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Westminster, December 23.

HER Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal, empowering the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Treasurer, the Lord President, the Earl of Sunderland, and several other Lords, to Pass the Royal Assent to a Bill agreed to by both Houses of Parliament; this Day the Lords Commissioners sent a Message to the House of Commons by Mr. Aston, Deputy-Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, to desire that House to come up to the House of Peers with their Speaker, to be present at the Passing the said Bill into an Act. The Speaker and the House went up accordingly, and the Lords Commissioners Passed the Royal Assent to a Bill, Intituled,

An Act for charging and continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and ten.

Frankfort, December 19. N. S. Count Wackerbaert arrived here on the 15th Instant, and set out again the next Day for Aschaffembourg, where he is to have a Conference with the Elector of Mayence, from whence he will continue his Journey to Vienna, in order to Negotiate some Affairs at that Court, in behalf of King Augustus. The Deputies of the Circle of the Upper Rhine are separated, and will not be reassembled before the 20th of the next Month. They have already taken several Resolutions concerning the Prosecution of the War; and they have given out Orders that all their Troops shall be completed in the Month of March. The Elector Palatine intends to raise four new Regiments; and his Electoral Highness hath conferred the Honour of the Order of St. Hubert on the Prince of Dillembourg. The Recruits that are levied here for our Troops, and several of the Confederates, are carried on with great Success. Advices from the Upper Rhine say, that the Armies on both sides continued in their Quarters; and all things were in perfect Tranquillity in those Parts, except that some small Detachments frequently were sent out to make Excursions into each others Territories. They write from Alsatia, that the French were continually employed in Recruiting their Troops; and that the Misery of the People, and the Scarcity of Corn contributed very much towards raising those new Levies, by obliging the common People to enter into the Service for want of Bread.

An Abridgment of an Act prohibiting the Exportation of Corn, Malt, Meal, Flower, Bread, Biscuit and Starch, and Low Wines, Wort and Wash drawn from Maltd Corn.

Whereas the high Price of Corn in Great Britain tends to the Impoverishment of many of her Majesty's Subjects, and the Scarcity of it in some Parts of Europe may induce several Persons to Export that Commodity, and Spirits Distilled from thence, to Foreign Parts for private Advantage; it is Enacted, That no Person whatsoever, before the 29th of September, 1710, export, or cause to be exported out of the Kingdom of Great Britain, or

load, or cause to be laden, in order to be exported, Wheat, Rye, Barley, or any Corn whatsoever, or any Meal, Malt or Bread, or any Liquors extracted or produced from any Grain whatsoever, on Penalty of Forfeiting all such Commodities laden or exported, and twenty Shillings for every Bushel of Corn, Malt, Meal or Flower, twelve Pence for every Pound weight Troy of Bread, Biscuit or Starch, and five Pound for every Barrel of Low Wines, Spirits, Beer, Wort or Wash, and in proportion for any greater or lesser quantity, that shall be exported, or Shipped in order thereunto; and the Vessel on which such Commodities shall be found, shall be forfeited, with all her Goods and Tackle; which Penalties and Forfeitures shall be, one half to her Majesty, and the other to such as shall Sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information in any of her Majesty's Courts of Record, before her Majesty's Justices of Assize, at the great Sessions in Wales, or at the Quarter Sessions of any County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed; and in such Suit no Essoign, Privilege, Protection or Wager of Law shall be admitted; and that the Master and Mariners of any such Ship, if Convicted of knowing or wittingly assisting to such Offence, shall be imprisoned for three Months without Bail or Mainprize.

It is also enacted, That the Officers of her Majesty's Customs, or any other authorized by the Lord Treasurer, shall have lawful Power to seize such Commodities as are not allowed to be exported by this Act, wherefoever they shall find them to be laden, in order to that end; and to bring such Seizures to the next Warehouse belonging to her Majesty's Customs; provided that this Act shall not extend to Prohibit the Exportation of such Provisions as shall be necessary for the Subsistence of the Masters, Mariners and Passengers on Board the same Ships, or for the Victualling or providing for her Majesty's Ships in Foreign Parts.

Provided also, That it shall not Prohibit the Exportation of any Corn, or Produce of it, to the Factories in Africa, or such of her Majesty's Colonies or Islands in America, as have been usually supplied with those Commodities from this Kingdom, for the Sustentation of the Inhabitants; or for the benefit of the British Fishery in those Parts only; so as the Exporter declare for what Place such Commodities are designed, and give Security that they shall be landed in no other Parts whatsoever.

Provided also, That Malt and Barley, not exceeding five thousand Quarters, may be Transported from Southampton to Guernsey or Jersey, so as the Exporters give Security before the laying on Board the said Goods, that they shall be landed in those Islands only.

Provided also, That any of the above-mentioned Commodities may be carried Coast-wise from one part of Great Britain to another, so as Security be given that they shall be landed in some part of Great Britain, and a Certificate returned of it in six Months.

Provided always, That it shall be lawful for Corn, &c. to be carried to Markets or any other Places in Great Britain, on Navigable Rivers as usual, without being obliged to take out any Coast Coquets, and thereupon giving Bonds, or returning Certificates; and that such Grain as grows in, and shall be transported from the Isle of Wight

to any Market in Southampton or Suffex, the Officers shall not take any Fee for the Coquet, Bond or Certificate in that respect to be given.

