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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. cxii.

An Act for amending an Act of His preſent Majeſty, reſpecting the Application of certain Surplus Monies paid for meaſuring, ſearching and ſealing Woollen Cloth, in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*. [2d *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for repealing ſeveral Laws relating to the Manufacture of Woollen Cloth in the County of* York; *and alſo ſo much of ſeveral other Laws as preſcribes particular Standards of Width and Length of ſuch Woollen Cloths; and for ſubſtituting other Regulations of the Cloth Trade within the Weſt Riding of the ſaid County; for preventing Frauds in certifying the Contents of the Cloth, and for preſerving the Credit of the ſaid Manufacture at the Foreign Markets:* And whereas another Act was paſſed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled* ‘*An Act for repealing ſeveral Laws* ‘*relating to the Manufacture of Woollen Cloth in the County of* York; *and* ‘*alſo ſo much of ſeveral other Laws as preſcribes particular Standards of* ‘*Width and Length of ſuch Woollen Cloths; and for ſubſtituting other Re-*‘*gulations of the Cloth Trade within the Weſt Riding of the ſaid County; for* ‘*preventing Frauds in certifying the Contents of the Cloth, and for preſerv-*‘*ing the Credit of the ſaid Manufacture at the Foreign Markets:*’ And whereas certain Rates and Duties are by the ſaid Acts required to be paid for the meaſuring, ſtamping, and ſealing of Broad Woollen Cloth in the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, by the Owner or Maker of ſuch Cloth,

5 G. 3. c. 51.

6 G. 3. c. 23.

Cloth, to the Treaſurer of the Weſt Riding of the County of *York* for the Time being: And whereas an Act was paſſed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for removing Doubts as to the Application of certain Surplus Monies paid for meaſuring, ſearching, and ſealing Cloth in the Weſt Riding of the County of* York, *under Two Acts of His preſent Majeſty:* And whereas it was by the ſaid laſt recited Act enacted, that it ſhould be lawful for the Juſtices of the Peace aſſembled at the then next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, and at any ſucceeding General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, to be held next after *Michaelmas*, upon any Application to be made for that Purpoſe, by the Truſtees of the Mixed and White Cloth Halls in *Leeds* reſpectively, or any Perſon deputed on their Behalf to order and direct that any Surplus or Part of any Surplus of any ſuch Monies then remaining, or which might thereafter come into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, ſhould be applied in Payment of ſuch fair and reaſonable Coſts, Charges, and Expences which had then lately ariſen and been incurred by the ſaid Truſtees, on behalf of themſelves and other Clothmakers in the ſaid Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, by reaſon of the then late Applications to Parliament, or Inquiries and Inveſtigations which had been carried on in Parliament; and alſo for the Expences of obtaining and paſſing the Act, and likewiſe for defraying the Expences of carrying on any Proſecutions, to be previouſly approved of by His Majeſty's Attorney or Solicitor General, for the Protection of the Regulations relating to the weaving and making of Cloth in the ſaid Weſt Riding, and the carrying the ſaid ſeveral Acts into Execution: And whereas an Act was paſſed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act the better regulating the Manufacture of Narrow Woollen Cloths, in the Weſt Riding of the County of* York: And whereas by the ſaid Act of the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, certain Rates and Duties are required to be paid for the meaſuring, ſtamping, and ſealing of Narrow Woollen Cloths, by the Makers or Owners thereof, to ſuch Perſons as the Juſtices of the Peace for the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, in Seſſions aſſembled, ſhould appoint to receive the ſame, which Rates and Duties have been and are under the Order of the ſaid Juſtices paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Weſt Riding for the Time being: And whereas a Petition hath been preſented to Parliament by ſeveral Perſons, being Manufacturers of Woollen Cloth, and others intereſted in the Woollen Manufacture of the ſaid Weſt Riding, praying, that the ſaid Acts of the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His ſaid late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, may be repealed or altered: And whereas a Petition hath alſo been preſented to Parliament by ſeveral other Perſons, being the Truſtees of the Mixed and White Cloth Halls in *Leeds*, the domeſtic Manufacturers, and others, alſo intereſted in the Woollen Manufacture of the ſaid Weſt Riding, praying, that the ſame Acts may not be repealed or altered: And whereas an Enquiry or Inveſtigation has been inſtituted by Parliament, as to the Utility and Expediency of repealing or altering the ſaid laſt-mentioned Acts, or any of them, or of continuing the ſame as they now ſtand; and it is expedient that Proviſion ſhould be made for defraying the Charges and Expences which will be incurred by the ſaid Two reſpective Parties: And whereas there is at preſent a conſiderable Sum of Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Weſt Riding, ariſing from the Rates and Duties

48G.3.c.lxix.

