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CAP. LXXXVI.

An Act to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen, Artificers, Journeymen, and Labourers, in *Ireland*; and for other Purposes relating thereto.

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WHEREAS the Laws now in force in *Ireland*, againſt unlawful Combinations, by and amongſt Artificers, Workmen, Journeymen, and Labourers, have been found to be inadequate to the Suppreſſion thereof; whereby it is become neceſſary that more effectual Proviſion ſhould be made againſt ſuch unlawful Combinations in *Ireland*, and for preventing ſuch unlawful Practices in future, and for bringing ſuch Offenders to more ſpeedy and exemplary Puniſhment; 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, all Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements whatſoever, in Writing or not in Writing, at any Time or Times heretofore made, or entered into, or at any Time or Times hereafter to be made or entered into, by or between any Artificers, Journeymen, Manufacturers, Workmen, Labourers, or other

All Contracts for obtaining an Advance of Wages, altering the Time of working, decreaſing the

Quantity of Work, &c. (except between Masters and Men) shall be illegal.

Persons in *Ireland*, for obtaining an Advance of Wages of them, or any of them, or of any other Artificers, Journeymen, Manufacturers, Workmen, Labourers, or other Persons in any Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation, or for lessening or altering their or any of their usual Hours or Time of working, or for decreasing the Quantity of Work, (save and except any Contract made or to be made between any Master and his Journeyman, or Manufacturer, for or on Account of the Work or Service of such Journeyman or Manufacturer with whom such Contract may be made), or for preventing or hindering any Person or Persons from employing whomsoever he, she, or they shall think proper to employ in his, her, or their Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation, or for controuling or any way affecting any Person or Persons carrying on any Manufacture, Trade, or Business, in the Conduct or Management thereof, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be illegal, null, and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Any Workmen who shall be guilty of any such Offence, shall be committed to Gaol or the House of Correction, on Conviction before Two Justices;

II. And be it further enacted, That no Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Labourer, or other Person in *Ireland*, shall at any Time after the passing of this Act, make or enter into, or be concerned in the making of or entering into any such Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, in Writing or not in Writing, as is hereinbefore declared to be an illegal Covenant, Contract, or Agreement; and every Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Labourer, or other Person who after the passing of this Act shall be guilty of any of the said Offences in *Ireland*, being thereof lawfully convicted before any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place, where such Offence shall be committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence shall have been committed, shall by Order of such Justices be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within their Jurisdiction, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or at the Discretion of such Justices shall be committed to some House of Correction within the same Jurisdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

as also any who shall enter into any Combination for advancing Wages, *etc.* or shall endeavour to prevent any Workman from hiring himself, or shall prevail on him to quit his Employ, or shall hinder any Master from employing any Person, or without reasonable Cause shall refuse to work with any other Workman;

III. And be it further enacted, That every Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Labourer, or other Person, who shall at any Time after the passing of this Act, enter into any Combination in *Ireland*, to obtain an Advance of Wages, or to alter or lessen the Hours or Duration of the Time of working, or to decrease the Quantity of Work, or for any other Purpose contrary to this Act, or who shall by giving Money, or by Persuasion, Solicitation, or Intimidation, or any other Means, wilfully and maliciously endeavour to prevent any unhired or unemployed Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, or Labourer, or any other Person wanting Employment, from hiring himself to any Manufacturer or Tradesman, or Person conducting any Manufacture, Trade, or Business in *Ireland*, or who shall for the Purpose of obtaining an Advance of Wages, or for any other Purpose contrary to the Provisions of this Act, wilfully and maliciously decoy, persuade, solicit, intimidate, influence, or prevail, or attempt or endeavour to prevail, on any Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Labourer, or other Person, hired or employed, or to be hired or employed in any Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation in *Ireland*, to quit or leave his Work, Service, or Employment, or

or who shall wilfully and maliciously hinder or prevent or attempt to hinder or prevent any Manufacturer or Tradesman, or other Person, from employing in his or her Manufacture, Trade, or Business, such Artificers, Journeymen, Workmen, Apprentices, Labourers, and other Persons as he or she shall think proper, or who being hired or employed shall without any just or reasonable Cause refuse to work with any other Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Apprentice, or Labourer, employed or hired to work therein, and who shall be lawfully convicted of any of the said Offences before any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence shall have been committed, shall by Order of such Justices be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within their Jurisdiction, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or otherwise be committed to some House of Correction within the same Jurisdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

and also all Persons who shall attend any Meeting for the Purpose of making any such illegal Contract, or who shall summon, or by Intimidation, &c. endeavour to induce any Journeyman to attend such Meeting, or who shall collect any Money for such Purposes, *etc.*

