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## An Act for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures. [17th *June* 1824.]

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Security of Commerce, and for the Good of the Community, that Weights and Measures should be just and uniform: And whereas notwithstanding it is provided by the Great Charter, that there shall be but one Measure and one Weight throughout the Realm, and by the Treaty of Union between *England* and *Scotland*, that the same Weights and Measures should be used throughout *Great Britain* as were then established in *England*, yet different Weights and Measures, some larger, and some less, are still in use in various Places throughout the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the true Measure of the present Standards is not verily known, which is the Cause of great Confusion and of manifest Frauds: For the Remedy and Prevention of these Evils for the future, and to the End that certain Standards of Weights and Measures should be established throughout the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; 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 Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, the Straight Line or Distance between the Centres of the Two Points in the Gold Studs in the Straight Brass Rod, now in the Custody of the Clerk of the House of Commons, whereon the Words and Figures "Standard Yard, 1760," are engraved, shall be and the same is hereby declared

**After 1st May 1825, Standard Yard defined as the Measure of Length shall be the Unit**

of the Measures of Extension.

to be the original and genuine Standard of that Measure of Length or lineal Extension called a Yard; and that the same Straight Line or Distance between the Centres of the said Two Points in the said Gold Studs in the said Brass Rod, the Brass being at the Temperature of Sixty-two Degrees by *Fahrenheit's* Thermometer, shall be and is hereby denominated the "Imperial Standard Yard," and shall be and is hereby declared to be the Unit or only Standard Measure of Extension, wherefrom or whereby all other Measures of Extension whatsoever, whether the same be lineal, superficial, or solid, shall be derived, computed, and ascertained; and that all Measures of Length shall be taken in Parts or Multiples, or certain Proportions of the said Standard Yard; and that One-third Part of the said Standard Yard shall be a Foot, and the Twelfth Part of such Foot shall be an Inch; and that the Pole or Perch in Length shall contain Five such Yards and a Half, the Furlong Two hundred and twenty such Yards, and the Mile One thousand seven hundred and sixty such Yards.

Foot.
Inch.
Pole or Perch.
Furlong.
Mile.

Superficial Measures to be computed from the said Yard.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Superficial Measure shall be computed and ascertained by the said Standard Yard, or by certain Parts, Multiples, or Proportions thereof; and that the Rood of Land shall contain One thousand two hundred and ten Square Yards, according to the said Standard Yard; and that the Acre of Land shall contain Four thousand eight hundred and forty such Square Yards, being One hundred and sixty Square Perches, Poles, or Rods.

Rood.
Acre.

The Yard, if lost, &c. may be restored by Reference to the Length of a Pendulum vibrating Seconds at London.

III. And whereas it is expedient that the said Standard Yard, if lost, destroyed, defaced, or otherwise injured, should be restored of the same Length, by Reference to some invariable natural Standard: And whereas it has been ascertained by the Commissioners appointed by His Majesty to inquire into the Subject of Weights and Measures, that the said Yard hereby declared to be the Imperial Standard Yard, when compared with a Pendulum vibrating Seconds of Mean Time in the Latitude of *London*, in a Vacuum at the Level of the Sea, is in the Proportion of Thirty-six Inches to Thirty-nine Inches, and One thousand three hundred and ninety-three ten-thousandth Parts of an Inch; be it therefore enacted and declared, That if at any Time hereafter the said Imperial Standard Yard shall be lost, or shall be in any Manner destroyed, defaced, or otherwise injured, it shall and may be restored by making, under the Direction of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three of them, for the Time being, a new Standard Yard, bearing the same Proportion to such Pendulum as aforesaid, as the said Imperial Standard Yard bears to such Pendulum.

Standard Pound defined as the Measure of Weight.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, the Standard Brass Weight of One Pound Troy Weight, made in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, now in the Custody of the Clerk of the House of Commons, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be the original and genuine Standard Measure of Weight, and that such Brass Weight shall be and is hereby denominated the Imperial Standard Troy Pound, and shall be and the same is hereby

declared to be the Unit or only Standard Measure of Weight, from which all other Weights shall be derived, computed, and ascertained; and that One-twelfth Part of the said Troy Pound shall be an Ounce; and that One-twentieth Part of such Ounce shall be a Pennyweight; and that One-twenty-fourth Part of such Pennyweight shall be a Grain; so that Five thousand seven hundred and sixty such Grains shall be a Troy Pound, and that Seven thousand such Grains shall be and they are hereby declared to be a Pound Avoirdupois, and that One-sixteenth Part of the said Pound Avoirdupois shall be an Ounce Avoirdupois, and that One-sixteenth Part of such Ounce shall be a Dram.

Ounce. Pennyweight. Grain. 5,760 Grains in lb. Troy. Pound Avoirdupois, 7,000 Grains Troy. Ounce. Dram.

