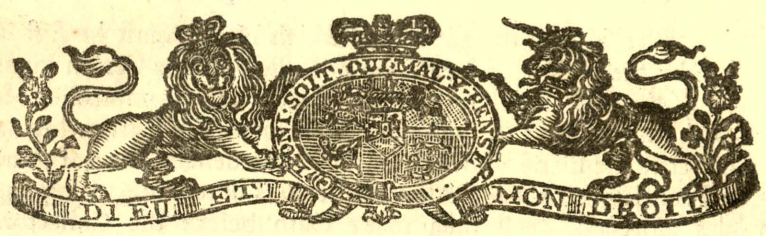


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## C A P. XXIX.

An Act to regulate the Trade between *Malta* and its Dependencies, and His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*; and also between *Malta* and the United Kingdom. [23d March 1815.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to grant further Facilities to the Trade between *Malta* and its Dependencies, and His Majesty's Sugar Colonies and Plantations in *America*, as well as between *Malta* and its Dependencies, and the United Kingdom; be it therefore 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 be lawful for any of His Majesty's Subjects to ship, in any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked (A.), being of the Growth and Produce of any such Colony or Plantation, or any such Articles as may now or may hereafter be by Law imported into the said Colonies, and to export the same direct to the Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, in such Ships or Vessels, and under such Licences, Entries, Securities, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are herein-after particularly mentioned or described.

Certain Goods may be shipped from Sugar Colonies in America to Malta:

II. And be it further enacted, That no Articles so allowed to be laden and exported from His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations aforesaid, shall be shipped or laden in any of the said Colonies or Plantations, for the Purpose of being carried to the said Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, except in *British*-built Ships, owned, navigated, and registered according to Law; nor unless a Licence shall have been first taken out for that Purpose, under the Hands and Seals of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Port at which any of the said Articles is or

To be shipped in British-built Ships;

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- Notices. are intended to be shipped or laden, and which Notice must be first given in Writing, by the Master of such Ship or Vessel, or the Person intending to ship any of the said Articles, to the Collector and Comptroller of such Port, of such Intention, and that such Ship or Vessel shall, when laden,
- Oath. proceed direct to the Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof; and the Owner or Proprietor, or the Person or Persons intending to ship any of the Articles aforesaid, shall then make Oath before the Collector and Comptroller of the said Port (which Oath they are hereby authorized and required to administer) that it is his or their full Intention and Resolution to load such Ship or Vessel with Articles enumerated in the said Schedule marked (A.) for Exportation, direct to the Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, and to no other Place whatever: And the Master of the Ship or Vessel, together with the Owner or Proprietor, or Person intending to ship the said Articles, shall thereupon enter into Bond, to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Treble the Value of such Goods, with Condition that in case a Licence shall be granted giving Liberty to such Ship or Vessel to lade and carry the said Articles from any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, to the said Island of *Malta* or its Dependencies, that such Ship or Vessel shall proceed direct to the said Island or its Dependencies, and that no Goods whatever, except such as shall be included in the Licence before mentioned, and except such as may now by Law be exported from the said Colonies or Plantations to *Malta*, shall be taken on board such Ship or Vessel; and also, that before the Expiration of Two Years from the Date of such Licence, the same shall be given up to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at the Port where the said Articles were shipped and laden, together with
- Bond. a Certificate signed and sealed by the Governor or Deputy Governor of the said Island, or by the principal Officer of the Customs there, certifying the landing of the said Articles, together with the Contents, Weight, or Quantity, and the Marks and Number of the Casks or other Packages of such Articles so landed, together with the Name of the Ship and Master thereof from which such Goods were so landed.
- Certificate.
- Forfeiture of Vessels and Goods conveying other Articles than those allowed.
- III. And be it further enacted, That in case any Ship or Vessel, licensed by virtue of this Act, shall take on board, in any of the said Sugar Colonies or Plantations, or on her Voyage from thence, any other Articles than such as are allowed to be taken on board and exported by virtue of this Act, all such Articles so taken or laden on board such Ship or Vessel shall be forfeited and lost, and the Master and Shipper of any such Goods shall severally forfeit Double the Value of the Goods so laden or taken on board contrary to the Directions of this Act; to be recovered in any Court of Vice Admiralty held in any of His Majesty's Plantations in *America*, or in any other Court of Record in any of His Majesty's Plantations in *America*, at the Election of the Informer or Prosecutor; One Third Part to be for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, One Third Part to the Governor of the Colony, and the other Third Part to the Informer or Prosecutor.
- Entry to be made of Goods.
- IV. And be it further enacted, That before any of the Articles enumerated in Schedule (A.) shall be laden or put on board any Ship or Vessel in the said Colonies or Plantations, or any of them, by virtue of a Licence to be granted under the Authority of this Act, to be carried to the said Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, the Merchant or other Person intending



