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By the Act for laying Duties on Starch,

**I**T is Enacted. That for all Starch, which after the first Day of August, 1712. shall be imported into Great Britain, (over and above all Customs, Subsidies and Duties already imposed thereupon) there shall be paid the Sum of 2 d. for every Pound weight Avourdupoiz, and after that Rate for a greater or lesser Quantity, to be paid by the Importer before landing: And for all Starch which shall be made in Great Britain, the Sum of 1 d. for every Pound weight Avourdupoiz, and after that Rate for a greater or lesser Quantity to be paid by the Maker.

All Persons making Starch for Sale, or not for Sale, must, on or before the said first of August, give notice in Writing at the next Office for the Duties on Starch, of their respective Names, and Places of Abode, and of every Work-house and other Place by them made use of, for the making, drying and keeping of Starch, or of Flour, Meal, or other Materials proper to be made into Starch, and of all Fatts, Troughs, Boxes, Kilns, Stoves, Utensils and Vessels used in the making the same: And no Maker of Starch must erect, set up, alter, enlarge, or make use of any Workhouse, or other Place for the Purposes aforesaid, or shall use any Fatt, Trough, Kiln, Stove, Box, Utensil or other Vessel for the making of Starch, without first giving Notice thereof in Writing, on forfeiture of 50 l. for every Offence.

Makers of Starch within the weekly Bills of Mortality, must every Month, and Makers in other Parts must every six Weeks, make true Entries in Writing at the next Office for the said Duties, of all Starch by them made in such Month or six Weeks: Which Entries must contain the Weight of all the Starch mentioned therein, and what Quantity was made at a time in the several Weeks to which such Entries do relate, on pain to forfeit for every neglect of Entry 50 l. The said Entries to be upon the Oath of the Maker or his chief Workman, or solemn Affirmation of Quakers.

All Persons within the Bills of Mortality every four Weeks, and in other Places in six Weeks, must pay off the said Duties from them due, on Forfeiture of paying double Duty; and that no Person after such default in Payment, shall sell, deliver or carry out any Starch until he hath cleared off his Duty, on pain to forfeit double the Value of such Starch so delivered or carried out.

Officers for the said Duties by Day or Night (if by Night with a Constable or other Officer of the Peace) are to be permitted, upon request, to enter the House and all other Places belonging to or used by any Maker of Starch whatsoever, and by gauging or weighing the Starch, or by gauging the Boxes or other Utensils, or otherwise to take Accounts of the just Quantity of the Starch by them made, and thereof to make a return to the respective Commissioners for the said Duties, or such as they shall appoint, leaving a true Copy (if demanded) in Writing of such Report with such Maker, which return is to be a charge upon the Maker; and Officers refusing to leave such Copy if demanded, forfeit 40 s.

Every Box of Starch, before dried in the Stove, containing 57 Inches in length, and 10 Inches in breadth, (or by a medium of the breadth) and 8 Inches in depth, or in the whole 4560 solid Inches, shall be esteemed 112 Pounds Avourdupoiz weight of Starch perfectly made, and proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity.

Makers of Starch are to keep just Scales and Weights at the Place of making, and permit and assist the Officers to make use thereof, under the Penalty of 10 l.

Officers are to be permitted to take Account of the Quantities of Flour, Meal and other Materials, which shall be in the Custody of any Maker of Starch: And if upon missing any quantity of Flour or other Materials, of which they had an Account the last time they were at such Makers, they do not upon demand, receive Satisfaction what is become thereof, such Officers may charge such Makers with such Quantity of Starch as such Flour or other Materials so missing in his Judgment, would reasonably have made, not exceeding 25 Pounds weight of Starch for every Bushel of Ingredients mixed or unmixed, and so proportionably.

Makers of Starch obstructing the Officers in the execution of the Powers to them given by this Act, forfeit 20 l. for every Offence.

Removing, carrying or sending away any Starch, of which no Account taken from the Place where made, without giving to the Officers, within the Bills of Mortality 24 hours Notice, and in other Parts two Days, is a forfeiture of 20 l.

All Starch not survey'd and taken an Account of by the said Officers, must be kept separate and apart from Starch which has been Survey'd and taken an Account of, for the space of 24 Hours, within the weekly Bills of Mortality, and two Days in other Parts, unless sooner Survey'd and taken an Account of, on Pain to forfeit 5 l. for every Offence.

Fraudulently hiding or concealing Starch, chargeable by this Act, or any Materials for making the same, is a forfeiture of 20 l. for every Offence.

All Flour and Meal and other Materials for making Starch found in any private Workhouse or other Place, and all private Utensils and Vessels for making or keeping Starch, for which no Entry shall be made, are forfeited, and the same, or the Value thereof, may be seized and recovered by the said Officers for Her Majesty's use.

All Starch, and all Materials and Utensils for making Starch, are liable and subject to the Duties in arrear and owing by any Maker of Starch, and are also subject to all Penalties incurred by such Person so using such Workhouse or other Place for any Offence against this Act.

Stock in Hand.

For all Starch which any Starch-maker or other Sellers or Dealers in Starch in Great Britain, or any Person in trust for them or for their use, shall be possessed of or interested in on the said First of August for sale, there shall be paid the like Rates as are to be paid for the like Sorts of Starch to be made or imported after the said First of August, 1712.

All Starch-makers and other Sellers and Dealers in Starch, and other Persons who in trust for them, or for their use shall be possessed of, or have in their Custody, or in their Workhouse or other Places what