IV. And, for the more effectual Suppression of all Combinations amongst Artificers, Journeymen, Workmen, Labourers, and other Persons employed in any Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation in *Ireland*; be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, (whether employed in any such Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation, or not) who shall attend any Meeting had or held for the Purpose of making or entering into any Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, by this Act declared to be illegal, or of entering into, supporting, maintaining, continuing, or carrying on any Combination for any Purpose by this Act declared to be illegal, or who shall summon, give Notice to, call upon, persuade, entice, solicit, or by Intimidation, or any other Means, endeavour to induce any Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Apprentice, Labourer, or other Person employed in any Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation, to attend any such Meeting, or who shall collect, demand, ask, or receive, any Sum of Money from any such Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Apprentice, Labourer, or other Person, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, or who shall persuade, entice, solicit, or by Intimidation, or any other Means, endeavour to induce any such Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Apprentice, Labourer, or other Person, to enter into or be concerned in any such Combination, or who shall pay any Sum of Money, or make or enter into any Subscription or Contribution, for or towards the Support or Encouragement of any such illegal Meeting or Combination, or shall administer or cause to be administered, any Oath or Declaration to any Manufacturer, Artificer, Journeyman, Apprentice, or Labourer, or to any Person or Persons whomsoever, tending to fix the Price of Wages or Labour or Workmanship, or tending to fix or make any Rule, Order, Agreement, or Regulation, respecting any Trade, Manufacture, or Business, or the Persons employed or to be employed therein, or shall issue or cause to be issued, or deliver or cause to be delivered any Ticket, Certificate, or Token (other than and except such Ticket or Certificate as shall or may be delivered by or by the Order of the Corporation whereof such Manufacturer, Artificer, Journeyman, or Labourer, is or shall be a Member) to any such Manufacturer, Artificer, Journeyman, or Labourer, of his being licensed to work at his or their respective Trade

Trade or Trades, and who shall be lawfully convicted of any of the said Offences, before any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, within Three Calendar Months after the Offence shall have been committed, shall, by Order of such Justices, be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol within their Jurisdiction, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or otherwise be committed to some House of Correction within the same Jurisdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Penalty on Persons contributing for any Expences incurred for acting contrary to this Act, or towards supporting any Person to induce him not to work, or maintaining Offenders, or collecting Money for such Purposes.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Person (whether employed as a Journeyman, Workman, or Labourer, in any Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation, or not) shall at any Time after the passing of this Act wilfully pay or give any Sum of Money or valuable Thing as a Subscription or Contribution for the Purpose of paying the Expences incurred or to be incurred by any Person or Persons acting contrary to the Provisions of this Act, or shall by Payment of Money or other Means support or maintain any Journeyman, Workman, Apprentice, Labourer, or other Person, or contribute towards his Support or Maintenance, for the Purpose of inducing him to refuse to work, or to be hired or employed in any Manufacture, Trade, Business, or Occupation, or for the Purpose of maintaining or supporting any Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, Apprentice, or Labourer, who, having been guilty of any Offence under this Act, shall have been lawfully convicted of the same; and every Person who shall be guilty of any such Offence, shall on Conviction thereof before any Two Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, forfeit and lose any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds; and every Journeyman, Workman, Labourer, and every Person who shall collect or receive any Money or valuable Thing, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall on like Conviction forfeit and lose any Sum not exceeding the like Sum of Ten Pounds, according to the Discretion of the Justices before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted; such Penalties respectively to be forfeited, One Moiety to His Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Informer, to be equally divided between them.

Application of Penalties.

Any Workman, who, during his Engagement, shall refuse to work, or shall absent himself, or shall prevent or molest any Person from working, or shall return his Work before completed, shall be committed to Gaol or the House of Correction, on Conviction of Two Justices.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Manufacturer, Artificer, Journeyman, Workman, or Labourer, being engaged with any Master, Mistress, or Employer, in *Ireland*, shall after such Engagement, and during the Time for which he shall be so engaged, refuse to work, or shall absent himself from the Service of the Person by whom he shall be so employed as aforesaid, during the accustomed Hours of working at such Trade or Occupation as he shall be accustomed to be employed at, or if hired by the Week, Month, or Year, shall neglect to come to work each and every Day during the said Term, on any Account or Pretext whatsoever, unless prevented by Sickness or some other reasonable Cause, to the Satisfaction of the Justices before whom Complaint shall be made, or shall hinder, prevent, or molest, or attempt to hinder, prevent, or molest any Person or Persons from working at any Business or Occupation on Account of the said Persons being Foreigners, Strangers, or Natives of any other Part of the United Kingdom, or of any

