

ANNO SEPTIMO & OCTAVO

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CAP. XLVII.

An Act to amend and continue for Five Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, certain Acts relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in *Ireland*.

[29th *July* 1844.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to continue and amend certain Regulations for the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in* Ireland: And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Frauds and Abuses committed by Weavers, Sewers, and other Persons employed in the Linen, Hempen, Union, Cotton, Silk, and Woollen Manufactures in* Ireland, *and for the better Payment of their Wages, for One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and continue to the Twenty-seventh Day of* July *One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, an Act of the* 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 27. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 91. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 68.

Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty, for the more effectual Prevention of Frauds and Abuses committed by Weavers, Sewers, and other Persons employed in the Linen, Hempen, Union, Cotton, Silk, and Woollen Manufactures in Ireland, *and for the better Payment of their Wages:* And whereas it is expedient that the first herein-before recited Act should be continued, with such Amendments as are herein-after contained, and that the secondly and thirdly herein-before recited Acts should also be continued: 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the Authority of the same, That the said first herein-before recited Act, except as to such Parts thereof as have been repealed by the said secondly herein-before recited Act, and subject to the Amendments herein-after contained, and the said secondly and thirdly herein-before recited Acts, shall be continued and shall be and remain in force from the passing of this Act for Five Years, and until the End of the next Session of Parliament.

Continuation of Acts.

Further Powers granted to Justices in awarding the Penalties assigned by the Act 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 27.

II. And whereas several of the Penalties imposed by the said first herein-before recited Act for the Offences therein described are directed to be not less in Amount than certain Sums in the said Act respectively named, and it is expedient that Power should be given to the convicting Justices still further to lessen the same; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justices or Justice or Chief Magistrate by whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence under the said first herein-before recited Act to award, in respect of any Offence punishable under the said Act, any Penalty whatsoever, not being greater than the maximum Penalty assigned for such Offence by the said Act; and the said Act shall hereafter take effect and be continued as if no such minimum Limits as are herein-before referred to had been respectively assigned to the Penalties thereby imposed.

Fairs and Markets for Linen to be held between Ten and Two o'Clock throughout the Year.

III. And whereas by the said first-mentioned Act it is enacted, that for the Purposes thereof all Linen which shall be sold or exposed for Sale within the Custom Gaps or Custom Gates of any Fair or Market on the respective Fair or Market Days, between the Hours therein-after mentioned, (that is to say,) between Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* until the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* in each Year, and between Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon from the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, shall be deemed and taken to be sold or exposed for Sale in open Fair or Market, and none other; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding: And whereas it is expedient that the Hour of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *September* to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, should be fixed, instead of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon during the like Period, as the Time at which open Fairs and Markets should, for the Purposes of the said first herein-before mentioned Act, be deemed to commence; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all Linen that

shall be sold or exposed for Sale within the Custom Gaps or Custom Gates of any Fair or Market on the respective Fair Days, between the Hour of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, whatever may be the Period of the Year, shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be sold or exposed for Sale in open Fair or Market, and none other; any thing in the said first herein-before recited Act, and any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Public Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act, and the several Acts herein-before recited, shall be deemed and taken to be Public Acts, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

Act to extend to Ireland only.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall extend to *Ireland* only.

Act may be amended, this Session.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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