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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION
 For putting in Execution the Additional Act
 for Improvement of Tillage.

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W Hereas by an Act made in the Two and Twentieth Year of the Reign of Our late Brother of ever Blessed Memory, Intituled, An Act for the Improvement of Tillage, and the Breed of Cattel, It was Provided and Enacted, That from and after the Nine and Twentieth of June One thousand six hundred and seventy, and from thence forward, certain Rates should be paid for the Custom and Poundage of Foreign Corn and Grain Imported into this Our Kingdom according to the Prices of English Corn at the Times, Havens and Places when and where the same should be Imported. And forasmuch as no Provision was made by the said Act for ascertaining and determining of the said Prices, whereby the said Law was rendered ineffectual, One other Act was made in the First Year of Our Reign, Intituled, An Additional Act for Improvement of Tillage, whereby it is Provided, amongst other things, That all and every Our Justices of the Peace for the several and respective Counties within Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Our Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall at their next respective Quarter-Sessions after Michaelmas and Easter yearly, by the Oaths of Two or more honest and substantial Persons of the respective Counties, being neither Merchants nor Factors for the Importing of Corn, nor any ways concerned nor interested in the Corn Imported, and each of them having a Free-hold Estate of Twenty pounds per Annum, or a Lease-hold Estate of Fifty pounds per Annum above all Charges and Reprises, and being skilful in the Prices of Corn, and by such other ways and means, as to them shall seem fit, to Examine and determine the Common Market Prices of Midding English Corn and Grain of the respective Sorts in the said former Act mentioned, as the same shall be commonly bought and sold in the said respective Counties into which any Foreign Corn or Grain shall be Imported, and certify the same, with Two such Oaths made, as aforesaid, in Writing annexed unto Our Chief Officer and Collector of Our Customs for the time being, residing in the said respective Ports and Havens where the said Corn and Grain shall be Imported, to be hung up in some Publick Place in the Custom-house. And it is thereby likewise Enacted, That the Custom and Duty of Foreign Corn and Grain Imported into any of Our said Dominions of England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, appointed by the said former Act to be paid, shall be Collected and paid according to the Prices contained in such respective Certificates as aforesaid, and not otherwise. And it is further thereby Provided, That all that by virtue of the said last mentioned Act is to be done by Our Justices of the Peace at their Quarter-Sessions in their several Counties, shall be done and performed in like manner in the City of London in the Months of October and April yearly by the Mayor, Aldermen and Justices of the Peace there; And that the Persons making such Oaths shall be no Corn-Chandler, Meal-man, Factor, Merchant, or other Person Interested in such Corn so to be Imported, but shall be some substantial House-keepers living in Middlesex or Surrey, qualified as aforesaid. And whereas We are given to understand by the Humble Petition of several of Our Loving Subjects Trading in Corn, That through the general neglect in most parts of Our Kingdom, of putting the said last mentioned Act in Execution, by ascertaining the Prices of Corn and Grain, as is thereby directed, and by the subtle and crafty practices of unfair Dealers, by raising the Price of Corn in some few and small Markets, where Corn hath generally been sold at a low Price, on purpose to draw Us of the Duty due by Law, and thereby to enable themselves to resell Our Loving Subjects Trading in Corn of the growth of Our Dominions, which in chief were principally intended to have been prevented by the said Act. And being fully satisfied that the said Act made in the First Year of Our Reign, is a Publick benefit to this Our Kingdom: We have thought fit, and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to signify and Publish Our Will and Pleasure, That the said Act made in the First Year of Our Reign, be duly and strictly put in Execution. And We do hereby Will and Command Our Mayor, Aldermen, and Justices of the Peace within Our City of London for the time being, and all and every Our Justices of the Peace for the time being for the several and respective Counties and Places within Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of

Berwick upon Tweed, That from henceforth they do half-yearly duly and strictly observe the Directions of the said Act, in examining and determining the Common Market-Prices of Corn and Grain within their respective Counties and Places, and make Certificate thereof to Our Chief Officers of Our respective Custom-houses, as by the said Act is directed. And to the end they may be constantly put in mind of Their Duties therein, We do strictly Charge and Command all and every Clerks of the Peace and Town-Clerks at the several Sessions of the Peace next after Easter and Michaelmas, to cause this Our Proclamation to be fixed in some open place in the respective Session Houses, that it may be read by Our Justices of the Peace attending such Sessions, and to cause the same to be constantly read at the said respective Sessions. And We do strictly Charge and Command all and every of Our Chief Officers and Collectors of Our Customs in Our several Ports and Havens, that they yield Obedience to Our Royal Will and Pleasure in the due Observance of the said Act, as they will answer the contrary.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Fourth day of November, 1687. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