any other County, City, or Place within *Ireland*, or on any other Account whatſoever, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to work in the Trade or Calling he ſhall be ſo engaged for, and in an uſual and reaſonable Manner, being thereunto required by his Employer, or ſhall return his Work before the ſame ſhall be completely finiſhed without the Conſent of the Perſon or Perſons by whom he ſhall be ſo employed, unleſs it be for ſome reaſonable and ſufficient Cauſe to be allowed by Two Juſtices of the Peace, in their reſpective Juriſdictions, and ſhall be thereof convicted before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to commit the Perſon or Perſons ſo convicted to the Common Gaol, there to be kept without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or otherwiſe, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtices, to ſome Houſe of Correction within their Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Any Maſter employing a Man retained by another, without his Leave, ſhall be liable to Penalty.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Maſter Workman in *Ireland*, or any Perſon whatſoever for him, by his Direction, or with his Privity, ſhall knowingly receive, employ, or entertain any Artificer, Journeyman, Manufacturer, Workman, or Labourer, already employed or retained by another, during the Time ſuch Artificer, Journeyman, Manufacturer, Workman, or Labourer ſhall be ſo employed or retained, without Leave of the Perſon or Perſons by whom ſuch Artificer, Journeyman, Manufacturer, Workman, or Labourer, ſhall be ſo employed or retained, every ſuch Offender being thereof lawfully convicted before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not leſs than Five Pounds nor more than Twenty Pounds; One Moiety thereof to be paid to the Perſon aggrieved, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Truſtees of *Stevens's Hoſpital* in the City of *Dublin*, for the Uſe of the ſaid Hoſpital, if the Offence ſhall have been committed in the County or in the County of the City of *Dublin*, and to ſuch publick Charity within the County, City, or Place in which the Offence ſhall have been committed, as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall direct, in any Caſe where the ſaid Offence ſhall have been committed out of the County, or the County of the City of *Dublin*.

Application of Penalty.

If any Workman ſhall ſpoil, ſell, *etc.* any Work committed to his Care, he and his Accomplices ſhall ſeverally forfeit Double the Value.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Artificer, Workman, or Servant, hired, retained, or employed in *Ireland*, in any Trade or Manufacture, ſhall wilfully damnify, ſpoil, deſtroy, ſell, exchange, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of, againſt or without the Conſent of the Owner or Owners, any of the Goods, Wares, or Work, or Materials for Work, committed to his Care or Charge, or wherewith he ſhall be entruſted, every ſuch Offender and his Accomplices, being thereof lawfully convicted before any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, ſhall ſeverally forfeit and pay Double the Value of ſuch Goods, Wares, or Work ſo damnified, ſpoiled, or deſtroyed, to the Owner or Owners thereof reſpectively.

Contractors for Work ſhall be conſidered as Maſters.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Undertakers or Contractors for Work in *Ireland*, ſhall be conſidered as Maſters in reſpect to all Mat-

ters and Things contained in this Act, so far as relates to the Journeymen, Artificers, Workmen, and Labourers employed by them.

If any Person shall permit any Meeting in his House for Purposes contrary to this Act, he shall be liable to Penalty.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons in *Ireland* shall, after the passing of this Act, knowingly permit any Persons whatsoever to assemble and meet together in his, her, or their House or Apartments, for the Purpose of unlawfully regulating the Concerns of Trade, or the Rates of Wages, or Prices of Work, or for any other Purpose contrary to any of the Provisions of this Act, every such Person or Persons shall, upon Conviction thereof before any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Town, or Place wherein such Person or Persons shall be resident, forfeit and pay for every such Offence, any Sum not less than Five Pounds nor more than Twenty Pounds, One Moiety thereof to be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Trustees of *Stevens's Hospital* in *Dublin*, for the Use of the said Hospital if the Offence shall have been committed in the County, or in the County of the City of *Dublin*, and to such publick Charity within the County, City, Town, or Place, within which the Offence shall have been committed, as the said Justices shall direct, where the said Offence shall have been committed out of the County, or the County of the City of *Dublin*.

