

## MARYLAND GAZETTE,

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WEDNESDAY, August 22, 1750.

The following Act having been passed the last Session of Parliament, and as it concerns America so much, we hope it will be agreeable to our Readers.

An Act to encourage the importation of Pig and Bar Iron from his majesty's colonies in America, and to prevent the erection of any mill or other engine for slitting or rolling of Iron; or any pining forge to work with a tilt hammer; or any furnace for making Steel in any of the said colonies.

WHEREAS the importation of Bar Iron from his majesty's colonies in America, into the port of London, and the importation of Pig Iron from the said colonies, into any part of Great-Britain, and the manufacture of such Bar and Pig Iron in Great-Britain, will be a great advantage not only to the said colonies, but also to this kingdom, by furnishing the manufacturers of Iron with a supply of that useful and necessary commodity; and by means thereof large sums of money, now annually paid for Iron to Foreigners, will be saved to this kingdom, and a greater quantity of the woollen, and other manufactures of Great-Britain, will be exported to America, in exchange for such Iron to imported: 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 twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and fifty, the several and respective subsidies, customs, impositions, rates and duties, now payable on Pig Iron, made in and imported from his majesty's colonies in America into any part of Great-Britain, shall cease, determine, and be no longer paid; and that from and after the said twenty-fourth day of June, no subsidies, customs, imposition, rate, or duty whatsoever, shall be payable upon Bar Iron made in and imported from the said colonies, into the port of London; any law, Statute, or usage to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no such Bar Iron so imported into the port of London, shall be afterwards exported, or shall be carried coastwise to be landed at any other port or place of Great-Britain, except for the use of his majesty's yards, upon pain that all such Bar Iron so exported, or carried coastwise, and every ship or vessel, on board of which any such Bar Iron shall be exported, or carried coastwise, shall be subject to such forfeiture and seizure, as any prohibited or uncustomed goods, or any goods clandestinely exported or imported, or any ship or vessel on board of which any such goods shall be exported or imported, are now liable by law; and also upon pain, that every person, so exporting such Bar Iron, or sending the same coastwise, and the master or commander, and mariners of every ship or vessel, on board of which any such Bar Iron shall be so exported or carried coastwise, shall be subject to such and the like punishments and penalties as the master or commander, or mariners of any ship or vessel, laden with any prohibited or uncustomed goods, or goods clandestinely exported or imported, are now liable to by law; and that no officer of his majesty's customs, shall sign or grant any cocket, sufferance, tranfite, let-pass, warrant or certificate whatsoever, for exporting or carrying coastwise, except for the use of his majesty's dock-yards, any such Bar Iron so imported into the port of London, upon pain, that every officer of his majesty's customs so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred pounds, to be sued for and recovered by action, bill, plaint, or information, in any of his majesty's courts of record at Westminster, and to be applied one moiety to the use of his majesty, his heirs and successors, and

the other moiety to such person or persons as shall sue for the same; and shall also lose and forfeit his office, and be incapable of serving his majesty, his heirs or successors in any office of trust or profit whatsoever; and that if any such cocket, sufferance, tranfite, let-pass, warrant, or certificate whatsoever, shall be signed or granted, the same shall be void and of no effect whatsoever.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no Bar Iron whatsoever shall be permitted to be carried coastwise, unless mention be made in the certificate to be granted for that purpose, of the day on which the subsidies, customs, impositions, rates, and duties, payable upon information thereof, were paid, and of the name of the person or persons, by whom the same were paid.

And it is hereby further enacted, That no Bar-Iron imported into the port of London, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, shall be carried or conveyed by land carriage to any place beyond ten miles from any part or port of London, except to his majesty's dock-yards, for the use of his majesty, his heirs, and successors; and if any person or persons shall carry and convey, or cause or procure to be carried or conveyed upon horse back, or in any waggon, cart, or other carriage, any Iron so imported to any place beyond the limits prescribed by this act, every person so offending, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings for every hundred weight of such Iron.

And, that the importers of foreign Pig and Bar-Iron, not made in and imported from the said colonies, may not upon any pretence whatsoever claim the exemption hereby granted; Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every merchant, trader, factor, or other person loading any Pig or Bar-Iron on board any ship or vessel in any of his majesty's colonies in America, shall before the clearing out of the said ship or vessel for any port of Great-Britain, make Oath before the governor or lieutenant governor, collector and comptroller of the customs, and naval officer, or any two of them (which Oath every such governor or lieutenant governor, collector, and comptroller of the customs, and naval officer, is hereby impowered and required to administer without fee or reward) that the Pig or Bar Iron so shipped, the true weight whereof shall in such Oath be expressed, was made at within the colony of in which Oath also the name or names of the person or persons to whom the said Iron shall be sold or consigned, shall be expressed: And thereupon the said governor, lieutenant governor, collector and comptroller of the customs, and naval officer, or any two of them, shall deliver to such merchant, trader, factor or other person, so making Oath as aforesaid, a certificate under their hands and seal of office, of such Oath having been made before them.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons, importing any Pig or Bar-Iron into Great-Britain, from his majesty's colonies in America, shall import the same duty-free as aforesaid, unless such Pig or Bar Iron shall be stamped with some mark denoting the colony or place where the same was made, and unless such person or persons shall produce such certificate to the chief officer of the customs at the port in Great-Britain where the same shall be imported; and unless Oath shall be made before the said chief officer of the customs, by the master or commanding officer of the ship or vessel importing such Pig or Bar-Iron, (which Oath such chief officer is hereby impowered and required to administer without fee or reward) that the Iron so imported is the same Iron mentioned in the said certificate.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all Pig or Bar-Iron imported into Great-Britain, which shall