V. And whereas it is expedient, that the said Standard Troy Pound, if lost, destroyed, defaced, or otherwise injured, should be restored of the same Weight, by Reference to some invariable natural Standard: And whereas it has been ascertained, by the Commissioners appointed by His Majesty to inquire into the Subjects of Weights and Measures, that a Cubic Inch of distilled Water, weighed in Air by Brass Weights, at the Temperature of Sixty-two Degrees of *Fahrenheit's* Thermometer, the Barometer being at Thirty Inches, is equal to Two hundred and fifty-two Grains and Four hundred and fifty-eight thousandth Parts of a Grain, of which, as aforesaid, the Imperial Standard Troy Pound contains Five thousand seven hundred and sixty; be it therefore enacted, That if at any Time hereafter the said Imperial Standard Troy Pound shall be lost, or shall be in any Manner destroyed, defaced, or otherwise injured, it shall and may be restored by making, under the Directions of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three of them for the Time being, a new Standard Troy Pound, bearing the same Proportion to the Weight of a Cubic Inch of distilled Water, as the said Standard Pound hereby established bears to such Cubic Inch of Water.

The Pound, if lost, &c. may be restored by Reference to the Weight of a Cubic Inch of Water.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, the Standard Measure of Capacity, as well for Liquids as for dry Goods not measured by Heaped Measure, shall be the Gallon, containing Ten Pounds Avoirdupois Weight of distilled Water weighed in Air, at the Temperature of Sixty-two Degrees of *Fahrenheit's* Thermometer, the Barometer being at Thirty Inches; and that a Measure shall be forthwith made of Brass, of such Contents as aforesaid, under the Directions of the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom, or any Three or more of them for the Time being; and such Brass Measure shall be and is hereby declared to be the Imperial Standard Gallon, and shall be and is hereby declared to be the Unit and only Standard Measure of Capacity, from which all other Measures of Capacity to be used, as well for Wine, Beer, Ale, Spirits, and all Sorts of Liquids, as for dry Goods not measured by Heap Measure, shall be derived, computed, and ascertained; and that all Measures shall be taken in Parts or Multiples, or certain Proportions of the said Imperial Standard Gallon; and that the Quart shall be the Fourth Part of such Standard Gallon, and the Pint shall be One-eighth of such Standard Gallon, and that Two such Gallons

Standard Gallon, containing 10 Pounds Avoirdupois of Water, to be the Measure of Capacity.

Gallon.

Quart. Pint. Peck.

Bushel. Quarter.

Gallons shall be a Peck, and Eight such Gallons shall be a Bushel, and Eight such Bushels a Quarter of Corn or other dry Goods, not measured by Heaped Measure.

Standard for Heaped Measure.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Standard Measure of Capacity for Coals, Culm, Lime, Fish, Potatoes, or Fruit, and all other Goods and Things commonly sold by Heaped Measure, shall be the aforesaid Bushel, containing Eighty Pounds Avoirdupois of Water as aforesaid, the same being made round with a plain and even Bottom, and being Nineteen Inches and a Half from Outside to Outside of such Standard Measure as aforesaid.

How the Bushel shall be heaped.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in making use of such Bushel, all Coals and other Goods and Things commonly sold by Heaped Measure, shall be duly heaped up in such Bushel, in the Form of a Cone, such Cone to be of the Height of at least Six Inches, and the Outside of the Bushel to be the Extremity of the Base of such Cone; and that Three Bushels shall be a Sack, and that Twelve such Sacks shall be a Chaldron.

Measure of Weight, or Heaped Measure, to be used for Coals, Culm, Lime, Fish, Potatoes, and Fruit.

For other Articles, Weight or stricken Measure.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Dealings, made or had for or with respect to any Coals, Culm, Lime, Fish, Potatoes, or Fruit, and all other Goods and Things commonly sold by Heaped Measure, sold, delivered, done or agreed for, or to be sold, delivered, done, or agreed for by Weight or Measure, shall and may be either according to the said Standard of Weight, or the said Standard for Heaped Measure; but all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Dealings, made or had for any other Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or other Thing done or agreed for, or to be sold, delivered, done or agreed for by Weight or Measure, shall be made and had according to the said Standard of Weight, or to the said Gallon, or the Parts, Multiples, or Proportions thereof; and in using the same the Measures shall not be heaped, but shall be stricken with a Round Stick or Roller, straight and of the same Diameter from End to End.

Not to authorize selling by Measure of Articles required to be sold by Weight in Ireland.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the selling in *Ireland*, by Measure, of any Articles, Matters, or Things which by any Law in force in *Ireland* are required to be sold by Weight only.

Copies and Models of the Standard of Length, Weight, and Measure, to be made and verified under Direction of the Treasury.

XI. And be it further enacted, That Copies and Models of each of the said Standard Yard, the said Standard Pound, the said Standard Gallon, and the said Standard for Heaped Measure, and of such Parts and Multiples thereof respectively, as the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them for the Time being, shall judge expedient, shall, within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, be carefully made and verified under the Direction of the said Lord High Treasurer, or the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them for the Time being; and that the Copies and Models of the said Standard Yard, of the said Standard Pound, of the said Standard Gallon,

Gallon, and of the said Standard for Heaped Measure, and of Parts and Multiples thereof, so forthwith to be made and verified as aforesaid, shall, within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, be deposited in the Office of the Chamberlains of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, and that Copies thereof, verified as aforesaid, shall be sent to the Lord Mayor of *London* and the Chief Magistrate of *Edinburgh* and *Dublin*, and of such other Cities and Places, and to such other Places and Persons in His Majesty's Dominions or elsewhere, as the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury may from Time to Time direct.