Application of Penalty.

Justices may summon Offenders, and, on their not appearing, may issue Warrants for apprehending them, and on their appearing, or on Proof of their absconding, may hear and determine the Matter of Complaint, and if Penalties are not forthwith paid, may commit the Parties to Gaol or the House of Correction.

XI. And, for the more effectually enforcing and carrying into Execution the Provisions of this Act, be it further enacted, That on Complaint and Information on Oath, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, of any Offence having been committed against this Act, within the respective Jurisdictions of such Justices, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to summon the Person or Persons charged with being an Offender or Offenders against this Act, to appear before any Two Justices for the County, City, Town, or Place, within which the Offence shall have been committed, at a certain Time and Place to be specified; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall not appear according to such Summons, then (Proof on Oath having been first made before them of the due Service of such Summons upon such Person or Persons by delivering the same to him or them personally, or leaving the same at his or their usual Place of Abode; provided the same shall be so left Twenty-four Hours at the least before the Time which shall be appointed to appear before the said Justices upon such Summons, and provided also, that such Summons shall, in the Case last mentioned, be delivered into the Hands of some Person above the Age of Sixteen Years, then resident in the usual Place of such Person or Persons), such Two Justices shall make and issue their Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Person or Persons so summoned and not appearing as aforesaid, and for bringing him or them before such Justices; and upon the Person or Persons complained against appearing upon such Summons, or being brought by virtue of such Warrant or Warrants before such Justices, or upon Proof on Oath of such Person or Persons absconding, so that such Warrant or Warrants cannot be executed, then such Two Justices shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, forthwith to make Enquiry touching the Matters complained of, and to examine into the same by the Oath or Oaths of any credible Person or Persons, and to hear and determine the Matter of every such Complaint; and upon Confession by the Party, or Proof by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon

Oath (which Oath either of ſuch Juſtices is hereby authorized and empowered to adminiſter in ſuch Caſe, and in all other Caſes where an Oath is to be taken before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, in purſuance of this Act), to convict or acquit the Party or Parties againſt whom Complaint ſhall have been made as aforeſaid, and to give Sentence for the Forfeiture or Penalty incurred under and by virtue of this Act; and in caſe ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid purſuant to ſuch Conviction and Sentence, ſuch Two Juſtices ſhall and may, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, commit the Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol within their Juriſdiction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, nor leſs than Two Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty, or Wages, ſhall be ſooner paid or ſatisfied, or otherwiſe at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtices, to ſome Houſe of Correction within their Juriſdiction, there to remain and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Forfeiture, or Penalty, or Wages, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

No Maſter in the Trade in which any Offence is charged to have been committed, ſhall act as ſuch Juſtice.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Juſtice of the Peace, being alſo a Maſter in any particular Trade, Manufacture, or Occupation, in or concerning which any Offence is charged to have been committed under this Act, ſhall act as ſuch Juſtice under this Act; any Thing herein contained, or any former Statute, Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Juſtices may ſummon Witneſſes, and for Non-appearance or Refuſal to give Evidence, may commit them.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace before whom any ſuch Complaint or Information ſhall be made as aforeſaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, at the Requeſt of any of the Parties, to iſſue his or their Summons to any Witneſs or Witneſſes, to appear and give Evidence before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, at the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining ſuch Complaint, and which Time and Place ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Summons; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned to appear as a Witneſs or Witneſſes as aforeſaid, ſhall not appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices at the Time and Place ſpecified in ſuch Summons, or offer ſome reaſonable Excuſe for the Default, or appearing according to ſuch Summons ſhall not ſubmit to be examined as a Witneſs or Witneſſes, and give his or their Evidence before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices touching the Matter of ſuch Complaint, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized (Proof on Oath in the Caſe of any Perſon not appearing according to ſuch Summons having been firſt made before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the due Service of ſuch Summons on every ſuch Perſon, by delivering the ſame to him or her, or by leaving the ſame Twenty-four Hours before the Time appointed, for ſuch Perſon to appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, at the uſual Place of Abode of ſuch Perſon) by Warrant under the Hand or Hands of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, to commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo making Default in appearing, or appearing and refuſing to give Evidence, to ſome Priſon within the Juriſdiction of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſubmit himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves to be examined, and give his, her, or their Evidence before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices as aforeſaid.