Provided, always, That her Majesty may by Proclamation permit the Exportation of all manner of Corn and Liquors to all and every Person and Persons before the 29th of September, 1710, if she shall judge it to be for the benefit of this Kingdom.

And it is further Enacted, That the Commissioners of the Customs shall give in an Account to the next Session of Parliament of what Corn, &c. hath been exported in pursuance of the Privileges hereby granted.

Provided, That nothing in the Act extend to Prohibit the Wheat already in the Concordia Prize from being exported to any Foreign Parts in Amity with her Majesty, or eight hundred and forty Quarters of Foreign Wheat, and six hundred and twenty Quarters of Foreign Barley, lately on Board the King David, from being transported to Lisbon, Security being given for Landing the said Corn there, and in no other Part.

Falmouth, December 19. Yesterday failed hence the Mercury and Prince Packer-Boats, having six Mails on Board, for Lisbon; as also the Camberwell-Galley, Capt. Clark Commander, and the Prince George, Capt. Arding Commander, bound for Leghorne.

Yarmouth, December 21. This Day arrived several Ships of this Town from Rotterdam. Her Majesty's Ship the Advice's-Prize continues in our Road.

Bristol, December 21. On the 19th in the Night came into Kingroad the Hamton Frigate of this Port, Thomas Elbridge Commander, in seven Weeks from Jamaica. There is now in Kingroad a Fleet of outward-bound Merchantmen waiting for a fair Wind. This Night arrived in Kingroad her Majesty's Ship the Hastings, and under her Convoy the Eagle Brigantine of New York from Antegoa, but last from Cork; and several Trading Vessels richly laden with Yarn, Linnen, &c.

Deal, December 22. Her Majesty's Ships the Swiftsure, Mary-Gally and Delight failed this Morning for Holland. Here remain the Yarmouth, Hampton-Court, Falkland, Scarborough, Midway's-Prize and Swan.

There are two Mails due from Holland.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received a Letter signed T. S. by which there is an offer made to discover irregular Practices in the Navy; their Lordships do hereby give Notice, that if the Person that wrote the said Letter will come to their Office, and discover what he knows, he shall have all fitting Encouragement and Protection.

These are to give Notice, That the Books of the Royal African Company will be shut up from Thursday the 5th, to Friday the 20th of January next, in order to an Election of Governor, Sub-Governor, Deputy-Governor, and twenty four Assistants for the Year ensuing.

Advertisements.

W Hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Charles Yoward, late of Wakefield in the County of York, Grocer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 31st Instant, and on the 5th and 23d of January next, at one in the Afternoon, at the House of Susannah Wright in Wakefield aforesaid, Widow, Innholder; at the first of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and chuse an Assignee. And all Persons that owe him any Money, or have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same but to the Order of the Commissioners.

W Hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Josias Kettell of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 29th Instant, and the 6th and 23d of January next, at 4 Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and chuse an Assignee or Assignees.

W Hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Josias Kettell and William Davey of London, Merchants and Copartners, and they being declared Bankrupts, are required to surrender themselves to the Commissioners on the 29th Instant, and on the 6th and 23d of January next, at 4 in the Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and chuse an Assignee or Assignees.

T HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Cutts of the Royal Exchange, London, Mercer, intend to meet on the 9th of January next, at 3 in the Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where all Creditors that have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-mony, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the benefit of the said Dividend.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against John Browne, of the City of Norwich, Beer-Brewer, and he having surrendered himself and been examined, the Commissioners intend to meet on the 23d of January next, at two in the Afternoon, at the House of John Sanderson being the Sign of the Castle in Norwich aforesaid, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where all his Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-mony, are to come prepared to do the same, or they'll be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And likewise the said Creditors at the Time and Place aforesaid, are to assent or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

W Hereas John Preston of the Borough of Southwark in the County of Surry, Salefman, hath surrendered himself, (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; this is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 5th of January next, at 3 Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

W Hereas Mary Westley of the Parish of St. Clements Danes in the County of Middlesex, Chapwoman, hath surrendered herself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; these are to give Notice, that she will attend the Commissioners on the 7th of January next, at 3 in the Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, to finish her Examination; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of her Certificate.

W Hereas Robert Maddox and Robert Millington of Whitecross-street in the County of Middlesex, Distillers, have surrendered themselves (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; these are to give Notice, that they will attend the Commissioners on the 10th of January next, at 10 in the Forenoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, to finish their Examinations; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of their Certificates.

W Hereas Joseph Symonds, late of London, Merchant, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; these are to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 10th of January next, at 3 in the Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

W Hereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Bradford of London, Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; these are to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 14th of January next.

W Hereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Bridges of Old-street, London, Pinmaker, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain; that he hath in all things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 13th of January next.

W Hereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Margaret Sherwin of the Town of Macclesfield, in the County of Chester, Button-seller, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain, that she hath in all things conform'd herself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts: These are to give Notice, that her Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 14th of January next.

W Hereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Sir Bazill Firebrace, Kc. and Bart. and also of the City of London, Merchant, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts: These are to give Notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 12th of January next.

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