

for the Provision of his or their Houses, within One Month after the same shall be so first bought; or providing, without Forefalling, the usual Quantity of Corn for any City, Borough, or Town Corporate, or for Provision, or victualling any Ship, Castle, or Fort, within the Dominions of the Crown; all which Sorts of Dealing in Corn are not Offences against the Statute; nor the Buying of Corn (except by Forefalling) by any Person licensed so to do, to be transported by Water from any Port or Place in England or Wales, unto any other Port or Place within Our Dominions; so that the same be, without Fraud, shipped within Forty Days after the same shall be bought, and carried with such Expedition as the Wind and Weather will permit, to the Port the Cocquet of the same shall declare, and there to disembark and sell the same, and bring a Certificate thereof from a Justice of the Peace of the County, or Mayor or Bailiff of the Town, and of the Customer of the Port, of the Place and Day where the Corn was unladed and sold, to the Customer and Comptroller of the Port where the same was shipped; the Punishments of which said Offences are enacted to be Imprisonment for Two Months, without Bail or Mainprize, for the First Offence, besides Forfeiture of the Corn so bought or had; for the Second Offence, Imprisonment for the Space of Half a Year, without Bail or Mainprize, and Loss of double the Value of the Corn so bought or had as aforesaid; and for the Third Offence, setting on the Pillory in the Place where the Offender shall dwell, and Forfeiture of all his Goods and Chattels, and Imprisonment during Our Pleasure; the One Moiety of all which Forfeitures is given to the Prosecutor in Case he will sue for the same; but the whole Forfeiture will belong to Us where the Conviction shall be at Our Suit only. And it was thereby likewise enacted, That if any Person, having sufficient Corn for Provision of his House, and sowing of his Ground for One Year, shall buy any Corn in any Fair or Market, for the Change of his Seed, and shall not bring to the same Fair or Market, the same Day, so much Corn as shall be bought for his Seed, and sell the same if he can, at the Price the same shall then go at in the said Fair or Market, every such Person shall forfeit the Double Value of the Corn so bought. And whereas by an Act made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was enacted, That no Badger, Lader, Kidder, Carrier, Buyer, or Transporter of Corn, shall be licensed but in the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County where such Person shall so dwell, and hath dwelt for the Space of Three Years before the Date of his Licence, and who is then an Householder, not a Servant or Retainer to any Person, and who, at the Time of granting such Licence, is or hath been a married Man, not under the Age of Thirty Years; which Licences are to continue but for a Year, and must be signed and sealed by Three of the Justices then present, whereof One to be of the Quorum, on pain of forfeiting Five Pounds by

every Person taking any Licence not pursuant to the said Act, and all such Licences are by the said Act declared to be null and void: And the said Justices are by the said Act impowered to take Bond and Surety by Recognizances of the Person licensed, that he shall not Forefall or Engross, or otherwise practice or do any Act or Thing contrary to the said Statute of Edward the Sixth. And it is likewise further provided by the said Act, That no Person shall buy any Corn or Grain out of open Fair or Market to sell again, unless such Person shall be thereunto licensed by special Order and express Words, upon pain of forfeiting the like Sum of Five Pounds; all which several Offences the Justices of the Peace, at the Quarter Sessions for the County where such Offences shall be committed, have Power to hear and determine. And whereas the Prices of Corn are already very much increased, and the same is likely to grow much dearer, to the great Oppression of the Poor, partly because the said Acts are not duly put in Execution, We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby strictly charge and command all and every Our Judges, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and all other Magistrates, Officers, and Ministers whatsoever and wheresoever, within England, Wales, and Our Town of Berwick upon Tweed, that they, and every of them, within their respective Places and Jurisdictions, do cause the said Acts, and all other Acts relating to the same Matters, to be in all and every the Parts and Branche thereof, put in speedy and effectual Execution; and that they do take Care that no Licence be granted to any Badger, Lader, Kidder, Carrier, or Buyer of Corn or Grain, but to such Persons as are or shall be qualified for the same, according to the Directions of the Acts of Parliament relating thereunto, and under such Sureties as those Acts do require; and that they do take Care that all Offenders against the said Acts be effectually prosecuted according to the Purport of the said Acts. And We do hereby require and charge all Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting in the due Execution of this Our Royal Proclamation, on pain of Our High Displeasure, and of such Pains and Punishments as may by Law be inflicted upon the Contemners of Our Royal Authority.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Tenth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, and in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

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A T the Court at St. James's, the 10th Day of September, 1766,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in His Privy Council.

W H E R E A S David Willis, of the Parish of Seaton and Beer in the County of Devon, Mariner, James Hocombe, late of the said

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