XIV. And

Informers shall be deemed competent Witneſſes; and Offenders may be compelled to give Evidence againſt others, and having given ſuch Evidence, ſhall be indemnified for having offended.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Informer or Proſecutor ſhall in every Caſe under this Act be deemed a competent Witneſs to prove the Offence charged; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall or may offend againſt this Act ſhall and may, equally with all other Perſons, be called upon and compelled to give his or her Teſtimony and Evidence as a Witneſs or Witneſſes on Behalf of His Majeſty, or of the Proſecutor or Informer, upon any Information to be made or exhibited under this Act, againſt any other Perſon or Perſons not being ſuch Witneſs or Witneſſes as aforeſaid; and that in all ſuch Caſes every Perſon having offended againſt this Act, and having given his or her Teſtimony or Evidence as aforeſaid, ſhall be and hereby is indemnified of, from, and againſt any Information to be laid, or Proſecution to be commenced againſt him, her, or them, for having offended in the Matter wherein or relative to which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have given Teſtimony or Evidence as aforeſaid.

Convictions ſhall be in the Form in the Schedule.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Juſtices before whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, or by whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be committed to Priſon for not appearing as a Witneſs, or not ſubmitting to be examined, ſhall cauſe all ſuch Convictions, and the Warrants or Orders for ſuch Commitment, to be drawn up in the Form or to the Effect ſet forth in the Schedule to this Act.

Convictions to be tranſmitted to the Quarter Seſſions to be filed.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Juſtices before whom any ſuch Conviction ſhall be had, ſhall cauſe the ſame (drawn up in the Form or to the Effect herein-before directed) to be fairly written on Parchment, and tranſmitted to the next General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the County, City, Town, or Place wherein ſuch Conviction was had, to be filed and kept amongſt the Records of the ſaid General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions.

Appeal may be made to the Quarter Seſſions, and Judgement ſuſpended on Security being given.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon, convicted of any Offence or Offences puniſhable by this Act, ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by the Judgement of the Juſtices before whom he or ſhe ſhall have been convicted, ſuch Perſon ſhall have Liberty to appeal from every ſuch Conviction to the next Court of General Seſſions, or General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace which ſhall be held for the County, City, Town, or Place wherein ſuch Offence was committed; and that the Execution of every Judgement ſo appealed from ſhall be ſuſpended, in caſe the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall, with Two ſufficient Sureties, immediately enter before ſuch Juſtices into a Bond to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, in the penal Sum of Double the Amount of the Penalty ſo incurred or forfeited; or in caſe ſuch Conviction ſhall contain a Judgement of Impriſonment, ſuch Appellant ſhall immediately enter into a Recognizance before ſuch Juſtices, himſelf in the Penalty of Twenty Pounds, with Two ſufficient Sureties in the Penalty of Ten Pounds each, (which Bond or Recognizance reſpectively ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized and required to take); and ſuch Bond or Recognizance ſhall be conditioned to proſecute ſuch Appeal with Effect, and to be forth coming to abide the Judgement and Determination of the ſaid next General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions, and to pay ſuch Coſts as the ſaid Court ſhall award on ſuch Occaſion; and the Juſtices in the ſaid next

next Court of General Seſſions or General Quarter Seſſions, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal, and to award ſuch Coſts as to them ſhall appear juſt and reaſonable to be paid by either Party; which Deciſion ſhall be final between the Parties, to all Intents and Purpoſes, and no Writ of *Certiorari*, or other Writ or Proceſs ſhall be allowed for Removal of ſuch Proceedings into any of His Majeſty's ſuperior Courts of Record; and if upon hearing the ſaid Appeal, the Judgement of the Juſtices, before whom the Appellant ſhall have been convicted, ſhall be affirmed, ſuch Appellant ſhall forthwith pay the Forfeiture or Penalty (if any) mentioned in ſuch Conviction, and the Coſts awarded to be paid by ſuch Appellant; and in Default of Payment thereof, or in caſe ſuch Conviction ſhall contain a Judgement of Impriſonment, ſuch Appellant ſhall immediately be committed by the ſaid Court to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction, according to ſuch Conviction, and for the Space of Time therein mentioned, without Bail or Mainprize, and alſo until the Payment of ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the ſame Court to be paid by ſuch Appellant.

Deciſion of the Quarter Seſſions ſhall be final.