intending to export the said Articles in such Ship or Vessel, shall make an Entry or Entries of all such Articles in Writing, with the Collector and Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs, expressing the Name of the Ship, and of the Master of the Ship, on board of which the Articles are to be laden, and where she lies, and also the Place, Quay, or Wharf where the same is or are to be laden, or first waterborn in order to be laden, which shall be within such Port only where a Custom House is established, and where an Officer or Officers are or shall be appointed to attend the lading and shipping thereof, or at such Place or Places as shall be mentioned in a Sufferance or Warrant, to be taken out from the Collector and Comptroller for that Purpose; and shall take out from the said Collector and Comptroller a Cocquet or Warrant accordingly, whereon shall be indorsed by the Exporter, the particular Weight and Quantity, with Marks, Numbers, and Contents, Sorts or proper Denomination of such Articles, and shall deliver the Cocquet or Warrant so indorsed to the Searcher or other Officer appointed for the examining and shipping thereof, and shall ship or lade the said Articles in the Presence of such Officer or Officers, and at such Place or Places as shall be mentioned in the said Sufferance or Warrant, that the proper Officer or Officers may attend the shipping thereof; and such Officer or Officers are hereby empowered to examine the same, before they are put on board; and if upon examining the Articles which shall be shipped or brought to be shipped by virtue of such Cocquet or Warrant, either before or after the Shipping thereof, the Weight or Quantity of the Goods, or the Number of Casks or Packages shall be greater than is indorsed thereon; or if any other Articles of the Description mentioned in Schedule (A.) but such as shall be so indorsed on such Cocquet or Warrant taken out and delivered as aforesaid, shall be discovered to have been laden or put on board any Ship or Vessel having Liberty to trade to the said Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, by virtue of this Act, or shall be brought to be shipped on board such Ship or Vessel, or shall be put into any Hoy, Lighter, Boat, or other Vessel, in order to be put on board such Ship or Vessel, before such Entry, or taking out such Cocquet or Warrant, indorsing and delivering of the same, and not being shipped in the Manner aforesaid, but shall be put on board, or attempted to be put on board, contrary to the Directions of this Act; all such Articles so shipped or brought to be shipped, in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall be forfeited and lost, and also the Hoy, Lighter, Boat, or other Vessel or Carriage whatever, employed in shipping or attempting to ship any Goods other than those enumerated in the Schedule marked (A.) together with the Ship or Vessel on which such Goods shall be so laden; and the Owner shall forfeit double the Value thereof, to be recovered in any Court of Vice Admiralty held in any of His Majesty's Plantations in *America*, or in any other Court of Record in any of His Majesty's Plantations in *America*, at the Election of the Informer or Prosecutor, One Third Part to be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, One Third Part to the Governor of the said Colony, and the other Third Part to the Informer or Prosecutor: And before such Ship or Vessel shall depart from the said Colonies, with any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule marked (A.) laden as aforesaid, the Master or other Person having or taking Charge thereof, shall receive the said Licence from the Collector or Comptroller, with a Certificate indorsed thereon or affixed thereto, under their Hands and Seals of Office, who are to make Two Copies of such Licence, Indorsements, and Certificates;

Penalty.



for all which Entries, Cocquets, Indorsements, and Certificates or Copies, no more shall be taken by the said Officers than the legal and accustomed Fees; and the Master or other Person having or taking Charge of such Ship, shall, before he receives the said Licence, attest the said Copies under his Hand, which are to be left with the Collector and Comptroller, who are hereby required as soon as conveniently they can, to transmit One of the said Copies of the Licence, Indorsements, and Certificates, to the Commissioners of the Customs in *England*, and record in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, the Notice in Writing of the Owner or Owners of the Ship or Vessel, the Affidavit of the Shipper, the Licence granted for the Exportation of the Articles, together with the Clearance; but in case any of the Articles enumerated in Schedule (A.) shall be found on board, or carried by any such Ship or Vessel to the said Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, other than such as are mentioned in the said Licence, then the Liberty granted by such Licence shall cease and become void and of none Effect; and such Ship or Vessel, and also the Master or other Person having or taking the Charge of such Ship or Vessel, and all others concerned, shall be subject and liable to all and every the same Penalties and Forfeitures as they would have been subject and liable to in case this Act had not been made.

