

Upper, or Base Metal Plates over or Washed with Silver only. And Whereas by another Act of this present Parliament, Entituled, An Act for Granting to His Majestie an Aid of Four Shillings in the Pound for One Year, for Carrying on the War against France, It is amongst other things provided and Enacted, That it should and might be Lawful for any Person or Persons who should be Assisted by Virtue of the said Act, for or in respect of their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Personal Estates, or other Matters or Things by the said Act intended to be Charged, at any time before the Fourth day of May, One thousand six hundred and forty years as much as should be Assisted or Payable for the said First Quarterly Payment, for, or in respect of any such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Personal Estates, or other Matters or Things respectively, which said Collectors were thereby en-joined and required, upon every such Payment so made at once, to give the Party or Parties paying the same an Acquittance for the sum received for such Quarterly Payments, for the respective Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Personal Estates, or other Matters or Things for which such Payment should be so made; And every such Acquittance should be a good Discharge against Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as if the sum Chargeable by the said Act on such Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Offices, Personal Estates, or other Matters or Things were Alſo due, and at the several and respective Quarterly Payments in the said Act mentioned: We therefore being desirous that all and every Our Collector, Receiver and other Officer concerned in the Receipt of Our Taxes or Revenues should punctually Obedient the said several Provisions and Directions in the said Acts contained, and that Our Loring Subjects should have the full Benefit and Advantage thereby intended therin, and the better to Enable them to pay Our Taxes and Subiects as hall be thought fit to Declare and Command, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation Declare and Command all and every the Collector and Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, That they shall Receive and Pay unto all such Clipped Silver Money, according to the Directions of the said Recited Acts, from all or any of Our Loring Subjects, who shall Offer or Tender the same for any of Our Taxes or Revenues, at any time before the fourth day of May next ensuing; and particularly, That all and every the Collectors of the said Aid of Four Shillings in the Pound Granted to Us by the said last mentioned Act, do Accept and Receive Two, Three or four Quarterly Payments of the said Aid from such of Our Loring Subjects as shall Offer or Tender the same in such Clipped Money, as aforesaid, at any time before the said fourth day of May next, according to the Directions of the said last mentioned Act. And We do hereby strictly Require and Command all and every the Receivers General, Head Collectors and other Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, and their respective Deputies, to Receive such Clipped Money from the Collectors, according to the Directions of the said last mentioned Act, or any other Act of Parliament in that behalf; And that when they shall Receive any such Clipped Money from the particular Collector, they do Seal the same up in a Wag, and keep it distinct and apart from other Money, in such manner that they may be able, when they bring any such Money to be paid into our Exchequer, to make Dath that it is the very same Money which they Received from the Collector of our Taxes or Revenues. And We do strictly Require and Command all and every the Commissioners, Receivers General, and Collectors, to use the utmost Speed and Diligence in the Raising, Collecting and Paying all such Clipped Money into Our Exchequer. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all the Receivers and Collectors of Our Revenues and Taxes, That they do accept in Payment such Clipped Money, and the several Quarterly Payments of the said Four Shillings Aid, according to the Directions of the said several Acts of Parliament, and that they do yield entire Obedience to the said Acts in every other Matter and Thing therein contained, relating to the Receipt of such Clipped Money, or otherwise, as they tender One high Displeasure, and upon Pain of such Punishments as may by Law be Instituted upon all such as shall Refuse or Neglect to observe and perform what by the said Acts, or either of them, they are Required and Enjoyned to do.

*Given at Our Court at Kensington, the Seventeenth Day of April, 1696.* In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

# God save the King.

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