Rome, Novemb. 8. The Popes Gallies are returned to Civita Vecchia, and the Soldiers that served on Board came hither Yesterday with the Chevaliers Grisoldi and Monaldi, who commanded them at the Siege of Castlenovo. It is not said when the Marquis de Lavardin is to make his Entry, tho he hath been for some time at Sienna, where his Son was taken ill. The Cardinal Altieri offered some Expedients to his Holiness, for avoiding a Breach with France, upon this occasion; but we do not hear that they were accepted of. And the Cardinal Ottoboni desired, in the name of the Republick of Venice, that some Temperament might be found out, least the Peace and Quiet of Italy be endangered, in a time when all Thoughts ought to be employed for prosecuting the Success against the common Enemy of Christendom.

Ratisbonne, Novemb. 20. The Imperial Commissioner Count Windisgratz, having presented a Memorial to the Diet on the occasion of the Fortifications at Traerback, setting forth, That whereas in pursuance of the Proposals made at Rome by the Cardinal d'Estree, a Truce had been concluded for 20 years between the Empire and France, under Stipulations, That all things should continue in the Condition they were then in, during that time; yet it was notoriously known, that his Most Christian Majesty, besides some Forts built on the Rhine, had begun one of great consequence upon the Moselle near to Traerback, which attempt appeared so much the more dangerous, as that the French Ministers had declared that the Crown hath not only a Right to erect the said Forts, but also to build as many more, as shall be thought necessary, in the places they enjoy by the said Treaty, which could not but be understood to be directly contrary to the nature and terms of the Truce, by which it is provided, That the Crown of France shall remain possessed (together with Strasbourg) of all that they held since August 1681, in pursuance of the Articles of the Chambers of Metz, Brisac, and Bezancón, with a reserve not to innovate or alter any thing in what relates to the Spiritual or Temporal concerns of the said places; but it was then evident, that the raising such Forts did quite change the condition and manner of Possession of those places, which, with the whole Empire, were put into a worse state than before, and this could not be justified but by positive Articles; some things being of that nature, that when they are not expressed, they are held to be rejected; for though it be not denied, that it had been signified to the Diet when this very Article was under Consideration, that the Plenipotentiary from France declared, That he would admit no restriction in that particular; yet it was as plain on the other side, that the Empire had not yielded up the Point: But both sides continued in their contradiction, leaving the matter undetermined; and it is no good consequence from a prohibition to fortifie not expressed, to conclude a Right and Liberty for doing it; there being

As many things proposed and agitated in Treaties that never come to any Conclusion; and in those cases, the end and scope of the Treaty, and the Right of Nations, are supposed to take place in the most equitable Construction: And that this was the sense of the several Colleges, may be evinced from their respective Registers. But there was yet further to be considered in the present case, That besides there had been no mention made of the County of *Spanheim* (to which *Trarback*, without controversy, belongs) in those Acts and Memorials made on several occasions, between the years 1680 and 1683, wherein were enumerated the particulars within the Territory thus yielded, even to the most inconsiderable Villages and Cattles: It appeared by a Declaration delivered to Count *Lobowitz*, That the Crown of *France* did not then pretend to erect new Forts, but only to perfect those that were already begun. And that the Close of the said Memorial was, That his Imperial Majesty so far confided in the Justice of the Most Christian King, that if a representation were made of this matter by the States of the Empire, he would then make due reflections thereon: Wherefore he recommended it to them to consider in what manner they would think fit to make their Remonstrance to the said King, to dissuade him from discomposing the publick Tranquility of the Empire by any such novel Undertaking. It is said, That the Count *de Crecy*, Plenipotentiary from *France*, having notice of the said Memorial, had signified to Count *Windegratz*, as Director of the Diet, That his Most Christian Majesty was so well founded in his Rights of Sovereignty over those Countries, yielded to him by the Treaty of Truce for the whole term of 20 years; that any Endeavours to abridge him in the same, would have no other effect, but to shew that there were some who were not desirous the Truce should be observed, which was at first thought so necessary for the good of the Empire.

