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'An Act to extend an Act of the Fifty-sixth year of King *George* the Third, for providing a new Silver Coinage, and for regulating the Currency of the Gold and Silver Coin of this Realm'.

By this Act,

After reciting the passing of 56 Geo. 3. c. 68: And that it is expedient that the provisions of the said Act, so far as regards the silver coin of the realm, should be extended:—

It is Enacted,

I. That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty's master and worker of the Mint at Her Majesty's Mint in London to coin or cause to be coined any silver bullion which at any time before or after the passing of this Act shall have been or shall be brought to or delivered or deposited at the said Mint into silver coins of a standard and fineness of 11 ounces 2 pennyweights of fine silver and 18 pennyweights of alloy in the pound troy, and in weight at the rate of 66s. to every pound troy, whether the same be coined in crowns, or in any pieces of a lower denomination; anything in any Act or Acts in force in Great Britain or Ireland respectively immediately before the passing of this Act or anything in any indenture with Her Majesty's master or worker of the said Mint for the time being, or any law, usage, or custom whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that all and every silver coin, it being of a denomination which is authorized to be coined by the said recited Act, but being of a denomination which is authorized to be coined by this Act, which shall be issued after the passing of this Act, shall be deemed and taken been coined after the passing and under the authority of this Act, and shall be subject to all and every the rules, regulations, and provisions relating to the coin to be coined in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

II. That all and every Act and Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act respecting the coin of this realm or the clipping, diminishing, or counterfeiting of the same, or respecting any other matters relating thereto, and all provisions, proceedings, penalties, forfeitures, and punishments therein contained or directed, and not repugnant or contradictory to the provisions of this Act, shall be and continue in full force and effect, and shall be applied and put in execution with respect to the silver coin to be coined or issued in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, as fully and effectually to all intent and purposes whatsoever as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

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