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An Act to repeal certain Provisions respecting the Coal Trade. [20th *August* 1836.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act to dissolve the present and prevent the future Combination of Coal Owners, Lightermen, Masters of Ships, and others to advance the Price of Coals, in prejudice of the Navigation, Trade, and Manufactures of this Kingdom, and for the further Encouragement of the Coal Trade*, and made perpetual by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, it was amongst other things enacted, that all and every Contract or Contracts, Covenants or Agreements, whether the same were in Writing or not in Writing, and whether theretofore made or entered into, or thereafter to be made or entered into, by or between any Coal Owners, Lightermen, Fitters, Masters or Owners of Ships or Vessels, Crimps, Coal Factors, or other Person or Persons whatsoever concerned in the said Coal Trade, for engrossing Coals, or for restraining or hindering any Person or Persons whomsoever from freely selling, buying, loading, or unloading, navigating, or disposing of Coals in such Manner as they lawfully might, should be and were thereby declared to be illegal, null, and void, to all Intents and Purposes; and further, that if any Coal Owners, Lightermen, Fitters, Masters or Owners of Ships or Vessels, Crimps, Coal Factors, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, should, at any Time or Times from and after

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the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eleven, keep up, continue, act in, make, enter into, sign, seal, or be knowingly interested or concerned in any Contract or Contracts, Covenants or Agreements, before by that Act declared to be illegal, null, and void, or should erect or keep up any Office or Offices, Chamber or Chambers, or other Place or Places for the Management of such Contract or Contracts, Covenants or Agreements, as Party or Parties to or knowingly interested in the same, or should anyways act or officiate therein as Officer, Clerk, Agent, or Servant to or for the Persons so contracting, agreeing, or acting contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, the Person or Persons so offending should for every such Offence forfeit and pay as follows; (that is to say,) every Coal Owner or Owners, or Proprietor of or in any Pit or Mine, Pits or Mines of Coal, the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and every Fitter, whether acting by himself, his Agent or Servant, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and every Master or Owner of any Ship or Vessel the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and every Officer, Clerk, Agent, or Servant as aforesaid the Sum of Twenty Pounds: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late
4 G. 2. c. 30. Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for rendering more effectual an Act made in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the better Regulation of the Coal Trade,' so far as the same relates to the preventing the enhancing the Price of Coals in the River of* Thames *by the keeping of Turn in delivering of Coals there*, it was amongst other things enacted, that from and after the Fifteenth Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and thirty-one it should not be lawful for any Owner or Owners of any Ship or Vessel employed in the Coal Trade, or any Person authorized by them, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, directly or indirectly, by Writing or otherwise, to give any Orders or Directions to any Master or Person having the Command or Rule of any Ship or Vessel employed in the Coal Trade, or to any Agent or Servant employed in the selling of Coals, which should anyways relate to the keeping of Turn in selling or delivering of Coals in the River of *Thames*, and that no Master or Masters or other Person having the Command or Rule of any Ship or Vessel as aforesaid should obey any such Orders or keep Turn as aforesaid, upon pain that every Person giving such Directions, and the Person or Persons observing and following the same, or any otherwise, directly or indirectly, acting contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of that Act, should respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds for every such Offence, one Moiety thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who should sue for the same within the Space of Six Months next after such Offence or Offences should be committed, to be recovered, with Treble Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance should be allowed: And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the
28 G. 3. c. 53. Third, intituled *An Act to indemnify and save harmless all Persons who may have incurred Penalties or Forfeitures under an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *intituled 'An Act 'to dissolve the present and prevent the future Combination of Coal*

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'*Owners, Lightermen, Masters of Ships, and others to advance the* '*Price of Coals, in prejudice of the Navigation, Trade, and Manu-* '*factures of this Kingdom, and for the further Encouragement of* '*the Coal Trade,*' *and also an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled* '*An* '*Act for the better Regulation of the Coal Trade,*' *and for the better preventing of Combinations in the Trade of Coals,* it was amongst other things enacted, that from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight any Number of Persons united in Covenants or Partnerships, or in any way whatsoever, consisting of more than Five Persons, for the purchasing of Coals for Sale, or for making Regulations with respect to the Manner of carrying on the said Trade in Coals, shall be deemed and adjudged to be an unlawful Combination to advance the Price of Coals, and every Person concerned therein shall be liable to be punished by Indictment or Information for the same in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench at *Westminster:* And whereas the herein-before recited Provisions are injurious to the Public, by obstructing the free and open Trade in Coals, and preventing the Employment of large joint Capital in the said Trade: 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 the said Acts, so far as the same are herein-before recited and set forth, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal of certain Provisions in recited Acts.

II. 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.

Public Act.

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