Models and Copies to be provided for Counties, &c.

XII. And be it further enacted, That His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in every County, Riding, or Division in *England* or *Ireland*, or Shire or Stewartry in *Scotland*, and the Magistrates in every City, Town, or Place (being a County within itself) in *England* or *Ireland*, and in every City or Royal Burgh in *Scotland*, shall, within Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, purchase for their respective Counties, Ridings or Divisions, Shires or Stewartries, Cities, Towns, or Places, or Cities or Royal Burghs, a Model and Copy of each of the aforesaid Standards of Length, Weight, Measure, and of each of the Parts and Multiples thereof; which Models and Copies, when so purchased, shall be compared and verified with the Models and Copies deposited with the Chamberlains of the Exchequer as aforesaid, in such manner as aforesaid, and upon Payment of such Fees as are at present payable to the said Chamberlains upon the Comparison and Verification of Weights and Measures with the Standards thereof; and such Models and Copies, when so compared and verified, shall be placed for Custody and Inspection with such Person or Persons, and in such Place or Places, as the said Justices and Magistrates, in their respective Counties, Ridings and Divisions, and Shires or Stewartries, Cities, Towns and Places, or Cities or Royal Burghs, shall appoint, and the same shall be produced by the Keeper or Keepers thereof, upon reasonable Notice, at such Time or Times, and Place or Places, within each such County, Riding, or Division, Shire or Stewartry, City, Town, or Place, or City or Royal Burgh, as any Person or Persons shall by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands require; the Person requiring such Production paying the reasonable Charges of the same.

Expences of procuring the same, &c. how to be paid.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Expence of procuring and transmitting such Models and Copies for the respective Counties, Ridings, or Divisions, Cities, Towns, or Places, shall be paid in that Part of the said United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, out of the Rates payable in such Counties, Ridings, or Divisions, Cities, Towns, or Places; and in that Part of the said United Kingdom called *Scotland*, such Expences in the respective Shires and Stewartries, and Cities or Royal Burghs, shall be assessed by the Commissioners of Supply upon such Shires and Stewartries, and upon Cities or Royal Burghs, by the Magistrates thereof, and shall be paid along with the Land Tax payable in such Shires or Stewartries, and Cities or Royal Burghs, to the Collectors of the Land Tax in such Shires or Stewartries, and Cities or Royal Burghs respectively; and in *Ireland* such Expences shall be paid in the respective Counties and

Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns, by Presentments to be made by Grand Juries; and the Collectors of such County Rates in *England*, of Land Tax in *Scotland*, and of the Assessments under Grand Jury Presentments in *Ireland*, shall have such and the same Powers of levying and recovering the Assessments to be made under this Act, as are competent to them for levying and recovering the said County Rates, Land Tax, and Grand Jury Assessments respectively; and the said Collectors respectively shall, out of the Proceeds of such Assessments, pay the Expences of procuring and transmitting such Models and Copies as aforesaid accordingly.

**For ascertaining Measures of Capacity, where Reference cannot easily be had to Standards.**

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all cases of Dispute respecting the Correctness of any Measure of Capacity, arising in a Place where Recourse cannot be conveniently had to any of the aforesaid verified Copies or Models of the Standard Measures of Capacity, or Parts or Multiples of the same, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate having Jurisdiction in such Place, to ascertain the Content of such Measure of Capacity by direct reference to the Weight of pure or Rain Water which such Measure is capable of containing; Ten Pounds Avoirdupois Weight of such Water, at the Temperature of Sixty-two Degrees by *Fahrenheit's* Thermometer, being the Standard Gallon ascertained by this Act, the same being in Bulk equal to Two hundred and seventy-seven Cubic Inches, and Two hundred and seventy-four one thousandth Parts of a Cubic Inch, and so in proportion for all Parts or Multiples of a Gallon.

**Standard Gallon.**

**After 1st May 1825, all Contracts for Sale, &c. by Weight or Measure shall relate to the Standard, unless the contrary is specified.**

XV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Dealings, which shall be made or had within any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for any Work to be done, or for any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Thing to be sold, delivered, done, or agreed for by Weight or Measure, where no special Agreement shall be made to the contrary, shall be deemed, taken, and construed to be made and had according to the Standard Weights and Measures ascertained by this Act; and in all Cases where any special Agreement shall be made, with reference to any Weight or Measure established by local Custom, the Ratio or Proportion which every such local Weight or Measure shall bear to any of the said Standard Weights or Measures, shall be expressed, declared, and specified in such Agreement, or otherwise such Agreement shall be null and void.

