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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. LIX.

An Act for repealing so much of an Act of the Thirty-first Year of His late Majesty, as inflicts Capital Punishment for Frauds and Abuses in the marking or stamping of Gold or Silver Plate; and for inflicting another Punishment for the said Offence.

WHEREAS by a Clause in an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, (intituled, An Act for repealing the Duty granted by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, on Silver Plate, made, wrought, touched, assayed, or marked, in *Great Britain*; and for granting a Duty on Licences to be taken out by all Persons dealing in Gold or Silver Plate; and for discontinuing all Drawbacks upon Silver Plate exported; and for more effectually preventing Frauds and Abuses in the marking or stamping of Gold or Silver Plate); it is enacted, That if any

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any Person whatsoever shall cast, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be cast, forged, or counterfeited, any Mark or Stamp used, or to be used, for marking Gold or Silver Plate by the Company of Goldsmiths in London, or by the Wardens, or Assayer or Assayers, at York, Exeter, Bristol, Chester, Norwich, or Newcastle upon Tyne, or by any Maker or Worker of Gold or Silver Plate, or any Mark, Stamp, or Impression, in Imitation of, or to resemble any Mark, Stamp, or Impression, made, or to be made, with any such Stamp used as aforesaid; or shall mark or stamp, or cause or procure to be marked or stamped, any Wrought Plate of Gold or Silver, or any Wares of Brass or other base Metal, silvered or gilt over, and resembling Plate of Gold or Silver, with any Mark or Stamp which hath been, or shall be forged or counterfeited; or shall transpose or remove, or cause or procure to be transposed or removed, from one Piece of Wrought Plate to another, or to any Vessel of such base Metal as aforesaid, any such Mark, Stamp, or Impression; or shall sell, exchange, or expose to Sale, or export out of this Kingdom, any Wrought Plate of Gold or Silver, or any Vessel of such base Metal, with any such counterfeit Mark, Stamp, or Impression thereon, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or transposed; or shall wilfully or knowingly have or be possessed of any such forged Mark or Stamp; every such Person, being lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy: 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 Clause shall, from and after the Twenty-ninth Day of September next, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, repealed.

A Clause therein repealed.

Persons counterfeiting of Marks or Stamps used by the Company of Goldsmiths in *London*, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person whatsoever, from and after the said Twenty-ninth Day of September next, shall cast, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be cast, forged, or counterfeited, any Mark or Stamp used, or to be used, for the marking or stamping Gold or Silver Plate, in pur-

ſuance of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force by the Company of Goldſmiths in London, or by the Wardens, or Aſſayer or Aſſayers, at York, Exeter, Briſtol, Cheſter, Norwich, or Newcaſtle upon Tyne, or by any Maker or Worker of Gold or Silver Plate, or any or either of them; or ſhall caſt, forge, or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be caſt, forged, or counterfeited, any Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion, in Imitation of, or to reſemble any Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion made, or to be made, with any Mark or Stamp uſed, or to be uſed, as aforeſaid, by the ſaid Company of Goldſmiths in London, or by the ſaid Wardens, or Aſſayer or Aſſayers, or by any Maker or Worker of Gold or Silver Plate, or any or either of them; or ſhall mark or ſtamp, or cauſe or procure to be marked or ſtamped, any Wrought Plate of Gold or Silver, or any Wares of Braſs or other baſe Metal ſilvered or gilt over, and reſembling Plate of Gold or Silver, with any Mark or Stamp which hath been or ſhall be forged or counterfeited at any Time, either before, on, or after the ſaid Twenty-ninth Day of September next, in Imitation of, or to reſemble any Mark or Stamp uſed, or to be uſed, as aforeſaid, by the ſaid Company of Goldſmiths in London, or by the ſaid Wardens, or Aſſayer or Aſſayers, or by any Maker or Worker of Gold or Silver Plate, or any or either of them; or ſhall tranſpoſe or remove, or cauſe or procure to be tranſpoſed or removed, from one Piece of Wrought Plate to another, or to any Veſſel of ſuch baſe Metal as aforeſaid, any Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion, made or to be made, by or with any Mark or Stamp uſed, or to be uſed, as aforeſaid, by the ſaid Company of Goldſmiths in London, or by the ſaid Wardens, or Aſſayer or Aſſayers, or by any Maker or Worker of Gold or Silver Plate, or any or either of them; or ſhall ſell, exchange, or expoſe to Sale, or export out of this Kingdom, any Wrought Plate of Gold or Silver, or any Veſſel of ſuch baſe Metal, as aforeſaid, with any ſuch forged or counterfeit Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion thereon, or any Mark, Stamp, or Impreſſion which hath been, or ſhall be tranſpoſed or removed from any other Piece of Plate, at any Time either before, on, or after the ſaid Twenty-ninth Day of

or tranſpoſing Stamps from one Piece to another, and expoſing ſuch to Sale;

September next, knowing such Mark, Stamp, or Impression to be forged, counterfeited, or transposed or removed as aforesaid; or shall wilfully or knowingly have or be possessed of any Mark or Stamp which hath been, or shall be forged or counterfeited at any Time, either before, on, or after the said Twenty-ninth Day of September next, in Imitation of, or to resemble any Mark or Stamp used, or to be used, as aforesaid, by the said Company of Goldsmiths in London, or by the said Wardens, or Assayer or Assayers, or by any Maker or Worker of Gold or Silver Plate, or any or either of them; every Person offending in any such or either of the Cases aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall, by Order of the Court before whom such Offender shall be convicted, be transported to some of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, for the Term of Fourteen Years.

shall, on Conviction, be transported to *America* for 14 Years.

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