

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO PRIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CIII.

An Act to empower His Majeſty to regulate the Trade and Commerce to and from the Iſle of *Malta* until the ſigning a Definitive Treaty of Peace, and from thence until Six Weeks after the next Meeting of Parliament; and to declare the Iſle of *Malta* to be Part of *Europe*. [2d *July* 1801.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Iſland of *Malta*, with the Dependencies thereof, are now in the Poſſeſſion of His Majeſty, and it is expedient, under the preſent Circumſtances, that the Trade and Commerce to and from the ſame ſhould be regulated for a certain Time in ſuch Manner as ſhall ſeem proper to His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, notwithſtanding the ſpecial Proviſions of any Act or Acts of Parliament that may be conſtrued to affect the ſame; be it therefore 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, and until the ſigning a definitive Treaty of Peace, and from thence until Six Weeks after the next Meeting of Parliament, it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be iſſued from Time to Time, to give ſuch Directions and make ſuch Regulations touching the Trade and Commerce to and from the ſaid Iſle and the Dependencies thereof, as to His Majeſty in Council ſhall appear moſt expedient and ſalutary, any Thing contained in an Act paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *Charles*

His Majeſty may, by Order in Council, make ſuch Regulations touching the Trade to and from *Malta* as ſhall appear expedient.

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the Second, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging and increaſing of Shipping and Navigation*; or in an Act paſſed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His Majeſty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuſes in the Plantation Trade*; or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force relating to His Majeſty's Colonies and Plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Goods imported or exported contrary to any ſuch Order in Council, ſhall be forfeited.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatever ſhall be imported into, or exported from, any Place or Places, Part of the ſaid Iſland or its Dependencies, or ſhall be exported from any Part of His Majeſty's Dominions to any of the ſaid Places, or if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſhall be ſo imported or exported in any Manner whatever, contrary to any ſuch Order or Orders of His Majeſty in Council, the ſame ſhall be forfeited, together with the Ship or Veſſel in which ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſhall reſpectively be imported or exported, with all her Guns, Ammunition, Furniture, Tackle, and Apparel; and every ſuch Forfeiture ſhall and may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered by ſuch and the like Ways, Means, and Methods, as any Forfeiture incurred by any Law reſpecting the Revenue of Cuſtoms may be ſued for, proſecuted, and recovered in Places where reſpectively the Offences ſhall be committed; and the Produce thereof ſhall be diſpoſed of, paid, and applied in like Manner in the ſaid Places reſpectively; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Malta ſhall be deemed Part of *Europe*.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* and Dependencies thereof, ſhall be deemed, taken, and conſtrued to be Part of *Europe* for all Purpoſes, and as to all Matters and Things whatever; any Law or Laws, Uſage or Cuſtom, or Act or Acts, to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

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