

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SEXTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CLIII.

An Act for the Preservation of the Publick Harbours of the United Kingdom. [23d *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS the Preservation of the Publick Harbours of the United Kingdom is of great Importance to the Commerce and Security thereof; 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, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to make, construct, or erect any Pier, Quay, Wharf, Jetty, Breast, or Embankment, in or adjoining to any Publick Harbour in the United Kingdom, or any River immediately communicating therewith, so far as the Tide flows up the same, without giving at least One Month's previous Notice of his, her, or their Intention so to do, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, who is to lay the same before the Lord High Admiral or Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Time being; the Receipt of which Notice the said Secretary is hereby required duly to acknowledge, upon pain that every Person or Persons offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be granted or allowed.

No Pier, &c. shall be erected near to any Publick Harbour without giving One Month's Notice to the Admiralty on Penalty of 200*l.*

Act not to affect the Privileges of the City of London.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act or any Thing herein contained shall not extend, or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Liberties, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, or Authority of the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or any of their Deputies or Ministers in the Port of *London*, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the Time of making this Act the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being as Conservator of the River of *Thames* and Waters of *Medway*, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

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