**Existing Weights and Measures may be used, being marked so as to show the Proportion they have to the Standard Measures and Weights.**

XVI. And whereas it is expedient that Persons should be allowed to use the several Weights and Measures which they may have in their Possession, although such Weights and Measures may not be in conformity with the Standard Weights and Measures established by this Act; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to buy and sell Goods and Merchandize by any Weights or Measures established either by local Custom, or founded on special Agreement: Provided always, that in order that the Ratio or Proportion which all such Measures and Weights shall bear to the Standard Weights and Measures established by this Act,

shall be and become a Matter of common Notoriety, the Ratio or Proportion which all such customary Measures and Weights shall bear to the said Standard Weights and Measures, shall be painted or marked upon all such customary Weights and Measures respectively; and that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to permit any Maker of Weights or Measures, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, to make any Weight or Measure at any Time after the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, except in conformity with the Standard Weights and Measures established under the Provisions of this Act.

For ascertaining Rents, &c. payable in Grain or Malt, &c. in England and Ireland.

XVII. And for the Purpose of ascertaining and fixing the Payments to be made in consequence of all existing Contracts or Rents in *England* and *Ireland*, payable in Grain or Malt, or in any other Commodity or Thing, and in consequence of any Toll or Rate heretofore payable according to the Weights and Measures heretofore in use; be it enacted, That at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in every County, Riding, or Division, and in every City, Town, or Place, (being a County of itself) in *England* or *Ireland*, next after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, or at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden thereafter, an Inquisition shall be taken before the Justices assembled at such General or Quarter Sessions, by the Oaths of Twelve substantial Freeholders of the said respective Counties, Cities, Towns, or Places, having Lands or Tenements to the Value of One hundred Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, to be summoned by the Sheriff or proper Officer of every such County, City, Town, or Place, to inquire into and ascertain the Amount, according to the Standard of Weight or Measure by this Act established, of all Contracts or Rents payable in Grain or Malt, or any other Commodity or Thing, or with reference to the Measure or Weight of any such Grain, Malt, or other Commodity or Thing, and the Amount of any Toll or Rate heretofore payable according to any Weights and Measures heretofore in use within such Counties, Cities, Towns, or Places respectively; and such Inquisitions, when taken, shall be transmitted by the respective Clerks of the Peace of the same Counties respectively, or by the Mayor, Bailiff, or other Head Officer of every such City, Town, or Place (being a County of itself), into His Majesty's Courts of Exchequer at *Westminster* and *Dublin* respectively, and shall there be enrolled of Record, and shall and may be given in Evidence in any Action or Suit at Law or in Equity; and the Amount so to be ascertained shall be the Rule of Payment in regard to all such Contracts, Rents, Tolls, or Rates, in all Time coming; and the Costs and Charges of such Inquisitions, and the Enrolments thereof, shall be paid and defrayed in *England* out of the general Rate or Stock of every such County, Riding, Division, City, Town, or Place (being a County of itself), and in *Ireland* by Presentments of the several Grand Juries.

For ascertaining Rents, &c. payable in Grain or Malt, &c. in Scotland.

XVIII. And for the Purpose of ascertaining and fixing the Payments to be made of all Stipends, Feu Duties, Rents, Tolls, Customs, Casualties, and other Demands whatsoever, payable in Grain, Malt, or Meal, or any other Commodity, or Thing in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*, or in any Place or District of the same; be it

it enacted, That the Sheriff Depute or Sheriff Substitute in each Shire, and the Stewart Depute or Stewart Substitute in each Stewartry, within *Scotland*, shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from and after the passing of this Act, summon and impannel a Jury of the same Number, and with the same Qualifications, which are required in the Jury who strike the Fiar Prices of Grain within the same Shire or Stewartry, to assemble at such Place or Places as he shall find convenient; which Jury shall inquire into and ascertain the Amount, according to the Standards by this Act established, of all such Stipends, Feu Duties, Rents, Tolls, Customs, Casualties, and other Demands whatsoever, payable in Grain, Malt, Meal, or any other Commodity or Thing, according to the Weights and Measures heretofore in use within the same Shires or Stewartries; and such Inquisitions, when taken, shall be transmitted by the respective Sheriff Clerks or Stewart Clerks of such Shires or Stewartries, into His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh*, and shall there be enrolled of Record, and shall and may be given in Evidence in any Action or Suit at Law or in Equity; and the Amount so to be ascertained shall, when converted into the Standard Weights and Measures, be the Rule of Payment in regard to all such Stipends, Feu Duties, Rents, Tolls, Customs, Casualties, and other Demands whatsoever, in all Time coming; and the Costs and Charges of such Inquisitions, and the Enrolment thereof, shall be assessed and levied, paid and defrayed, by every such Shire or Stewartry, in Manner as is herein-before directed in regard to the Assessment for the Models of the Weights and Measures to be purchased for the same Shire or Stewartry.

