

C A P. XXXII.

An act for allowing the free importation of rice into this kingdom, from any of his Majesty's colonies in America, for a limited time.

WHEREAS the allowing the free importation of rice from any of his Majesty's colonies in America into Great Britain for a limited time, may be of great advantage; 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 from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to import into *Great Britain*, from any of his Majesty's colonies in *America*, at any time or times before the first day of *May*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, any rice without the payment of any subsidy, custom-duty, or imposition whatsoever, any thing in any former act or acts of parliament to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Rice may be imported duty free, any time before May 1, 1773.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for and upon all rice which shall be imported into this kingdom duty-free by virtue of this act, and which shall be again exported thereout, there shall be paid and answered to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, a subsidy of poundage of sixpence in the pound, according to the value or rate set upon rice imported, in the book of rates, referred to by the act of the twelfth year of King *Charles* the Second; which said subsidy of sixpence in the pound, upon such rice so exported, shall be raised, levied, collected, and recovered, by such ways and means, and under such rules, regulations, penalties, and forfeitures, as the subsidy or poundage, for any goods or merchandise exported from *Great Britain*, may be raised, levied, collected, or recovered, by any act of parliament now in force, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if the several clauses, powers, directions, penalties, and forfeitures relating thereto, were particularly repeated, and again enacted in the body of this present act.

Subsidy of 6d. per pound on all rice imported, to be paid, according to the value thereof,

to be levied as the subsidy of poundage on other goods.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said duties granted by this act upon rice exported, (the necessary charges of management excepted) be paid into the receipt of his Majesty's exchequer, and be there reserved for the disposition of parliament.

Duties hereby granted to be paid into the receipt of exchequer.

C A P. XXXIII.

An act for allowing the importation of wheat, wheat flour, rye, rye meal, and Indian corn, into this kingdom, for a limited time, free of duty.

Preamble.

WHEREAS *the importation of wheat and wheat flour, rye, and rye meal, from any part of Europe, or from any of his Majesty's colonies in America, and also the importation of Indian corn, from any of his Majesty's colonies in America, into this kingdom, for a limited time, free of duty, may be advantageous to his Majesty's subjects; may it therefore please your most excellent 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 and may be lawful to and for any person or persons whatsoever, to import into Great Britain, in any ship or vessel whatsoever, at any time or times before the first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, any wheat, wheat flour, rye, and rye meal, from any part of Europe, or from any of his Majesty's colonies in America; and also any Indian corn, from any of his Majesty's colonies in America, into Great Britain, without the payment of any subsidy, custom, duty, or imposition whatsoever; and may also be carried coastwise, under such regulations as wheat and wheat flour, rye, and rye meal, of the growth of this kingdom, are now allowed to be carried coastwise, at all times before the said first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two; any thing in any former or other act or acts of parliament to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.*

Flour, rye, and rye meal, may be imported, without payment of duty, at any time before Dec. 1, 1772, from any part of Europe or America.

Due entry to be made at the custom-house belonging to the port into which the same shall be imported,

on penalty of being made liable to the usual duty formerly paid.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a due entry shall be made, in such manner and form as were used or practised before the making of this act, of all wheat, wheat flour, rye, and rye meal, and *Indian corn*, which shall be imported or brought into this kingdom, by virtue of this act, before the said first day of *December*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, at the custom-house belonging to the port into which the same shall be imported or brought in; or otherwise, in default of making such entry, such wheat, wheat flour, rye, and rye meal, and *Indian corn*, shall be liable and subject to such and the same duties as were payable upon the importation thereof before the making of this act; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

C A P. XXXIV.

An act to amend an act of the tenth year of the reign of his present Majesty, for building a workhouse in the parish of Saint Martin in the Fields, within the city of Westminster, in the county of Middlesex.

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