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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXXIV.

An Act for altering the Rate at which the Crown may exercise its Right of Pre-emption of Ore in which there is Lead. [4th *July* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act to prevent Disputes and Controversies concerning Royal Mines*, Owners of Mines within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, wherein any Ore should be discovered, and in which there is Copper, Tin, Iron, or Lead, are authorized to hold and enjoy the same Mines and Ore, and to continue in Possession thereof, and to dig and work the said Mines, notwithstanding that such Mines or Ore should be pretended or claimed to be Royal Mines, subject to a Right in Their Majesties, Their Heirs and Successors, and all claiming any Royal Mines under them, to have the Ore of any such Mines in any Part of the said Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, other than Tin Ore in the Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*, paying to the Proprietors or Owners of the said Mines certain Rates contained in the said Act, in the Manner and according to the Limitations specified in the said recited Act: And whereas the Rate therein directed to be paid for all Ore wherein there is Lead is in consequence of the Lapse of Time and Change of Circumstances since the passing of the said recited Act become inadequate to the increased Expence of raising the same, and it is reasonable therefore that the same should be increased: 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 5 W. & M. c. 6.

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 the Rate which ſhall be paid by His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and all claiming any Royal Mines under them, in exerciſing the Right of Pre-emption given them by the ſaid recited Act, as far as reſpects any Ore wherein there is Lead, ſhall be Twenty-five Pounds *per* Ton for all Ore waſhed, made clean, and Merchantable, wherein there is Lead, inſtead of the Rate of Nine Pounds *per* Ton as by the ſaid recited Act is directed; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act to the contrary notwithſtanding; and ſuch increaſed Rate ſhall be paid, ſubject to the Proviſions and according to the Regulations contained in the ſaid recited Act, and now in force, with regard to the ſaid original Rate of Nine Pounds *per* Ton.

25l. per Ton inſtead of 9l. to be the Rate at which His Majeſty and others claiming Royal Mines may exerciſe their Right of Pre-emption of Ore in which there is Lead.

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