

mentioned, were further continued from the Expiration thereof, until the Twenty-fourth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty eight, 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 September, One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

And whereas it is apprehended, that the Distemper which still rages amongst the horned Cattle, has been greatly spread and increased by Tanners and others buying the Hides and Skins of infected Beasts, and carrying the same secretly to their Tan-yards: Wherefore for preventing the same for the future, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Tanner, Tawer, or Dresser of Hides or Skins shall, before he brings any raw Hide or Skin of any Bull, Ox, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, into his Tan-yard, Workhouse, Warehouse, or Place used for dressing or manufacturing of Hides or Skins, give Notice to the Officer of Excise, of the District in which such Tan-yard or Dressing-place is situated, and whose Survey the said Tanner, Tawer, or Dresser of Hides shall be under and subject to for the Time being, and produce to the said Officer a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Commissioner or Commissioners of the Land-Tax, specifying the Colour of such Hide or Skin, the Name and Place of Abode of the Owner of such Hide or Skin, and that upon Examination on Oath of one or more credible Person or Persons, it appeared to the Person or Persons signing and sealing such Certificate, that the Beast from which such Hide or Skin was taken was sound, and free from any Infection; which Certificate shall by the said Officer be entered into a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and if any Tanner, Tawer, or Dresser of Hides or Skins, shall bring or suffer to be brought into his Tan-yard or Tan-pits, or other Place used for dressing or manufacturing Hides or Skins, any such raw Hide or Skin, or shall tan or dress, or manufacture any such raw Hide or Skin, without giving such Notice, and producing such Certificate as aforesaid, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and applied, as the several Forfeitures are by the said Act of the Nineteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to be recovered, levied, and applied.

And it is hereby further enacted, That all and every or any of the Officers of Excise, acting and employed in any District wherein any Tan-yard, Workhouse or Warehouse, or Place for dressing or manufacturing of Hides or Skins is situate and being, shall and may, at all Times, by Day or by Night, (and if in the Night, then

in the Presence of a Constable, or other lawful Officer of the Peace) be permitted, upon his or their Request, to enter into any such Tan-yard, Workhouse, Warehouse, or Place, in order to search for Hides and Skins, suspected to be brought and conveyed into the same respectively, contrary to, and against the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act, and then and there to search and examine, or cause to be searched or examined, any Tan-pit, Fat, or other Place, where any such Hide or Skin is suspected to be laid, hid, put, or concealed; and if any Tanner, Tawer, or other Person or Persons whatsoever, shall obstruct or hinder any such Officer or Officers in the Execution of his or their Duty, Power, or Authority given to, vested in, and required of him and them respectively by this Act, every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted as aforesaid, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered, applied, and disposed of in Manner afore-mentioned.

And to prevent the spreading of the said infectious Distemper, by Persons who frequently buy up Cattle in infected Places, and soon after dispose of the same in Places free from the Infection, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Acts, and the Orders and Regulations made by his Majesty in Council, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and forty nine, no Person whatsoever, by himself, his Servant, or Agent, shall sell or dispose of any living Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, until the same shall have been the Property of such Person for the Term of Forty Days at the least; and in Proof of such Property, the Seller shall produce a Certificate, under the Hand of the Person of whom such Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, was last bought or purchased, signifying the Time when he purchased the same; and every Person who shall sell or dispose of any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, without producing such Certificate, and shall be thereof convicted by his, her, or their own Confession, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, or Town Corporate where the Offence shall be committed, shall, for every Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, so sold or disposed of, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, unless such Person shall by himself, his Agent or Servant, make Oath before the said Justice or Justices (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to administer) that the said Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer or Heifer, has been his Property for more than forty Days, the said Forfeiture to be adjudged, levied, and recovered in such Manner, as the Penalty of Ten Pounds is, by the said Act of the Nine-

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