**Tables of Equalization to be made and constructed.**

XIX. And be it further enacted, That as soon as conveniently may be after such Inquisitions shall have been made and enrolled in *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland* respectively, accurate Tables shall be prepared and published under the Authority of the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, showing the Proportions between the Weights and Measures heretofore in use, as mentioned in such Inquisitions, and the Weights and Measures hereby established, with such other Conversions of Weights or Measures as the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury may deem to be necessary; and after the Publication of such Tables, all future Payments to be made shall be regulated according to such Tables.

**Tables to be constructed for the Collection of the Customs and Excise, &c.**

XX. And whereas the Weights and Measures by which the Rates and Duties of the Customs and Excise, and other His Majesty's Revenue, have been heretofore collected, are different from the Weights and Measures of the same Denominations directed by this Act to be universally used: And whereas the Alteration of such Weights and Measures may, without due Care had therein, greatly affect His Majesty's Revenue and tend to the diminishing of the same: For the Prevention thereof, be it therefore enacted, That so soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, accurate Tables shall be prepared and published under the Direction of the said Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, in order that the several Rates and Duties of Customs and Excise, and other His Majesty's Revenue, may be adjusted and made payable according to the

the respective Quantities of the legal Standards directed by this Act to be universally used; and that from and after the said First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and the Publication of such Tables, the several Rates and Duties thereafter to be collected by any of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs or Excise, or other His Majesty's Revenue, shall be collected and taken according to the Calculations in the Tables to be prepared as aforesaid.

Regulations and Penalties of British Acts, viz.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Rules, and Regulations in force, and contained in the several Acts herein-after mentioned, specified, and set forth, for the ascertaining, examining, seizing, breaking, and destroying any Weights, Balances, or Measures, shall be applied and put in execution in *Great Britain* for the ascertaining and examining, and for the seizing, breaking, and destroying of any Weights or Measures not conformable to the Standard Weights and Measures ascertained and authorized by this Act, and for the Punishment of any Person or Persons having any defective Weight or Measure, not conformable to the said Standard Weights and Measures; that is to say, in an Act made in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for appointing a sufficient Number of Constables for the Service of the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *and to compel proper Persons to take upon them the Office of Jurymen, to prevent Nuisances and other Offences within the said City and Liberty;* and in an Act made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for explaining, amending, and rendering more effectual the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year; and in an Act made in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of the Use of defective Weights, and of false and unequal Balances;* and in an Act made in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in Thirty-seventh Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, for explaining and amending the said recited Act of the said Thirty-fifth Year, and as the said recited Act of the said Thirty-fifth Year is amended by the said Act of the said Thirty-seventh Year; and in an Act made in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of the Use of false and deficient Measures;* and all the Powers, Rules, Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures in the said several Acts contained, shall be applied and put in execution as if the Weights or Measures ascertained by this Act had been specified in the said recited Acts respectively, and as if all such Powers, Rules, Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and Modes of Recovery thereof, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, except only so far as the said recited Acts or any of them, or any Part thereof, are expressly repealed or altered by this Act, or any other Act or Acts.

29 G. 2. c. 25.

31 G. 2. c. 17.

35 G. 3. c. 102.

55 G. 3. c. 43.

shall be applied to this Act.

Regulations and Penalties of the following Acts, viz.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Rules, and Regulations in force, and contained in the several Acts herein-after mentioned, specified, and set forth, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, shall be applied and put in execution in *Ireland*, for the

ascertaining and examining, and for the seizing, breaking, and destroying of any Weights or Measures not conformable to the Standard Weights and Measures ascertained and authorized by this Act, and for the Punishment of any Person or Persons having any defective Weight or Measure, or any Weight or Measure not conformable to the said Standard Weights and Measures, and for the carrying into Effect the several Provisions of the said recited Acts with reference to the said Standard Weights and Measures; that is to say, in an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for regulating the Weights used in *Ireland;* and in an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, for the buying and selling all Sorts of Corn and Meal, and other Things in the said Act mentioned, by Weight; and in an Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for buying and selling all Sorts of Corn and Meal, and other Things therein mentioned, by Weight, and for the more effectual preventing the Frauds committed in the buying and selling thereof;* and in an Act made in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for establishing Market Juries in Cities*, and which said last-mentioned Act was by an Act made in the Twenty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty's Reign extended to all Counties of Towns and Corporate Towns in *Ireland*; and all the Powers, Rules, and Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures in the said several Acts contained, shall be applied and put in execution, as if the Weights or Measures ascertained by this Act had been specified in the said recited Acts respectively, and as if such Powers, Rules, Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and the Modes of Recovery thereof, were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, except only so far as the said recited Acts or any of them, or any Part thereof, are expressly repealed or altered by this Act, or any other Act or Acts.

