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Cap. vi.

An Act to amend an Act for vesting and securing
to *John Stephen Langton* Esquire certain Profits
and Emoluments for a limited Time.

[30th *July* 1831.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the
Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, in-
titled *An Act for vesting and securing* to John Stephen 10G.4.c.135.
Langton of the Parish of Langton-juxta-Partney in the County of
Lincoln, Esquire, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, certain
Profits and Emoluments for a limited Time; which said Act was passed
for the Encouragement of a Discovery of an improved Method of
seasoning Timber and other Wood, and requires that if Five hundred
Tons of Shipping, wholly or chiefly built of Timber or Wood seasoned
by the said improved Method, should not be launched within Three
Years from the passing of the Act, then the Powers thereof should
be null and void: And whereas such great and unavoidable Delays
have arisen in the Erection of the Apparatus, and in the conducting
of the Process described in the said Act, that there is not sufficient
Time of the said Three Years now remaining to launch the said
Quantity of Shipping within the Time required, and in consequence
thereof much Labour and Capital expended in bringing the said
improved Method into Use on the large Scale will be left without any
adequate Protection, and the Encouragement for establishing the said
Discovery will cease: And whereas the said Act does not state how
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Repeal of
the Provision
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launching
500 Tons of
Shipping.

the launching the aforesaid Quantity of Shipping shall be proved : And whereas the said Discovery is likely to be of great Advantage to the Public Service, and of great general Utility : 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 so much of the said Act as enacts that if Five hundred Tons of Shipping, wholly or chiefly built of Timber or Wood seasoned by the improved Method specified in the said Act, should not have been launched within Three Years from the passing of the said Act, then the said Act and every Part thereof should be null and void, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

If amount be
not launched
within
3 Years of
passing this
Act, Powers
to cease.

II. And be it further enacted, That if Five hundred Tons of Shipping, wholly or chiefly built of Timber or Wood seasoned by the said improved Method, shall not have been launched within Three Years from the passing of this Act, the said Act and this Act, and every Part thereof, shall from thenceforth be null and void as if the same had never been passed.

What Tim-
ber shall be
deemed to
have been
seasoned ac-
cording to
Mr. Lang-
ton's Method.

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Timber or Wood seasoned within Fifteen Calendar Months after the same shall have been felled, such Timber or Wood having been placed in Iron Vessels capable of being made air-tight, and closing them, and then by means of an Air Pump exhausting partially the Air from such Vessels, and during this Process applying Heat to the said Vessels by means of a Steam or Vapour or Sand Bath, or by a Water Bath heated by Steam, or by the direct Action of the Fire, thereby expelling the Moisture from such Timber or Wood in the Form of Vapour or Steam, and afterwards carrying off and condensing it in a Refrigerator communicating with the said Vessels so as to prevent its being again imbibed by the Timber or Wood, shall be deemed to have been seasoned by the said improved Method.

Proof of Re-
quisites of
Act having
been com-
plied with.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said *John Stephen Langton*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have proved upon Oath to the Satisfaction of any Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for any County, City, or Liberty where any Launch of the said Shipping shall have taken place, which Oath such Justices are hereby authorized to administer, that any Number of Tons of Shipping, wholly or chiefly built of Timber or Wood seasoned by the said improved Method, hath been duly launched within Three Years from the passing of this Act, a Memorial of such Proof, under the Hands and Seals of such Justices, expressing the Number of Tons so proved to have been launched, shall be enrolled at the then next General Quarter Sessions for the said County, City, or Liberty, unless just Cause shall be then and there shown to the contrary, Twenty-one Days Notice of the Application for such Enrolment having been given by Advertisement, within Three Months next before such Sessions, in the *London Gazette*, and in One or more Newspapers generally circulating in such County, City, or Liberty, and then and from thenceforth all such Quantities of

Tons

Tons of Shipping as shall be expressed in such enrolled Memorials shall be deemed and taken to have been so duly launched as aforesaid to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and a Copy or Copies of any such enrolled Memorials, certified by the Clerk of the Peace or Town Clerk of such Sessions respectively to be true, shall be received as legal Evidence of the same.

V. And be it further enacted, That in every Case in the said Act herein-before referred to, in which Proof is required upon Oath before Two or more Justices of the Peace for any County, City, or Liberty, such Justices are hereby authorized to administer such Oath; and all Appeals from the Decision of such Justices in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*, or in any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations Abroad, shall be made to the Court of Session in *Scotland*, or to the Superior Courts of any such Colony or Plantation, respectively; any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Where Oaths are directed to be administered, Justices to have the Power of administering such Oaths.

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

Public Act.

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