If the Judgement of the Juſtices ſhall be affirmed, the Appellant ſhall pay the Penalty and Coſts, &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to repeal, take away, or abridge the Powers and Authorities now by Law given to any Court, or to any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in *Ireland*, touching any Combinations of Artificers, Manufacturers, Journeymen, Workmen, or Labourers, or for ſettling and adjuſting the Rate or Amount of Wages to be paid to ſuch Journeymen, Workmen, or other Perſons, or the Mode or Time of their working or being employed, or the Quantity of Work to be done, or touching any Matter whatſoever alſo provided for by this Act; but that all ſuch Courts and Juſtices ſhall and may continue to uſe, exerciſe, and execute all the Powers and Authorities given to them in and by any Law or Statute or any of them now in force in *Ireland*, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as they could or might have done if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Act not to abridge the Powers now given by Law to any Court or to Juſtices touching Combinations of Workmen, &c.

XIX. Provided always, That no Perſon convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, and who ſhall ſuffer for the ſame accordingly, ſhall be otherwiſe puniſhed or ſuffer for ſuch Offence by Authority of any other Law now in force in *Ireland*.

No Perſon ſuffering under this Act ſhall be otherwiſe puniſhed.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing by him, her, or them done or executed in purſuance of any of the Proviſions in this Act, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Matter or Thing done, and ſhall be laid in the proper County; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon Trial a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs become nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or Judgement ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him or them againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Limitation of Actions.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

Penalty shall be paid in *Irish* Currency.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Sum and Sums of Money, Penalties, and Forfeitures in this Act specified, mentioned, and contained, shall be paid and payable and received and receivable in *Irish* Currency, whether the same be so expressly mentioned or not.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

FORM of CONVICTION and COMMITMENT.

To wit. } BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before us, [*naming the Justices*], Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County [*or*, City, Liberty, Town, or Place] of of having [*stating the Offence*] contrary to the Statute made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here state the Title of this Act*]; and we the said Justices do hereby order and adjudge the said *A. B.* for the said Offence to be committed to and confined in the Common Gaol for the said County [*or* City, Liberty, Town, or Place] for the Space of [*or* to be committed to the House of Correction] at within the said County [*or* City, Liberty, Town, or Place] there to be kept to hard Labour for the Space of Given under our Hands the Day and Year above written.

FORM of CONVICTION in a PECUNIARY PENALTY.

BE it remembered, That on [*pursuing the same Form as far as to the End of the Title of this Act*]; and we the said Justices do hereby adjudge and determine the said *A. B.* for the said Offence to forfeit and lose the Sum of to be distributed as the said Act directs. Given under [*as before*]

FORM of COMMITMENT of a Person summoned as a WITNESS.

WHEREAS *C. D.* hath been duly summoned to appear and give Evidence before us [*naming the Justices who issued the Summons*], Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County [*or* City, Liberty, Town, or Place] of on this Day of at being

being the Time and Place appointed for hearing and determining the Complaint made on the Oath of [*the Informer or Proſecutor*] before us, againſt *A. B.* of having [*ſtating the Offence as laid in the Information*] contrary to the Statute made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here inſert the Title of this Act*]: And whereas the ſaid *C. D.* hath not appeared before us at the Time and Place aforeſaid ſpecified for that Purpoſe, or offered any reaſonable Excuſe for his [*or* her] Default, [*or*, And whereas the ſaid *C. D.* having appeared before us at the Time and Place aforeſaid ſpecified for that Purpoſe, hath not ſubmitted to be examined as a Witneſs, and give his [*or* her] Evidence before us, touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, but hath refuſed ſo to do]: Therefore we the ſaid Juſtices do hereby, in purſuance of the ſaid Statute, commit the ſaid *C. D.* to the [*deſcribing the Priſon*], there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize for his [*or* her] Contempt aforeſaid, until he [*or* ſhe] ſhall ſubmit himſelf [*or* herſelf] to be examined and give his [*or* her] Evidence before us, touching the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, or ſhall otherwiſe be diſcharged by the due Courſe of Law; and you [the Conſtable, *or other Peace Officer or Officers to whom the Warrant is directed*] are hereby authorized and required to take into your Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *C. D.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to convey to the ſaid Priſon, and him [*or* her] there to deliver to the Gaoler or Keeper thereof, who is hereby authorized and required to receive into his Cuſtody the Body of the ſaid *C. D.* and him [*or* her] ſafely to detain and keep, purſuant to this Commitment. Given under our Hands this Day of in the Year of our Lord

[This Commitment to be directed to the proper Peace Officer, and the Gaoler or Keeper of the Priſon.]

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