4 Ann. (I.)
11 G. 2. (I.)
25 G. 2. (I.)
27 G. 3. (I.)
28 G. 3. (I.)
shall be applied to this Act.

So much of former Statutes, Ordinances, or Acts, as relate to establishing Weights or Measures, repealed, viz.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Statutes, Ordinances, and Acts, and Parts of the several Statutes, Ordinances, and Acts herein-after mentioned and specified, so far as the same relate to the ascertaining or establishing any Standards of Weights and Measures, or to the establishing or recognizing certain Differences between Weights and Measures of the same Denomination, shall, from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, be repealed; that is to say, certain ancient Statutes or Ordinances made previous to the Reign of King *Edward* the Third, but being of uncertain Date, intituled or known by the Names or Descriptions following: "*Assisa Panis et Cervisiæ*," or "*The Assize of Bread and Ale;*" "*Statutum de Pistoribus, et cetera*," or "*Statute concerning Bakers, et cetera;*" "*Assisa de Ponderibus et Mensuris*," or "*Tractatus de Ponderibus*," or "*Compositio de Ponderibus*, or "*Assize of Weights and Measures;*" "*Statutum de Admensuratione Terræ*," or "*Statute for the measuring of Land;*" "*Compositio Ulnarum et Perticarum;*" and also so much of a Statute made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Third, as relates to the making of Bushels and Weights, and sending the same into every Country; and also so much of the said last-mentioned Statute as directs that the Sack of Wool ought to contain Twenty-six Stones, and every Stone Fourteen

Statutes of uncertain Date.
14 E. 3. c. 12.
c. 21.

Fourteen Pounds; and also so much of a Statute made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of the said King *Edward* the Third, as relates to Commissioners to assay Weights and Measures; and also so much of a Statute made in the Parliament summoned at *Westminster* on the Feast of *Saint Hilary*, in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of the said King *Edward* the Third, as relates to Auncel Weight, and the Weight of the Sack of Wool, and as relates to the Bushel, Half Bushel, Peck, Gallon, Pottle, and Quart, and to the Quarter and Measure of Corn; and also so much of the Statute or Ordinance of the Staples, made in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of the said King *Edward* the Third, as relates to the Uniformity of Weights and Measures throughout the Realm; and also so much of a Statute made in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Third, as relates to the regulating the Price and Weight of Wools, and as relates to the Tun of Wine and the gauging thereof; and also so much of a Statute made in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Third, whereby Justices of the Peace are empowered to inquire of Weights and Measures; and also so much of a Statute made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Second, as relates to the gauging of Vessels of Wine, Honey, Oil, and other Liquors brought into the Realm; and also so much of a Statute made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Second, as relates to the regulating of Weights and Measures, and to the buying and selling of Wool at Fourteen Pounds the Stone; and also so much of a Statute made in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Second, as relates to Weights and Measures of Corn, Wine, Ale, and Malt; and also so much of a Statute made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Second, as relates to the Clerk of the Market, and the Assay of Weights and Measures made by him, and the using such Weights and Measures; and also so much of a Statute made in the First Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Fifth, as concerns the true Measure of Corn, or as is intituled *An Act concerning the true Measure of Corn;* and also so much of a Statute made in the Second Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the several Measures of Vessels of Wine, Eels, Herrings, and Salmon; and also so much of a Statute made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the confirming and amending former Statutes concerning Weights and Measures, and requiring common Balances and Weights to be kept in all Cities, Boroughs, and Towns; and also so much of a Statute made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the explaining the said Statute of the Eighth Year of King *Henry* the Sixth, concerning Weights and Measures, so far as relates to the Burgesses of *Dorchester;* and also so much of the said Statute made in the Ninth Year of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the Weight of a Wey of Cheese; and also so much of a Statute made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the confirming and amending former Statutes concerning Weights and Measures; and also so much of a Statute made in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Sixth, as relates to the gauging of Vessels of Wine, Oyl, and Honey; and also so much of a Statute made in the Twenty-second Year of King *Edward* the Fourth, as relates to the packing of

18 E. 3. st. 2. c. 4.
25 E. 3. st. 5. c. 9, 10.
27 E. 3. st. 2. c. 10.
31 E. 3. st. 1. cc. 2. 5.
34 E. 3. c. 5.
4 R. 2. c. 1.
13 R. 2. st. 1. c. 9.
15 R. 2. c. 4.
16 R. 2. c. 3.
1 H. 5. c. 10.
2 H. 6. c. 11.
8 H. 6. c. 5.
9 H. 6. c. 6.
Id. c. 8.
11 H. 6. c. 8.
18 H. 6. c. 17.
22 E. 4. c. 2.

