such Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn had been imported into the United Kingdom directly from *Turkey*: And whereas by an Act made in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to extend the Privileges of the Trade of Malta to the Port of* Gibraltar, it is enacted, that the Trade between *Gibraltar* and His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, and also between *Gibraltar* and the United Kingdom, shall and may be carried on in like Manner, and under the like Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, and subject to the like Penalties and Forfeitures, as are provided by the said Act with respect to *Malta* and His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, and also between *Malta* and the United Kingdom, as if the same were particularly and expressly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of the said Act made in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty: And whereas it is expedient to remove all Doubts as to the Payment of the Dues, Duties, or Impositions granted to the said Company: 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, all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, to whomsoever belonging, of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or of any of the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, imported into the United Kingdom directly from *Turkey* or *Egypt*, or from any of the Dominions of the Grand Seignior, or from any other Country or Place, shall be subject and liable to the Duties payable to the said *Turkey* Company under and by virtue of the said several Letters Patent and Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned, or any or either of them.

57 G. 3. c. 4.

Goods of the Production of Turkey or Egypt, &c. imported directly from thence, liable to the Duties payable to the Turkey Company, under the recited Letters Patent and Acts.

Powers of recited Acts extended to this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauses, Rules, and Regulations in the said several Acts contained, for the Purpose of securing and enforcing the Payment of the said Duties to the said Company, shall be and they are hereby declared to be in full Force and Effect, as fully and effectually as if the same had been repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act, any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Public Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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