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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 69.

An Act for removing Doubts as to the Application of certain Surplus Monies paid for measuring, searching, and sealing Cloth, in the West Riding of the County of York, under Two Acts of His present Majesty. [27th May 1808.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for repealing several 5 G. 3. c. 51. Laws relating to the Manufacture of Woollen Cloth in the County of York; and also so much of several other Laws as prescribes particular Standards of Width and Length of such Woollen Cloths; and for substituting other Regulations of the Cloth Trade, within the West Riding of the said County; for preventing Frauds in certifying the Contents of the Cloth, and for preserving the Credit of the said Manufacture at the Foreign Market.* And whereas another Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act made in the last 6 G. 3. c. 23. Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for repealing several Laws relating to the Manufacture of Woollen Cloth in the County of York; and also so much of several other Laws as prescribes particular Standards of Width and Length of such Woollen Cloths; and for substituting other Regulations of the Cloth Trade, within the West Riding of the said County; for preventing Frauds in certifying the Contents of the Cloth, and for preserving the Credit of the said Manufacture at the Foreign Market.'* And whereas

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certain Rates and Duties are by the said Acts required to be paid for the measuring, stamping, and sealing of Cloth; and by the Persons concerned in the making thereof, the Sums of Money arising from such Rates and Duties are paid to the Treasurer of the said West Riding of the County of *York* for the Time being: And whereas such Sums of Money were by the said recited Acts directed to be applied in the Payment of the Expences of obtaining the said Acts, and also of certain Salaries to Officers concerned in the Execution of the said Acts, as the Justices of the Peace, at their General Quarter Sessions yearly to be held next after *Midsummer*, should direct and appoint: And whereas Parts of the Surplus Monies arising from such Rates and Duties have been directed by the Justices of the Peace at such General Quarter Sessions, to be applied in Payment of Expences which have been incurred in Applications that have been made to Parliament by the Trustees of the Mixed and White Cloth Halls in *Leeds*, and on behalf of themselves and others concerned in the weaving and making of Cloth, for the Protection and Regulation of the said Manufacture in the said West Riding: And whereas important Questions relating to the Interests of the Persons concerned in the weaving and making of Cloth in the said West Riding, have lately come under the Consideration, and have at great length been investigated by Parliament: And whereas the Trustees of the said Mixed and White Cloth Halls at *Leeds*, on behalf of themselves and other Cloth Makers, have incurred great Expence in the prosecuting and attending upon and assisting in the said Investigation: And whereas Doubts have arisen as to the Power of the Justices to grant any of such Surplus Monies for the Payment of such Expences, and whether such Appropriations thereof have been heretofore sanctioned by Law: And whereas it is just and reasonable that a sufficient Part of such Surplus Monies should be applied for the Payment of such Expences which have been incurred, in any Investigation by Parliament, concerning the Interest of the said Trustees, and Persons concerned in the weaving and making of Cloth: And whereas it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and Provision made for the Application of such Surplus Monies in future; 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 it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace next after the passing of this Act, and thereafter at any succeeding General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held next after *Michaelmas*, upon any Application to be made for that Purpose by the said Trustees of the Mixed and White Cloth Halls in *Leeds* respectively, or any Person deputed on their behalf, to order and direct that any Surplus or Part of any Surplus of any such Monies now remaining and being, or which may hereafter from Time to Time come into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said West Riding of the County of *York*, shall be applied in Payment of such fair and reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences which have lately arisen, and been incurred by the said Trustees on behalf of themselves and other Cloth Makers in the said West Riding of the County of *York*, by reason of any late Applications to Parliament, or Inquiries and Investigations which have been carried on in Parliament, and also for the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, and likewise for defraying the Expences of carrying on any Prosecutions, to be previously approved of by His Majesty's Attorney or Solicitor General,

General, for the Protection of the Regulations relating to the weaving and making of Cloth in the said West Riding, and the carrying the said recited Acts and this Act into Execution; any Thing in the said recited Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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