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ANNO REGNI  
GEORGII III.  
REGIS

*Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,*

VICESIMO QUINTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1784, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-fifth Day of *January*, 1785; being the Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



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ANNO VICESIMO QUINTO

# Georgii III. Regis.

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C A P. XXV.

An Act for allowing further Time for the Importation of Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Island of *Tobago*; upon Payment of the *British* Plantation Duties.



WHEREAS, by an Act made in the Preamble.  
 Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His  
 present Majesty, intituled, An Act for <sup>23 Geo. III,</sup>  
 allowing the Importation of Goods from <sup>Cap. 14, re-</sup>  
*Europe*, in Neutral Ships, into the Islands <sup>cited.</sup>  
 of *Saint Christopher, Nevis, Montserrat,*  
*Dominica, Saint Vincent, Grenada, and the Grenadines;* and  
 of Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the said Islands,  
 and of *Tobago and Saint Lucia*, from thence into this King-  
 dom, in such Ships, upon Payment of the *British* Plantation  
 Duties, for a limited Time; for permitting certain Goods,  
 the Produce of those Islands, secured in Warehouses in this  
 Kingdom, to be taken out, on Payment of the *British* Plan-  
 tation Duties, and to cancel certain Bonds entered into for  
 Payment of the Duties due thereon; for further continuing  
 certain temporary Acts for the Encouragement of Trade;  
 and to repeal an Act, made in the Twenty-second Year of  
 His Majesty's Reign, *for allowing the Importation of Goods*  
*the Growth of Saint Christopher, Nevis, and Montserrat, into*  
*any of His Majesty's Dominions in Europe or America;* it  
 was, among other Things, enacted, That, during such  
 Time as should be allowed by the Definitive Treaty of  
 Peace to the Planters and Inhabitants to withdraw  
 themselves and their Effects from the Islands of *Tobago*  
 and *Saint Lucia*, it should and might be lawful for such  
 Persons to import, directly from thence into this King-  
 dom, any Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, being the  
 Growth, Production, or Manufacture of the said respective  
 Islands, under certain Restrictions, Rules, and Regu-  
 lations, and upon Payment of such Duties as would have  
 been due and payable for such Goods, if they had been  
 imported from any of the *British* West India Islands in  
*British* Ships: And whereas the Time allowed, for the  
 Purposes aforesaid, by the said Definitive Treaty, is



limited to the Space of Eighteen Months, to be computed from the Day of the Exchange of the Ratification of the said Treaty: And whereas Doubts may arise, whether any Ship or Ships, clearing out from the said Island of Tobago before the Expiration of the said Space of Eighteen Months, but not arriving at any Port in this Kingdom until after the same is expired, come within the Meaning and Intention of the said Act, and can be admitted to Entry; for obviating whereof, and for giving further Relief to the Planters, Merchants, and Inhabitants of the said Island of Tobago, 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 the Planters, Merchants, and Inhabitants of the said Island of Tobago, to import directly from thence into this Kingdom any Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, being the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of the said Island, in any Ship or Vessel clearing out from the said Island on or before the Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, upon Payment of such Duties as would have been due and payable for such Goods, if they had been imported from any of the British West India Islands in British Ships, under such and the like Restrictions, Rules, and Regulations, as are contained in the before-recited Act.

Goods, the Produce of Tobago, may be imported, for a limited Time, upon Payment of British Plantation Duties.

Purport of the Oath to be taken by the Importer.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Importer or Importers of such Goods from the said Island of Tobago, shall make Oath, before the Collector or Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Importation in this Kingdom, that, to the best of his or their Knowledge and Belief, the Goods so imported are really and bona fide the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of the said Island, and that the same were actually shipped on or before the said Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and have been directly imported from thence, or touching only at British Islands, (which Oath such Collector or Comptroller is hereby empowered to administer); and on Default of such Oath, the Goods so imported shall be subject to the Payment of the like Duties as they would be liable to if imported from any foreign West India Island.