

## CHAPTER MCCOXLVI.

## AN ACT TO LAY A DUTY ON FOREIGN BARLEY AND MALT IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it appears to this house that considerable quantities of foreign malt not the produce or manufacture of this or any other of the United States have been imported into this state, whereby the price hath been so reduced as greatly to discourage the raising of barley, although the soil and climate of this and the neighboring states are well adapted to the production thereof, and whereas it is expedient to give all due encouragement and preference to the agriculture and manufactures of this state:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of October next there shall be levied, collected and paid to the use of this commonwealth for every bushel of barley or malt imported into this state not of the growth and manufacture of this or some one of the United States, the sum of two shilings and sixpence and the same duty shall be collected, secured and paid in like manner as the impost of two and a half per centum is or shall be collected, secured and paid in and by an act entitled "An act to encourage and protect the manufactures of this state by laying additional duties on the importation of certain manufactures which interfere with them" and shall be subject to like regulations, seizure and forfeiture, and entitled to like drawbacks upon re-exportation, and the collector of the port of Philadelphia shall be subject to like account and responsibility for the same.

Provided always, that any barley really and bona fide imported by or for any person or persons inhabitants of this state, for seed, shall not be subject to the duty hereby imposed.