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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 158.

An Act for the further Improvement of the Harbour of *Wexford*. [22d *June* 1813.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the Improvement of the Town and Harbour of* Wexford, *and for building a Bridge or Bridges over the River* Slaney *at or near ſaid Town*: And whereas by the ſaid Act certain Rates and Duties were granted upon Ships and other Veſſels and Boats coming into the ſaid Harbour, and employed therein, which were to continue in force for the Term of Thirty-one Years, from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four: And whereas the Rates granted by the ſaid Act for Ballaſt delivered on board Ships and Veſſels in the ſaid Harbour have been found inſufficient to defray the Expence of raiſing and delivering the ſame: And whereas a conſiderable Sum of Money has been borrowed for erecting the Quays and other Works for the Security and Improvement of the ſaid Harbour, which are yet in an incomplete State, but in conſequence of the Shortneſs of the Period for which the ſaid Duties are to continue, it has been found impracticable to borrow any further Sums of Money, and it is therefore expedient that the Term for which the firſt-mentioned Rates and Duties were granted ſhould be further continued, and that the Rates payable for delivering Ballaſt ſhould be increaſed: 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 34 G. 3. c. 26

Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Rates and Duties granted by the said Act upon Ships and Vessels, Boats, Smacks, Cots, Gabbards, Lighters, and Wherries, coming into the said Harbour, shall be and the same are hereby continued from the Expiration of the Period granted by the said Act for the Term hereinafter mentioned.

Tonnage Duties continued.

Additional Rates of Ballast.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Master or Owner of every Ship or Vessel that shall take in Ballast in the said Harbour, shall pay or cause to be paid to the Ballast Master, or other Officer appointed to receive the same, in Addition to the Sum payable by virtue of the said Act, the several Sums following; that is to say, for every Ton of Ballast that shall be delivered or taken on board any Ship or Vessel which shall *bonâ fide* belong to or be the Property of any of His Majesty's Subjects, the further Sum of One Shilling and Five-pence; and for every Ton of Ballast that shall be delivered or taken on board any Ship or Vessel which shall not belong to or be the Property of any of His Majesty's Subjects, the Sum of One Shilling and Eleven-pence; which said additional Rates shall and may be raised, levied, collected, paid, accounted for, and applied in such and the like Manner as the Rates for Ballast granted by the said Act, are thereby directed to be raised, levied, collected, paid, accounted for and applied.

Rates of Ballast may be lessened.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation to reduce, lessen or diminish the Rates for Ballast hereby made payable, or any of them, and again to advance the same, or any of them, from Time to Time, in such Manner as the said Corporation shall deem right and proper, so that no such Rates when raised or advanced do exceed the Rates hereby made payable.

Punishing Persons throwing Ballast in Places not appointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Master or Owner of any Ship, Vessel or Boat shall throw, place or lay or cause to be thrown, placed or laid any Ballast in any other Place or Places, than such as shall be appointed by the Ballast Master for that Purpose, every such Owner or Master shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be paid to the said Corporation, and applied to the Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for the said Ballast Master to seize and detain the Ship, Vessel or Boat out of which such Ballast was thrown as aforesaid, until such Penalty, with the reasonable Charges of recovering the same, shall be satisfied and paid.

Fishing Boats, &c. to produce Certificates of regular Discharge of Ballast.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Owner of all Boats or Vessels that shall hereafter take on board any Sort of Fish, for the Purpose of exporting the same from the said Harbour, shall produce to the Collector and other Officers of the Customs at the said Port, a Certificate from the Ballast Master of the said Harbour, that the Ballast of the said Boat or Vessel has been discharged at the Place appointed by the said Corporation for that Purpose (which Certificate the said Ballast Master is hereby required to deliver gratis), before any Cocket to clear any such Boat or Vessel shall be made out, or delivered; and

in case any such Collector or Officer shall act contrary hereto, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be paid to the said Corporation, and applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Application of Rates.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Rates and Duties on Ships and Vessels, Boats, Smacks, Cots, Gabbards, Lighters, and Wherries, and for Ballast, hereby continued and granted, shall be applied by the said Corporation for and towards making, repairing, maintaining, and improving the said Harbour, and all necessary Roads and Ways thereto, and in the Payment of Salaries to a Treasurer, Harbour Master, and all other Officers the said Corporation may think necessary or proper to employ in the Execution of the said Act and this Act, so far as relates to the said Harbour, and to no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever, any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Officers to be appointed and to give Security.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation shall from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands, appoint a Treasurer, Clerk, and Surveyor, and also a Collector of the said Rates and Duties, and such other Officers for executing so much of the said Act as relates to the said Harbour, and this Act, as they shall think necessary, and may remove any such Officers as they shall think proper, and appoint others in their Stead, and pay such Salaries, and make such Allowances to all such Officers as they the said Corporation shall think reasonable, and the said Corporation are hereby required to take such Security from every such Treasurer or Collector as they shall think proper.

For defraying Expences.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences of passing this Act shall be paid out of any Monies arisen or to arise from the Rates and Duties granted by the said Act and this Act, in such Manner and Proportions as the said Corporation shall think proper.

Public Act.

IX. 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.

Commencement and Continuance.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Rates and Duties granted by the said Act upon Ships and Vessels, Boats, Smacks, Cots, Gabbards, Lighters, and Wherries, and upon Ballast, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, cease and determine, and from thenceforth this Act and the Rates and Duties hereby continued and granted, shall commence and be in Force for and during the further Term of Thirty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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