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An Act for the Collection and Publication of Cotton Statistics. [25th *June* 1868.]

WHEREAS it would be of great public Advantage if Statistical Information respecting the Quantity of Cotton imported into the United Kingdom, and the Quantity removed (either by Sea or Land) from and to, and held in Stock at, the several Ports, were periodically obtained and published by Authority: 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, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as the Cotton Statistics Act, 1868. Short Title.

2. In this Act— Interpretation of Terms.

The Term "Forwarder" shall mean and include every Owner or Lessee of any Railway, Canal, or Inland Navigation who carries or conveys Cotton for Toll or other Consideration from or to any Port in the United Kingdom.

Forwarders of Cotton to make Monthly Returns to the Board of Trade.

3. Every Forwarder shall on the Fourth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and on the Fourth Day of every subsequent Month, make a Return in Writing to the Board of Trade, in such convenient Form as the Board of Trade may order, showing the Quantity of Cotton forwarded or received by him or them from or to any Port in the United Kingdom within the then last preceding Month.

Publication of Information.

4. The several Returns made to the Board of Trade under this Act shall be published in the same Manner as other Statistical Information is published by that Board.

Penalty.

5. If any such Forwarder be summoned by the Board of Trade to comply with the Requirements of this Act, and fail to do so, he or they shall for every Offence be liable on summary Conviction to a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Orders in Council for Execution of Act, &c.

6. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council from Time to Time to make by Order in Council such Provisions as seem fit for the better Execution of this Act, and for otherwise procuring and publishing Statistical Information respecting the Stock of and the Importation of Cotton into, and the Exportation thereof from, and the Transport and Warehousing thereof within, the United Kingdom, and for the Publication from Time to Time of such Information. All such Orders in Council shall be published in the *London*, *Edinburgh*, and *Dublin* Gazettes, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

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