Allowing  
Ships to load  
at Malta  
certain Ar-  
ticles for  
the Colonies.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for such Ship or Vessel, or any other Ship or Vessel being *British*-built, owned, navigated, and registered according to Law, to load at the said Island of *Malta* or any of the Dependencies thereof, any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule marked (B.) hereunto annexed, for Exportation direct to any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, and any such Article may be landed in any such Colony or Plantation, being first duly entered with the proper Officers of the Customs there; any Thing contained in an Act made in *England*, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Trade*, or any other Act or Acts in force in the United Kingdom, or in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that the said Articles, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize (Wine excepted), shall, upon Importation into any of the said Colonies or Plantations, be subject and liable to the Payment of such Duties as Goods of the like Denomination or Description are or may be subject and liable to, upon being imported into the said Colonies or Plantations from *Great Britain*, and no other or higher Duties; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duties.

Wine im-  
ported into  
the Colonies  
to pay the  
like Duties as  
are payable  
on Madeira  
Wine.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Sort of Wine which by virtue and in pursuance of this Act shall be imported or brought into any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*, from the Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, shall be subject and liable to the Payment of such and the like Duties, and no other, as are due and payable on *Madeira* Wine when imported into any of the said Colonies or Plantations directly from the Island of *Madeira*.

Discharging  
of Bond.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon such Licence being returned to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs of the Port where the Articles enumerated in Schedule (A.) were shipped, and an Account of the



the lading being indorsed thereon or annexed thereto, and also upon such Certificate of the Governor or Deputy Governor or Principal Officer of the Customs, being produced as aforesaid, and the several other Matters and Things required by this Act being duly complied with, within Two Years from the Date of such Licence, the Bond given before granting such Licence shall be discharged and delivered up, any Thing in the said Bond or in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; otherwise such Bond shall be forfeited, and shall and may be prosecuted in the Manner directed by this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to export from *Newfoundland*, the Island of *Bermuda*, or any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *North America*, any Articles of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of such Colony or Plantation, or any Articles which have been legally imported into such Colony or Plantation direct to the Island of *Malta*, or the Dependencies thereof, in such Ships and Vessels, and under such Licences, Entries, Securities, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are herein-before mentioned and described, as to Exportation from His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*.

Goods may be exported from the Colonies to Malta direct.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to import from the Island of *Malta*, or any of the Dependencies thereof, direct into *Newfoundland*, the Island of *Bermuda*, or any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in *North America*, any of the Articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed marked (B.) in such Ships and Vessels, and under such Regulations and Restrictions as are herein-before mentioned and described, as to the Importation of the said Articles into any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies or Plantations in *America*.

Certain Goods may be imported from Malta direct to the Colonies.

X. And whereas by the Laws now in force, Goods and Commodities of the *Streights* or *Levant* Seas may be imported into the United Kingdom in *British*-built Ships, and navigated and registered according to Law, from the usual Ports or Places for landing them heretofore within the said *Streights* or *Levant* Seas, though the said Commodities be not of the very Growth of the said Places: And whereas it is expedient that such Goods should be allowed to be in like Manner imported from the Island of *Malta* and the Dependencies thereof; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons to import from the Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, into the United Kingdom, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, not prohibited to be imported, being of the Growth, Produce, and Manufacture of any Country or Place within the *Streights* or *Levant* Seas, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, owned, navigated and registered according to Law, and in no other Ship or Vessel whatever, on Payment of such Duties as now are or hereafter may be due and payable on such Goods, Wares, or Merchandize when imported into *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that all such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, being of the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Signior, within the *Levant* Seas, so imported under the Authority of this Act, shall be subject and liable to the Payment of the same Duties, to the Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the

Goods of the *Levant* may be brought from Malta.

Duties.



*Levant Seas*, commonly called or known by the Name of *The Turkey Company*, as shall be payable on the like Articles when imported direct from *Turkey* by Persons being Members of the said Company.

Persons free of Turkey Company, to import Raw Silk from Malta.