of Barrelled Fish, or as is intituled *An Act for packing of Barrelled*
1 R. 3. c. 13. *Fish;* and also the Whole of an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Third, intituled *An Act to ascertain the Contents of Vessels of Wine and Oil*, or *An Act for the Con-*
7 H. 7. c. 4. *tents of a Butt of Malmsey;* and also an Act made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Seventh, intituled *An Act for*
Id. c. 8. *Weights and Measures;* and also another Act made in the same Seventh Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Seventh, intituled *An*
11 H. 7. c. 4. *Act to pay Custom for every Butt of Malmsey;* and also an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Seventh, inti-
12 H. 7. c. 5. tuled *An Act for Weights and Measures;* and also an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Seventh, intituled *An Act for Weights and Measures;* and also an Act made
23 H. 8. c. 4. in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act that no Brewers of Beer or Ale shall make their Barrels, Kilderkins, or Firkins within them, and how much the*
24 H. 8. c. 6. *same Barrels*, et cetera, *shall contain;* and also an Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act concerning Sale of Wines;* and also an Act made
12 Eliz. (I.) (in the Parliament of *Ireland*) in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the establishing the Standard of*
13 Eliz. c. 11. *Measures for Corn within certain Shires of this Realm;* and also so
in part. much of an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Maintenance of the Navigation*, as
23 Eliz. c. 8. relates to the Assize of Herring Barrels; and also so much of an Act
in part. made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act touching the true melting, making, and working of*
43 Eliz. c. 14. *Wax*, as relates to the Barrel, Kilderkin, or Firkin of Honey; and also the Whole of an Act, made in the Forty-third Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act concerning the Assize of Fuel;* and also
16 C. 1. c. 19. an Act made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the First, intituled *An Act for the better ordering and regulating of the Office of Clerk of the Market, allowed and confirmed by this Statute; and for the Reformation of false Weights and Measures;* and
12 C. 2. c. 23. also so much of an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of
in part. King *Charles* the Second, intituled *A Grant of certain Impositions upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, for the Increase of His Majesty's Revenue during his Life*, as relates to the Contents of the Barrel of
22 C. 2. c. 8. Beer and Ale; and also an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for*
22, 23 C. 2. *ascertaining the Measures of Corn and Salt;* and also an Act made
c. 12. in the Parliament holden in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Years of the Reign of the said King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An additional Act for ascertaining the Measures of Corn and Salt;*
1 W. & M. and also so much of an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of
st. 1. c. 24. King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for an additional*
in part. *Duty of Excise upon Beer or Ale and other Liquors*, as relates to
5, 6 W. & M. the Contents of the Barrel of Beer and Ale; and also so much of
c. 7. in part. an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, made, among other Things, for granting to their Majesties certain Rates and Duties upon Salt, and upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, as relates to the Measure and Weight
7 W. 3. (I.) of Salt; and also an Act made (in the Parliament of *Ireland*) in the Seventh

Seventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, for the better regulating of Measures in and throughout that Kingdom; and also so much of an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, made, among other Things, for continuing to His Majesty certain Duties upon Salt, Glass Wares, and Earthen Wares, as relates to the Measure and Weight of Salt; and also the whole of an Act made in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act that all Retailers of Salt shall sell by Weight;* and also so much of an Act made in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, made, among other Things, for levying further Duties upon Sweets, and for lessening the Duties, as well upon Vinegar as upon certain Low Wines, as relates to the Contents of a Barrel of Vinegar, Vinegar Beer, or Liquor preparing for Vinegar; and also so much of another Act made in the same Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of the said King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for the more full and effectual charging of the Duties upon Rock Salt,* as relates to the Weight or Measure of Rock Salt; and also the Whole of an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for the ascertaining the Measures for retailing Ale and Beer;* and also an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act to ascertain the Water Measure of Fruit;* and also so much of an Act made in the same First Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Salt, and for the better Payment of Debentures at the Custom House,* as relates to the Weight and Measure of Foreign Salt and Rock Salt; and also an Act made (in the Parliament of *Ireland*) in the Second Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for supplying the Defects of the herein-before recited Act, passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third; and also so much of an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for continuing several Subsidies, Impositions, and Duties, and for making Provisions therein mentioned, to raise Money by way of Loan for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's necessary and important Occasions; and for ascertaining the Wine Measure,* as relates to the Contents of the Gallon, Tun, Butt, Pipe, and Hogshead of Wine; and also so much of an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, made, among other Things, for reviving, continuing, and appropriating certain Duties upon several Commodities to be exported, and certain Duties upon Coals to be waterborne and carried coastwise, as relates to the Chaldron or Chalder and Bushel of Coals; and also the Whole of an Act made in the said Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for making more effectual the herein-before recited Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, concerning the Assize of Fuel; and also an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for explaining and altering the Laws now in being concerning the Assizes of Fuel, so far as they relate to the Assize of Billet made or to be made of Beech Wood only;* and also so much of an Act made (in the Parliament of *Ireland*) in the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for preventing Combinations to enhance the Prices, and for avoiding Exactions*

7, 8 W. & M. c. 31. in part.

9, 10 W. 3. c. 6.

10, 11 W. 3. c. 21. in part.

10, 11 W. 3. c. 22. in part.

11, 12 W. 3. c. 15.

1 Ann. st. 1. c. 15. in part.

Id. c. 21. in part.

2 Ann. (I.)

5, 6 Ann. c. 27. in part.