11G.2.c.28.

authorized to be levied by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Acts, over and above the Money requiſite for carrying the ſame into Execution; and the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid Weſt Riding have not, under the Powers and Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, any Authority to order any Part of the ſaid Surplus Monies to be applied in defraying ſuch Charges and Expences as aforeſaid, and it is expedient that they ſhould be fully empowered ſo to do: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtices of the Peace for the Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, aſſembled at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid Riding next after the paſſing of this Act, or at any Adjournment of ſuch Seſſions, and thereafter at any ſucceeding General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid Riding, or at any Adjournment thereof, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, upon any Application to be made to them by the ſaid firſt-mentioned Petitioners, or Parties being Manufacturers of Woollen Cloth, and others intereſted in the Woollen Manufacture of the ſaid Weſt Riding, on the one Part, or any Nine or more of them, or by any Perſon deputed by them, or any Nine or more of them, on their behalf; and alſo upon any Application to be made by the ſaid ſecond mentioned Petitioners or Parties, being the Truſtees of the Mixed and White Cloth Halls in *Leeds*, domeſtic Manufacturers and others, on the other Part, to order and direct that any Surplus or Part of any Surplus of ſuch Monies, or any of them, ariſing from or out of the aforeſaid ſeveral Rates and Duties now remaining and being, or which may hereafter from Time to Time come into or be in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Weſt Riding of the County of *York*, from or out of the aforeſaid ſeveral Rates and Duties, or any of them, ſhall be applied and paid in defraying the Coſts, Charges, and Expences which ſhall upon ſuch Inquiry and Inveſtigation be neceſſarily incurred (and from Time to Time as the ſame ſhall be incurred) by the ſaid Parties reſpectively.

Juſtices may order Surplus Monies to be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

II. Provided always, nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That there ſhall be allowed by the ſaid Juſtices out of the ſaid Surplus Monies to the ſaid firſt-mentioned Parties, the regular Parliamentary Coſts, Charges, and Expences, the Fees of not more than One Counſel, the Charges and Expences of not more than One Solicitor or Agent from the Country, and the Expences and Loſs of Time of a Committee of Management of not more than Three Perſons to attend in *London* during ſuch Inquiry and Inveſtigation; and there ſhall be allowed by the ſaid Juſtices, out of the ſaid Surplus Monies, to the ſaid ſecond mentioned Parties, the regular Parliamentary Coſts, Charges, and Expences, the Fees of not more than One Counſel, the Charges and Expences of not more than One Solicitor or Agent from the Country, and the Expences and Loſs of Time of a Committee of Management of not more than Three Perſons to attend in *London* during ſuch Inquiry and Inveſtigation; and alſo that there ſhall be allowed by the ſaid Juſtices, out of the ſaid Surplus Monies, the reaſonable Coſts, Charges, and Expences of both the ſaid Parties in preparing Briefs for their reſpective Counſel, Petitions to Parliament, and of procuring Evidence in ſupport thereof reſpectively, and for the Expences and Loſs

Limitation of the Expences.

Loſs of Time of ſuch Witneſſes, whoſe Attendance or Evidence may be neceſſary, and who may require Remuneration for ſuch their Expences and Loſs of Time.

Diſburſements to be charged in a Proportion of Two-thirds for Broad Cloth Acts, and One-third for Narrow Cloth Act.

III. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer of the ſaid Weſt Riding ſhall and he is hereby required to charge in his Accounts of Money to be diſburſed by virtue of this Act, a Proportion of Two-third Parts of ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences againſt the Surplus Monies ariſing under the ſaid recited Acts relating to the meaſuring, ſtamping, and ſealing of Broad Woollen Cloth, and the remaining One-third Part of ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences againſt the Surplus Monies ariſing under the ſaid recited Act relating to the meaſuring, ſtamping, and ſealing of Narrow Woollen Cloth, although more than the ſaid proportionate Parts or the whole of ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences ſhall be paid out of the Surplus Monies ariſing under the ſaid recited Acts relating to the meaſuring, ſtamping, and ſealing of Broad Woollen Cloth, or out of the Surplus Monies ariſing under the ſaid recited Act relating to the meaſuring, ſtamping, and ſealing of Narrow Woollen Cloth.

Act not to prejudice the Rights of either Party.

IV. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and expreſsly declared, That nothing herein contained ſhall alter, affect, leſſen, or prejudice the Situation, Rights, or Intereſts of the ſaid Parties reſpectively, or any of them, on any Occaſion whatſoever.

For paying the Expences of the Act.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Coſts, Charges, and Expences attending the obtaining and paſſing this Act, ſhall be paid and diſcharged in preference to all other Payments and Diſburſements whatſoever; and the Treaſurer for the ſaid Weſt Riding is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to pay the ſame out of ſuch Surplus Monies herein-before mentioned, or any of them, as are now remaining and being, or which ſhall or may come to or be in his Hands.

Public Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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