

cases of frauds by contraband trade; and assaulting officers of the revenue; excepted.

ing his Majesty's officers of the customs or excise in the execution of their duty, or any person or persons lawfully assisting them therein.

## C A P. XI.

*An act for continuing certain laws therein mentioned relating to British sail cloth, and to the duties payable on foreign sail cloth, and to the allowance upon the exportation of British made gunpowder, and for giving further encouragement for the importation of naval stores from the British colonies in America.*

Act 9 Geo. II. relating to British sail cloth, &c.

**W**HEREAS the laws herein after-mentioned are found to be very useful and beneficial, and are near expiring; 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 an act made in the ninth year of the reign of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled, *An act for further encouraging and regulating the manufacture of British sail cloth, and for the more effectual securing the duties now payable on foreign sail cloth imported into this kingdom*, which was to continue in force from the twenty fourth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and thirty six, for the term of five years, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; and which, by several subsequent acts made in the thirteenth, twenty fourth, and thirty first, years of his said Majesty's reign, was further continued until the twenty ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the expiration thereof, until the twenty ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament.

further continued to 29 Sept. 1771.

Act 4 Geo. II. relating to the allowance upon the exportation of British made gunpowder,

**II.** And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act made in the fourth year of the reign of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled, *An act for granting an allowance upon the exportation of British made gunpowder*, which was to continue in force for five years from the twenty fourth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and thirty one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; and which, by several subsequent acts made in the tenth, sixteenth, twenty fourth, and thirty first, years of his said Majesty's reign, was further continued until the twenty ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the expiration thereof, until the twenty ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament.

further continued to 29 Sept. 1771.

**III.** And

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of an act made in the eighth year of the reign of King George the First, intituled, *An act for giving further encouragement for the importation of naval stores, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, as relates to the importation of wood and timber, and of the goods commonly called *Lumber*, therein particularly enumerated, from any of his Majesty's *British* plantations or colonies in *America*, free from all customs and impositions whatsoever; which was to be in force for twenty one years, from the twenty fourth day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and twenty two; and which, by several subsequent acts made in the sixteenth, twenty fourth, and thirty first, years of the reign of his late majesty King George the Second, was further continued until the twenty ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; shall be, and the same is hereby further continued from the expiration thereof, until the twenty ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament.

So much of act 8 Geo. I. as relates to the importation of wood, timber, and lumber, from the British plantations in America,

further continued to 29 Sep. 1771.

## C A P. XII.

*An act to continue several laws for the better regulating of pilots for the conducting of ships and vessels from Dover, Deal, and Isle of Thanet, up the rivers of Thames and Medway; relating to the landing of rum or spirits of the British sugar plantations before the duties of excise are paid thereon; and to the further punishment of persons going armed or disguised, in defiance of the laws of customs or excise; and to the relief of the officers of the customs in informations upon seizures; and for granting a liberty to carry sugars of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of any of his Majesty's sugar colonies, directly into foreign parts, in ships built in Great Britain, and navigated according to law; and for punishing persons who shall damage or destroy any banks, flood-gates, sluices, or other works, belonging to the rivers and streams made navigable by act of parliament.*

**W**HEREAS the laws herein after mentioned have, by experience, been found useful and beneficial, and are near expiring; 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 an act made in the third year of the reign of King George the First, intituled, *An act for the better regulating of pilots for the conducting of ships and vessels from Dover, Deal, and the Isle of Thanet, up the rivers of Thames and Medway*, which was

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Act 3 Geo. I. for regulating pilots of vessels from Dover, &c. up the Thames to and Medway;