9 Ann. c. 6. in part.

9 Ann. c. 15.

10 Ann. c. 6.

1 G. 2. (I.) in part.

*Extortions and Abuses formerly practised in the Sale and Measure of Coals*, as relates to the Dimensions of the Half Barrel, Bushel, Half Bushel, Peck, or Half Peck of Coals; and also so much of an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, made, among other Things, for granting and continuing the Duties upon Salt and upon Red and White Herrings, as relates to the Computation of the Distance in Miles between the Pits and Refineres of Rock Salt; and also an Act made (in the Parliament of *Ireland*) in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the ascertaining the Gauge and the Measure of Barrels and Half Barrels used by Brewers in selling Beer, Ale, and Small Beer*; and also so much of the Statute made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for explaining, amending, and enforcing an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the better Regulation of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in that Part of* Great Britain *called* Scotland, *and for further regulating and encouraging the said Manufactures,'* as relates to the Weight of Hemp or Flax; and also an Act made (in the Parliament of *Ireland*) in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for preventing Frauds in the Measurement of Lime; and also so much of an Act made in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for transferring the Management of the Salt Duties to the Commissioners of Excise, and for repealing the Duties on Salt, and the Drawbacks, Allowances, and Bounties thereon*, as relates to the Weight of a Bushel of Salt; and also so much of an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal the Duties of Excise payable in* Great Britain, *and to grant other Duties in lieu thereof*, as relates to the Quart, Gallon, and Barrel of Beer or Ale; and all the said recited Statutes or Ordinances and Acts, and Parts of Statutes and Acts, so far as the same or any of them relate to the ascertaining or establishing any Standards of Weights and Measures or to the establishing or recognizing certain Differences between Weights and Measures of the same Denomination, but no farther or otherwise, shall, from and after the said First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, be and the same are hereby repealed; save and except only so far as any such Statutes or Acts, or any Part thereof, repeal any other Statutes or Acts, or any Part thereof, which relate to the ascertaining or establishing any Standard of Weights and Measures, or to the establishing or recognizing certain Differences between Weights and Measures of the same Denomination; all which Statutes and Acts, or any Parts thereof so repealed, shall be and remain repealed to all Intents and Purposes whatever.

8 G. 2. c. 12. in part.

9 G. 2. (I.)

24 G. 2. c. 31. in part.

26 G. 3. (I.)

38 G. 3. c. 89.

48 G. 3. c. 69.

Act not to extend to repeal 31 G. 2. c. 17. which empowers the Dean and High Steward of Westminster, &c. to

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal the hereinbefore recited Act made in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, nor in any manner to affect or alter the Power given by the said recited Act to the Dean, High Steward, or his Deputy, and the Burgesses of the City of *Westminster*, to appoint a proper Officer to size and seal all

Weights and Measures used by Persons dealing by Weight and Measure in the said City of *Westminster* and the Liberties thereof, but that all the Powers given and reserved to the said Dean, High Steward, or his Deputy, and Burgesses, by the said recited Act, shall and may be exercised in the appointing of a proper Officer to size and seal all such Weights and Measures as shall, from the passing of this Act, be lawful and be used by Persons dealing by Weight and Measure within the said City and Liberties of *Westminster*, and shall and may be used and exercised by any Officer so appointed, in the same manner in all respects as is directed by the said recited Act with relation to the Weights and Measures in the said recited Act mentioned.

appoint a proper Officer to size and seal Weights and Measures.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Tuns, Pipes, Tertians, Hogsheads, or other Vessels of Wine, Oil, Honey, and other gaugeable Liquors, imported or brought into the Port of the City of *London*, and landed within the said City and the Liberties thereof, shall be subject and liable to be gauged, as heretofore hath been of Right accustomed, by the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, by virtue of his Office of Gauger, or by his sufficient Deputies, lawfully appointed, save and except that the Contents of all such Tuns, Pipes, Tertians, Hogsheads, and other Vessels, shall and may be ascertained by the Standard Measure of Capacity for Liquids directed by this Act, and the Multiples thereof; and that all such Tuns, Pipes, Tertians, Hogsheads, or other Vessels that shall be found wanting of the true Contents which such Tuns, Pipes, Tertians, Hogsheads, or other Vessels ought to be of, to be ascertained as aforesaid, together with the Wine and other Liquids therein contained, shall be subject and liable to the like Seizures and Forfeitures as is or are provided by any Act or Acts of Parliament heretofore made for ascertaining the true Contents of Tuns, Pipes, Tertians, Hogsheads, and other Vessels of Wine, Oil, Honey, and other gaugeable Liquors; and that the Moieties of such Forfeitures due to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall be, in like Manner as heretofore hath been accustomed, accounted for by the Lord Mayor for the Time being, as such Gauger, and his Deputies, to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in his and their Court of Exchequer at *Westminster*.

Tuns, Pipes, or other Vessels of Wine, Oil, Honey, and other gaugeable Liquors imported into London shall be liable to be gauged as heretofore by the Lord Mayor or his Deputies; but the Contents shall be ascertained by the Standard Measure directed by this Act.

XXVI. Provided also, That this Act or any thing herein contained shall not extend to prohibit, defeat, injure, or lessen the Right of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or of the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, of, in, to, or concerning the Office of Gauger of Wines, Oils, Honey, and other gaugeable Liquors imported and landed within the City of *London* and the Liberties thereof.

Act not to affect the Privileges of the City of London as to the Office of Gauger of Wines, &c.

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