Hague, Novemb. 29. The Pensioner *Fagell* is now recovered, and present in the Assemblies of the States of *Holland*, where the Deputies of *North-Holland* and *West-Friseland*, have represented the impossibility of their contributing their full quota to the Union; and demand, not only a Moderation, but a new Taxation to be made; which is refer'd to a Committee to examine and report.

Paris, Novemb. 29. We have no account yet of the Marquis *d'Armand*'s entry into *Rome*, whose delay hath not been approved of here at Court. They write from *Cadix*, that the Chevalier *de Tourville*, was in that Bay with 12 Men of War, to hinder the *Algerines* from passing in or out at the *Streights*, and that he expected the Chevalier *d'Amblimont* with four Months Provisions. We do not hear that the Day is yet ascertain'd for the Arch-Dukes Coronation, new Difficulties arising, especially from the Clergy, and the Deputies of the Cities, who appear the most tenacious of their Priviledges: It had been proposed by some by way of Accommodation, that for gratifying the Emperor, and preserving the Right of Election, the Crown should be Hereditary to the *Austrian* Family; but when there were more Princes of it, the States of the Kingdom should chuse one of them for their King, without being obliged to take the Eldest: But it is not said what answer the Emperor has return'd to this, or their other Propositions. The two young Princes of *Macedon*, that the King of *Siam* sent hither to be Educated in the Christian Religion, are placed in the *Jesuits* Colledge.

Whereas frequent Robberies have been lately committed on the Highways, and in some places Murder, to the great Disturbance and Discouragement of His Majesties good Subjects that Travel about their lawful Occasions. There is to give Notice, That there were lately taken at *Gerrards-Cross*-Inn in the County of *Bucks*, by the Servants, and others belonging to the Right Honorable the Lord High Chancellor of *England*, four notorious Highway Robbers, whose Names and descriptions of their Persons and Hories are as followeth, viz. *Richard Alborough*, a full Bodied Man, ruddy Complexion, his Face Pock-broken and round, nigh 40 years of Age. *Richard Bradshaw*, a smooth faced middle sized Man, about 23 years old, his Hair short, dark brown, much curled. *John Skelton alias Turner*, a tawny vis'ged Man, middle sized, full Bodied, his Hair black, a dark colour'd Wig, his Eye-brows very black, about 35 years of Age. *Joel Corbin*, a tall Man, somewhat long faced, his Nose indifferent long and high, lank brown Hair, and slender Bodied, about 23 years old. The Hories these Men rid upon, when taken, were a bay Mare, and a dun Gelding, about 15 hands high, and a white Fecr. A black Stone-horie, about 14 hands high; and a little black Gelding. There are Two more of this Company that were not yet taken, viz. *Thomas Willshire*, a Tayl'r, and Fencing Master, a luffy Man, wearing a brown Petticoat; he liv'd in *Drury-lane* in *King's-Head-Court*, and

rid a Bay Gelding, with a Star in his Forehead, about 15 hands high, and *Thomas Esforce alias Strunkly*, a Butcher, a luffy tall Man, wearing a dark brown Petticoat, about 50 years of Age; he formerly lived in a paved Alley near St. Sepulchres Church in *London*: He rid a dark Bay Gelding about 14 hands high. These Persons are all of them supposed to have committed several Robberies within the last 4 Months last past; particularly on three Coaches, and several Horsemen, near *Santisbury* the 26th of *August* last, where a Man was kill'd. Another Robbery upon several Persons going to *Weyhill* Fair, about 7 Miles beyond *Reading*. A late Robbery at *Maudenhead-Thicket*. A Robbery upon a Wagon coming from *Portsmouth*. A considerable Robbery about 5 weeks since in *Norfolk*. It is desired who ever knows the two last Persons, that they would cause them to be apprehended, and gives Notice thereof to the Master of *Newgate*. All Persons that have been robb'd by any of the aforesaid Persons, are desired to repair to the said Master of *Newgate*, where they may have a sight of the Persons and Hories, and further Information concerning them, in order to their Prosecution. There is likewise abroad one *Angustine King*, formerly Convicted at *Cambridge* a Notorious Highway Robber, who made his Escape from the *Gatehouse*: He is a luffy fat Man, about 31 or 32 years of Age, fish colour'd, full Ey'd, his own Hair, lank, inclinable to black; he hath several more in his Company, who, some, or most of them, are well known to some Inn-keepers not far distant from *London*, who will do well to cause them, especially *King*, to be taken before the next Sessions at the *Old Bailey*, for their own Indemnity.

The Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity-House of *Dexford-Stroud*, do give Notice to all Masters of Ships, That whereas the Shooe-Beacon on the Coast of *Essex*, hath been by some Vessel lately run down, they will, in the place thereof, forthwith cause to be laid a White Buoy, having a Damm thereupon, till they may be able to erect another Beacon, of which (when done) Notice shall be also given.

Whereas one *John Botley* of *Poole* in the County of *Dorset*, was employed Deputy-Aulnager for the said County of *Dorset*, by Deputation, (and also procured a Writ of Assistance under the Seal of the Court of *Exchequer*,) which said Deputation has for some considerable time been revoked; Notwithstanding which, the said *Botley* unlawfully proceeds in the said County of *Dorset*, and several other Counties, to seize Traders Goods, and to extort several Sums of Money from Dealers in the Woollen Manufacture: Therefore the Farmers of the Aulnage do hereby give Notice, That if the said *Botley* do presume to make any Seizure upon pretence of the said Deputation, or Writ of Assistance, 'tis their desire he may be secured, and Notice thereof given to the said Farmers at their Office in *Broad-street*, *London*, to the end the said *Botley* may be prosecuted for his Offence.

Advertisements.

An Account of the Embassy of the Right Honorable the Earl of *Castlemaine*, His Majesties late Ambassador at *Rome*. Published in Italian by *Michael Wright*, Major Domino to the said Ambassador; and Illustrated with 17 Copper Plates, is now to be sold by Mr. Smith in *Covent-Garden*, Mr. Norton in the *Pall Mall*, Mr. Wilkinson at the *Black Boy* in *Fleet-Street*, and Mr. Smith in *St. Pauls* Church-yard.

Quælibet ætate Universalis, h. e. Instrumenta ad quosvis Caloris & Frigoris Grados, juxta certam & communem Normam a Societate Regia constitutam, exquisitis sine emendandis in Gratiâ Curiosorum accommodata (ut experimentis & Observationibus suis, horum ope ubi vis terrarum factas, inter se in vicem facillime communicare queant) per Joannem Warner Fabrum Mathematicum, prostant venaliter ad Insignia Regia & Globum in *Campis Lyncolnienibus Londini*.

A Small Pocket Book, containing the Names and Wages of His Majesties Officers and Servants of the Stables, wherein was an obligation for the Payment of Money; some Accounts, and other Papers lost lately about the Mews. Whoever restores the same to Captain *Griffith*, at his house in the Mews, shall have Fifty shillings Reward.

Andrew Poltny, a Soldier in Sir *Hugh Middleton's* Troop, in the *Princes* Aon of *Dermarks* Regiment of Horse, aged about Thirty six years, yellowish short Hair, Pale Face'd, of a middling Stature, Run away from his Colours on Wednesday the 23d Instant, with a Red Coat lined with yellow, Holster Caps with the *Princesses* Cypher, a Red Cloak faced with Red, and Case of Pistols of the Kings; on a Dapple Grey Gelding, about 15 hand high, with the Hair off one of his Legs. Whoever secures the Man or Horse, shall have Two Guineas Reward, paid them by Mr. *Hardy*, Agent of the said Regiment, at the Earl of *Scarfeles* House in *Dukestreet*, *Wellminster*.

ON B Anna Martin, alias Stanley, who is of a middle Stature, dark Complexion; brown curled Hair, a down Look, a Scar between her Eye-brows; run away about a Month since from the Countess of *Lincoln*; who ever can give Notice where she is, so that she may be apprehended, or inform concerning a Suit of Hangings (nine yards in compass, and 2 yards and a half in length,) made of Brocade coloured Gold and Silver, and slips of black figured Velvet embroidered with Gold, the Borders are green Satin Embroidered with Gold, and lined with sad coloured Linen Cloth; or the New Pair she has stolen to the value of 50 l. so that they may be recovered, shall have 6 Guineas Reward upon Notice thereof to Dr. *Coladon* in *Jermyn-street* near St. *James's* Church.