

## C A P. LXVII.

*An act to continue the several laws therein mentioned, for granting liberty to carry rice from his Majesty's provinces of Carolina and Georgia, in America, directly to any part of Europe, southward of Cape Finisterre; for granting the like liberty to export rice from South Carolina and Georgia directly, to any part of America, to the southward of the said provinces; for granting the like liberty in the exportation of rice from East and West Florida, and from any part of America, southward of South Carolina and Georgia.*

**W**HEREAS the laws herein-after mentioned 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 his late Majesty, intituled, *An act for granting liberty for carrying rice from his Majesty's province of Carolina in America, directly to any part of Europe, southward of Cape Finisterre, in ships built in and belonging to Great Britain, and navigated according to law*, which was to be in force for five years, from the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and thirty, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; and also an act, made in the eighth year of the reign of his said late Majesty, to continue the said act from the expiration thereof, until the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and forty-two, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament, and to extend that liberty to his Majesty's province of *Georgia in America*; which said acts, by several subsequent acts made in the fifteenth, sixteenth, twentieth, twenty-seventh, and thirty-third years of his said late Majesty's reign, and in the seventh year of the reign his present Majesty, were further continued, from the expiration thereof, until the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-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, to the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act, made in the fourth year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, *An act for granting, for a limited time, a liberty to carry rice from his Majesty's provinces of South Carolina and Georgia, directly to any part of America to the southward of the said provinces, subject to the like duty as is now paid on the exportation of rice from the said colonies to places in Europe situated to the southward of Cape Finisterre*, which was to continue in force for five years, from the twenty-fourth day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, and from thence to the end of the then next session of

and a clause in  
act 5 Geo. 3.

further conti-  
nued until  
June 24, 1781.

Act 10 Geo. 3.

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nued till Sept.  
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parliament; and also a clause in an act, passed in the fifth year of his said Majesty's reign, which gave liberty to export rice from *North Carolina*, in the same manner, and under the like entries, securities, restrictions, regulations, limitations, duties, penalties, and forfeitures, as were enacted by the said act, made in the fourth year of his present Majesty's reign, with respect to carrying rice to *South Carolina* and *Georgia*, which have continuance until the twenty-fourth day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament, shall be, and the same are hereby further continued, from the expiration thereof, until the twenty-fourth day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act, made in the tenth year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled, *An act for extending like liberty in the exportation of rice from East and West Florida to the southward of Cape Finisterre in Europe*, as is granted by former acts of parliament to *Carolina* and *Georgia*, which was to continue in force from the first day of *August*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, until the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament; and which act was amended by an act, made in the eleventh year of the reign of his said Majesty, shall be, and the same are hereby further continued, from the expiration thereof, until the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and from thence to the end of the then next session of parliament.

## C A P. LXVIII.

*An act to prevent frauds in the buying and selling of hops.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers frauds are practised in the packing or bagging of hops; for remedy whereof, may it 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, when any officer of excise shall attend for the purpose of bagging any hops pursuant to the directions of an act, passed in the ninth year of the reign of *Queen Anne*, (intituled, *An act for laying a duty on hops*;) such officer shall, upon pain of forfeiting for every neglect the sum of five pounds, weigh the bags or pockets intended by the planters, growers, or owners of the hops to be used for the bagging thereof; and shall, before the hops shall be put therein, mark, or cause to be marked, on the outside of each such bag or pocket, in plain and legible letters or characters, with ink or paint, the true weight, or tare thereof; and that the excise officer shall also mark, or cause to be marked, on each such bag or pocket, in manner aforesaid, the planter or planters name or names, in full length,

Officers to weigh the bags for hops on penalty of 5l. for every neglect;

and shall, before hops be put therein, mark on the outside the weight thereof; the planter's name;