

An Act to enlarge the Term of an Act made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing and widening several Roads leading from the Town of Ayr, and other Roads therein mentioned, in the County of Ayr; and for repairing and widening certain other Roads within the said County of Ayr.

An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, for repairing and widening the High Roads from Hinckley to Woeful Bridge, and also from Hoo-Ash-Lane through Old Lane, and from Swannington to Lee Gutter, and from thence to Melbourn Common, and from Istock to Measham in the Counties of Leicester and Derby; and for repairing and widening the Road from Piney's House, in the Liberty of Osbaston, to Cheshire's House in the Liberty of Carlton, and also the Road from the Turnpike Road at Swannington, along Burton's Lane, to the Coal Fields, and also the Road from the Toll Gate in Old Lane, to the Leicester and Ashby de la Zouch Turnpike Roads.

An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of so much of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, for repairing and widening several Roads therein mentioned, from the Town of Tewkesbury in the County of Gloucester, as relates to the Second District of of Roads therein mentioned; and to amend the Road from Elstone Church to the Turnpike Road from Cirencester to Gloucester, near a Place called Comb End Beeches in the said County of Gloucester.

An Act for continuing, altering, and amending, an Act made and passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for repairing and widening several Roads leading from the Town of Bewdley in the County of Worcester, to the several Places therein mentioned, in the Counties of Worcester and Salop respectively.

And to Twenty-four Private Bills.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, presented to His Majesty on Thursday, May 19, 1774.

Die Lunæ, 16^o Maii, 1774.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, having, in Pursuance of your Majesty's most gracious Recommendation in your Speech to your Parliament, at the Opening of this Session, taken into our most serious Consideration the present State of the Gold Coin of this Realm; and having called for several Accounts, and examined Evidence touching the same; we find, That the Gold Coin of this Realm has been greatly diminished, by clipping, filing, and other evil Practices, particularly of late Years, in Violation of the Laws of this Realm: And it appears to us, that it hath been a Practice to export and melt down the new and perfect Coin soon after it has been issued, for private Advantage, to the great Detriment of the Public; and that the like Practices will continue, while Pieces, differing greatly in Weight, are current under the same Denomination, and at the same Rate and Value. And having, with great Attention, deliberated on this important Subject, in which the Commerce and Interests of your Majesty's Subjects are so essentially concerned, and on the Measures which ought to be pursued for preventing the Mischiefs to which the Publick are thus exposed; we are humbly of Opinion, That, in the first Place, it is proper that all Guineas weighing less than Five Penny Weights, Eight Grains; and all Half-guineas weighing less than Two Penny Weights, Sixteen Grains; and all Quarter-guineas weighing less than One Penny Weight, Eight Grains, be called in, and recoin'd, according to the established Standard of the Mint, both as to Weight and Fineness; and that it is proper, that the said Guineas, Half-guineas, and Quarter-guineas, be called in by Degrees, and as fast as the Occasions of Circulation will allow, and as the Officers of the Mint are able to recoin the same: And that the Publick do bear the Loss arising from the Def-

ciency and Recoinage of the said Guineas, Half-guineas, and Quarter-guineas; provided such Deficiency does not exceed the Rates settled by the Commissioners of your Majesty's Treasury, in their Order of the Twenty-third of July last; and provided they be offered in Payment to the Receivers or Collectors of the Publick Revenues, or are brought to such Persons or Persons as your Majesty shall authorize to receive and exchange the same, within certain Times to be appointed for that Purpose.

We do therefore most humbly beseech your Majesty, That your Majesty would be graciously pleased to issue your Royal Proclamation, or Proclamations, and thereby appoint such Days as to your Majesty shall seem meet, after which the said Guineas, Half-guineas, and Quarter-guineas, be not allowed in Payment, or to pass, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of the Publick Revenues, or to such Persons as your Majesty shall authorize to receive and exchange the same: And that your Majesty would appoint certain other Days, after which the said Guineas, Half-guineas, and Quarter-guineas, be not allowed to pass in any Payment whatsoever, or to be exchanged in Manner before mentioned.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
THE Attention you have given to a Matter, in which the Commerce and Revenue of my Kingdoms are so nearly concerned, affords Me the highest Satisfaction; and you may depend upon My giving the necessary Orders for carrying the Measures you recommend into immediate Execution.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 21, 1774.

Orders for the Court's going into Mourning on Thursday next the 26th Instant, for the late King of France, viz.

The Ladies to wear black Silk, fringed or plain Linen, white Gloves, Necklaces, and Ear-rings, black or white Shoes, Fans, and Tippetts.

Undress, White or Grey Lustrings, Tabbies, or Damasks.

The Men to wear Black, full trimmed, fringed or plain Linnen, Black Swords and Buckles.

Undress, Grey Frocks.

St. James's, May 21.

The King has been pleased to present Donald Mackinnon Clerk, Master of Arts, to the Vicarage of Claybrooke otherwise Claybroke, in the County of Leicester and the Diocese of Lincoln, void by the Death of Charles Jenner the last Incumbent.

Berlin, May 10. His Prussian Majesty arrived at Charlottenbourg last Thursday Evening, from whence he came the two following Mornings to inspect the special Review of the Troops in Garrison in this City, and immediately afterwards returned to Potzdam.

Admiralty-Office, May 19, 1774.

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information has been sent to this Office, That on the 15th Instant, the Ship Dispatch of Jersey, of the Burthen of about Ninety Tons, whereof John Le Brocq was Master, bound from Newcastle to Jersey, laden with Coals, struck upon Happisburgh Sand, near Yarmouth, in the County of Norfolk, where she sunk; but the People were all saved.

Ph. Stephens.

East-India House, May 18, 1774.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 16th of June next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thursday the 14th of July following.

And that the Dividend Warrants on the said Stock, due the 5th of July, will be ready to be delivered on Wednesday the 10th of August next.