

ligion and to its Ministers has been preserved to them and to your People.

It hath pleased the Almighty to call your Majesty to the Throne of these Realms at one of those awful Periods when the Judgments of the Lord are manifestly brought down upon the Earth, and Nations, hardened in Sin and Guilt, suffer the Punishment of their Impenitence in great national Calamities. From the Records of the Divine Proceedings, we learn how much of our Deliverance from these Calamities we owe to the Protection that has ever been extended by the Supreme Ruler "to good and godly Kings ruling in Justice and Equity, and professing and cherishing the holy and eternal Truth." To the general Degeneracy, breaking in upon us from so many Quarters, your Majesty has uniformly opposed, as well in the Bosom of your Royal Family, as in every Part of your public Conduct and Deportment, the Example of your Life, in an habitual Veneration for our Holy Religion and all its Ordinances, and in those blameless and decorous Manners that add Lustre even to your Majesty's exalted Station; and when an impious Conspiracy had been formed in the Heart of Europe to extinguish the Religion of Christ, and revive among the Nations of the World the fatal Excesses from which that Religion had so generally rescued them, in your Majesty's unshaken Adherence to its Doctrines and Precepts, and in the Vigor and Energy which, relying on the Divine Promises, you have persevered in opposing to all the mad Efforts of its Enemies, not only your Majesty's Subjects, but the Kingdoms around you, have hitherto found their Defence and Safety.

With these Sentiments deeply impressed upon our Hearts, could we, the Ministers of Religion, be silent, while all the other Orders of the State, croud round your Majesty's Throne with their Thanksgivings and their Prayers on this renewed Instance of the Divine Protection?—Long may your Majesty experience the Continuance of that Protection in yourself and in your Royal House! Long may you be, as hitherto, the Instrument of Good to your faithful and loving Subjects! And when, full of Days and Honor, you shall be called to the Inheritance of a better Kingdom, may your Virtues be equally hereditary with your Crown, in your illustrious Line! May your Children, and your Children's Children reign, as your Majesty has ever done, in the Hearts of a People, such as it has been the constant Object of your Majesty's paternal Wishes to form—a peaceable, orderly, and contented People—a People fearing God, and obedient to Law!

T. L. Meath.

Whitehall, August 2, 1800.

As several Artificers and Manufacturers, Subjects of Great Britain, have, from Time to Time, gone into Foreign Countries to exercise their several Callings, contrary to the Laws of these Kingdoms, the following Abstracts of Acts of Parliament of Their late Majesty King George the First and Second, and of His present Majesty, for preventing such Practices, are published, for the Information of all Persons who may be ignorant of the Penalties they may incur by Disobedience to them: And it will be observed, that such Penalties likewise extend to those who are any ways concerned or instrumental in the Sending

or Enticing Artificers or Manufacturers out of these Kingdoms, or in the Exportation of the Tools and Instruments used by them, as well as to the Artificers or Manufacturers themselves.

Statute 5 George I. Chap. 27.

IF any Person shall contract with, entice, or solicit, any Artificer in Wool, Iron, Steel, Brasses, or other Metal, Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer of Great Britain, to go into Foreign Countries out of the King's Dominions, and shall be convicted thereof, upon Indictment or Information in any of the Courts at Westminster, or at the Assizes or Quarter Sessions, he shall be fined any Sum not exceeding ONE HUNDRED POUNDS for the first Offence, and shall be imprisoned Three Months, and till the Fine be paid. And if any Person having been once convicted shall offend again; he shall be fined at the Discretion of the Court, and imprisoned Twelve Months, and till the Fine be paid.

If any of the King's Subjects, being such Artificers, shall go into any Country out of His Majesty's Dominions, to exercise or teach the said Trades to Foreigners; and if any of the King's Subjects in any such Foreign Country, exercising any of the said Trades, shall not return into this Realm within Six Months after Warning given by the Ambassador, Minister, or Consul of Great Britain, in the Country where such Artificers shall be, or by any Person authorized by such Ambassador, &c. or by one of the Secretaries of State, and from henceforth inhabit within this Realm; such Persons shall be incapable of taking any Legacy, or of being an Executor or Administrator, or of taking any Lands, &c. within this Kingdom, by Descent, Devise, or Purchase, and shall forfeit all Lands, Goods, &c. within this Kingdom, to His Majesty's Use, and shall be deemed Alien, and out of His Majesty's Protection.

Upon Complaint made, upon Oath, before any Justice of Peace, that any Person is endeavouring to seduce any such Artificer, or that any such Artificer hath contracted or is preparing to go out of His Majesty's Dominions, for the Purposes aforesaid, such Justice may send his Warrant to bring the Person complained of before him, or before some other Justice; and if it shall appear by the Oath of One Witness, or by Confession, that he was guilty of any of the said Offences, such Justice may bind him to appear at the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions: And if such Person shall refuse to give Security, the Justice may commit him to Gaol till the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions, and until he shall be delivered by due Course of Law. And if any such Artificer shall be convicted, upon Indictment, of any such Promise, Contract, or Preparation to go beyond the Seas, for the Purpose aforesaid, he shall give such Security to the King not to depart out of His Majesty's Dominions, as such Court shall think reasonable, and shall be imprisoned till Security given.

If any of the above Offences shall be committed in Scotland, the same shall be prosecuted in the Court of Justiciary or the Circuits there.

Statute 23 George II. Chap. 13.

If any Person shall contract with, or endeavour to seduce any Artificer in Wool, Mohair, Côt-