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An Act for the Regulation of levying Tolls at Fairs, Markets, and Ports in *Ireland*. [11th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS certain Customs, Tolls, and Duties unwarranted by Law have been at sundry Times levied in *Ireland*: And whereas it would tend materially to prevent the same, if a Board or Boards, specifying the separate Customs, Tolls, or Duties payable on all Articles sold at any Fair or Market, or upon landing the same at any Port, and the Name or Names of the Person or Persons or Corporation claiming the same, were publicly exhibited at such Fairs, Markets, and Ports; 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 First of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, all Persons collecting Customs, Tolls, or Duties, or claiming the same, at any Fair, Market, or Port in *Ireland*, shall erect, affix, and keep up, during the whole Continuance of such Fair or Market, in some conspicuous Place at each principal Entrance of the same, and the principal Quay or Landing Place at each Port, a painted Board, having thereon a Schedule in large and legible Characters, specifying distinctly the Custom, Toll, or Duty claimed on each and every Article or Thing sold at such Fair or Market, or landed at such Port, and the Names of the Person collecting the same, and of the Person or Persons or Corporation claiming Right to the same, so that such Boards may be referred to and examined by all Persons desirous of so doing.

After July 1, 1818, Boards specifying Tolls shall be erected at Fairs, Markets, and Ports, &c.

Penalty on levying Tolls, without having erected such Boards, 40s:

II. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall attempt to collect or levy any Custom, Toll, or Duty, without having previously erected such Boards as aforesaid, or without having kept up the same as aforesaid, shall for every Custom, Toll, or Duty which he shall attempt to collect or levy, either in Money or Kind, not being specified on such Boards as aforesaid, or at a Time when such Boards shall not be up as aforesaid, forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings to any Person suing for the same.

Except such Boards are removed by Violence, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it hereby enacted, That in case it shall appear that the Toll Board or Boards shall have been defaced or removed by Violence, then such Collector shall not be liable to such Penalty, unless he shall neglect to reinstate such Boards as soon as the same may be reasonably done.

Penalty on removing such Boards by force.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall deface or remove such Board or Boards, or shall be engaged in any Riot in which such Board or Boards shall be defaced or removed, shall forfeit Five Pounds to any Person suing for the same.

Penalties to be recovered before Two Justices of the Peace by Distress.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Penalties herein-before set forth shall be recoverable and recovered, on summary Conviction of either of the Offences aforesaid, before any Two Magistrates or Justices of the Peace of the County, City, or Town where such Offence shall be committed, and shall be levied by Distress under the Warrant of such Magistrates or Justices of the Peace, who are hereby empowered to issue the same.

Appeal to Quarter Sessions.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for Persons so convicted to appeal in the usual Manner to the next ensuing Quarter Sessions, where the Case shall be finally determined.

Schedules of Tolls to be delivered to Clerk of the Peace.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Persons or Corporations claiming a Right to levy any Custom, Toll, or Duty at any Fair or Market or at any Port in *Ireland*, shall and they are hereby required, on or before the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, to deliver in to the Clerk of the Peace of the County, City, or Town where such Custom, Toll, or Duty may be claimed, a Schedule of the Tolls, Customs, and Duties claimed by such Persons or Corporations on every Article sold at such Fairs or Markets, or landed at such Ports; and in default thereof, that it shall not be lawful for any such Persons or Corporations to levy any such Custom, Toll, or Duty, or any Person for them; and that such Persons or Corporations, and all Persons attempting to levy any Custom, Toll, or Duty for them, shall incur and forfeit such Penalty or Penalties as have been provided by Law against Persons taking illegal Tolls: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for Persons and Corporations who shall deliver such Schedules after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, to the Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid, to levy the legal Customs, Tolls, and Duties after they shall have delivered in such Schedule as aforesaid.

Clerk of the Peace to give Certificate.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace shall keep a Registry of all such Schedules, and shall give to every Person or Corporation

ration as aforeſaid a Certificate of having regiſtered ſuch Schedule, when ſuch Schedule ſhall be delivered to him.

IX. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act ſhall (except as is herein-before provided) extend, diminiſh, or alter the Rights of Perſons claiming or paying Cuſtoms, Tolls, or Duties at ſuch Fairs, Markets, or Ports, or the Penalties to which they may become liable, or their Mode of Redreſs, otherwiſe than as the ſame are at preſent by Law eſtabliſhed. This Act not to alter Rights, &c. of Perſons claiming Tolls.

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