

Gazette.

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better Establishing of the Manufacture of White Paper in England.

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**W**HEREAS the making of the best and finest Sorts of Writing and Printing Paper hath been by great Charge and Industry brought to Perfection, whereby many Thousands of Our Subjects who are destitute of Employment, and are Burthened to the Parishes wherein they live will be set on Work, and vast Sums of Money which are daily sent abroad for Foreign Paper, preserved in this Our Kingdom. And whereas the Governor and Company of White-Paper-Makers have made it appear to Us, That (to their great Loss and Discouragement) several evil disposed Persons, Foreigners and others, designing to destroy the said Manufacture, and to hinder its Establishment here, have endeavoured to Corrupt, and as well by promises of Reward, as by Menaces, to withdraw the Companies Servants from their Service, and have lately conveyed several of them Beyond the Seas: For the preventing of such and the like Designs and Practices for the future, and for the Encouragement of said and profitable a Manufacture in this Our Kingdom We of Our Princely Care have thought fit to give unto the said Governor and Company all possible Encouragement, and to take them into Our Royal Protection; and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Strictly Prohibit and Forbid all and every Person and Persons, of what Quality, Degree, or Nation sever, to Corrupt, Withdraw, or Intice away, or attempt by any ways or means to Corrupt, Withdraw, or Intice away from the said Company, any Person or Persons who now are, or at any time shall be employed in their Service, upon pain of Our highest Displeasure, and of being punished with the utmost Severity, as Violaters of Our Laws. And for the better and more speedy Discovery and Apprehending of Offenders in this kind, We do hereby Grant unto the said Governor and Company, and their Successors, full Power and Authority under their Common Seal, from time to time to Constitute and Appoint a fit Person at each of their respective Mills, who shall have Authority to Apprehend and Carry any Offender or Offenders, before some one of Our Justices of the Peace, in order to be proceeded against according to Law. And as a further Encouragement to the said Company, We have Prohibited, and do hereby Prohibit the Exportation of all Linnen Rags, Glovers Clippings, Parch-

ment, and Paper, and Waterpieces, being necessary Materials for the said Manufacture; And We do hereby Charge and Command the Commissioners, and every one of the Officers of Our Customs to be the same duly Executed; And We do hereby also strictly Charge and Command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other of Our Officers and Ministers whatsoever whom it shall or may concern, at all times, and upon all occasions, to be Aiding and Assisting to the said Governor and Company, and their several Officers, Agents and Servants, in the due Execution of this Our Royal Will and Pleasure herein before Declared, and in the Apprehending, Seizing and Punishing of all Offenders touching the Premises, as they tender Our Pleasure, and will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Nine and twentieth Day of April, 1687. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

Milan, April 22. Our Governor has received Orders from the Court at Madrid, to reform part of the Troops now in the Service of this State, which he is going to put in execution. The Command of Maître de Camp General of the Horse, at present possessed by the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo; And that of General of the Arms, which was lately given to the Duke del Sesto Son of the Marquis de los Balbaces, will be both suppressed. The Count de Euzsalida was the last week at Novare, and some other places, to visit the Fortifications, and take a Review of the Troops in Garion there.

Venice, April 26. The last Advices from Dalmatia, said that the Turks continued the Siege of Sign, but that they had been repulsed in two Attacks they made upon a Hornwork with the loss of 600 Men; And that the Proveditor Cernaro was marching with 12000 Men to the Relief of the Besieged. We have had no Letters from the Levant this week; but understand by a Vessel arrived from Corfu, that the General Rendezvous of the Venetian Fleet will be about the middle of the next month. The 22d Instant a Fire hapned in the place of St. Antonio di Castello where they made Powder, which blew up part of that Building, and buried all the Workmen, except two or three under its Ruines. The next day another Fire hapned in this City, which burnt down two Houses. The Cavalry, now at the Lido, will embark the next week on several great Marsilianes that have been sent for from Istria.

Madrid, April 24. The King and Queen went on Sunday last to the Buen Retiro, with intention to stay there greater part of the Summer; and this

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