XI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons admitted into and made free of the said Company of Merchants of *England* trading into the *Levant Seas*, to import into the United Kingdom from the said Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, owned, navigated, and registered, according to Law, any Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn, being the Growth or Production of any Place within the Dominions of the Grand Signior, within the *Levant Seas*; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that all such Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn so imported into the United Kingdom under the Authority of this Act, shall be subject and liable to the Duties due and payable to the said *Turkey Company*, in like Manner as if such Raw Silk or Mohair Yarn had been imported into the United Kingdom directly from *Turkey*.

Thrown Silk may also be imported from Malta.

XII. And whereas it is expedient, that Thrown Silk of the Production of *Italy*, *Sicily*, or the Kingdom of *Naples*, should be permitted to be imported into the United Kingdom directly by Sea from the Island of *Malta* and the Dependencies thereof; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to import from the said Island of *Malta* or the Dependencies thereof, into the United Kingdom directly, any Thrown Silk being of the Production of *Italy*, *Sicily*, or of the Kingdom of *Naples*, in *British*-built Ships or Vessels, owned, navigated, and registered according to Law, and in no other Ship or Vessel whatever, on Payment of such and the like Duties as now are or hereafter may be payable in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively on such Thrown Silk when imported directly by Sea from the Place of its Production; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Recovery of Penalties.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred by this Act (except where it is otherwise provided) shall and may be prosecuted in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or *Dublin*, or the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*; one Moiety whereof to be for the Use of Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who will sue for, prosecute, and recover the same; wherein no Effoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, nor any more than One Impar lance.

General Issue.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be sued or prosecuted for any Thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Prosecutor or Prosecutors shall become Nonsuit, or forbear the Prosecution, or discontinue his, her, or their Action, or if a Verdict shall pass against him, her, or them, the Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have the like Remedy for the same as in Cases where Costs are by Law given to Defendants.

Treble Costs.



XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall grant a false Certificate, or counterfeit, erase, or alter any Licence, Oath, or Certificate, which shall be made or given pursuant to this Act, or shall knowingly or wittingly publish or make use thereof, such Person or Persons shall forfeit Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered and disposed of in the Manner directed by his Act; and such Licence, Oath, or Certificate so falsified, counterfeited, erased, or altered, shall be invalid and of none effect.

Punishing  
Persons coun-  
terfeiting Li-  
cences, &c.

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SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

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SCHEDULE (A.)

Sugar.  
Coffee.  
Cocoa.  
Rum.  
Molasses.

Pimento.  
Indigo.  
Ginger.  
Fustic, or other Dying Wood.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Dry and Wet Fruit in Brandy and  
Sugar, in Jars and Bottles.  
Pickles - - in ditto.  
Olives.  
Figs.  
Raisins.  
Currants.  
Pistaccio Nuts.  
Almonds.  
Dates.  
Capers.  
Wine.  
Brandy.  
Oil of Olives.  
Oil of Almonds.  
Gum Arabic.  
— Mastic.  
— Myrrh.  
— Sicily.  
— Ammoniac.  
Opium.  
Manna.  
Senna.  
Cantharides.  
Oris Root.  
Rhubarb.

Jalap.  
Scamony.  
Quicksilver.  
Sarsaparilla.  
Saffron.  
Safflower.  
Musk.  
Incense.  
Essence of Bergamot.  
Do. of Citron.  
Do. of Lemon.  
Do. of Orange.  
Do. of Lavender.  
Do. of Roses.  
Do. of Rosemary.  
Marble, } Rough and Worked.  
Alabaster, }  
Brimstone.  
Cork.  
Aniseed.  
Cumminseed.  
Ostrich Feathers.  
Honey.  
Sponges.  
Amber.  
Coral.



Schedule (B.)—*continued.*

Mill Timber.	Bullion.
Box Wood.	Precious Stones.
Argol.	Pearls.
Vermillion.	Corn.
Ochres.	Grain.
Cinnabar.	Meal or Flour.
Orange Buds and Peel.	Beans.
Juniper Berries.	Peafe.
Punk.	Lentils.
Pumice Stone.	Rice.
Emery Stone.	Macaroni or Vermicelli.
Whetstone.	Cascafoo.
Paintings and Prints.	Parmesan Cheefe.
Mosaic Works.	Bologna and other Saufages.
Medals.	Anchovies.
Lava, and Malta Stone for building.	Caviar.
Pozzolana.	Botarga.

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