

# The London Gazette.

Number 4668

Published by Authority.

From Tuesday March 21. to Thursday March 23. 1709.

London, March 22.

*An Abstract of an Act for granting to Her Majesty New Duties of Excise, and upon several imported Commodities, and for establishing a yearly Fund thereby, and by other Ways and Means, to raise Nine hundred thousand Pounds by Sale of Annuities, and (in Default thereof) by another Lottery, for the Service of the Year 1710.*

THE Commons of Great Britain in Parliament Assembled, being desirous by the most easie and effectual Ways to raise the necessary Supplies for prosecuting the present War, and for enabling her Majesty at the end thereof to establish a good and lasting Peace, have, for that Purpose, granted to her Majesty the several Duties, Impositions, and Sums of Money herein after-mentioned: And it is Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from the 25th of March 1710, the following new Duties of Excise shall be raised and paid to her Majesty, for the Term of thirty two Years: That is to say,

For every Barrel of Beer or Ale (above 6s. the Barrel, exclusive of the Duties of Excise) brewed for Sale, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, to be paid by the Brewer 3d. and for every Barrel of Beer or Ale of or under that Value, 2d.

For every Hoghead of Cyder and Perry made and sold by Retail, to be paid by the Retailer, 5d.

For every Hoghead of Verjuice, to be paid by the Maker, 4d.

For every Gallon of Metheglin, or Mead, made for Sale, to be paid by the Maker for every Gallon 1d.

For every Barrel of Vinegar made for Sale, to be paid by the Maker, 9d.

For every Gallon of Strong Waters, or Aqua Vitæ, made for Sale, to be paid by the Maker, 11d.

For every Gallon of Spirits made in Great Britain, of any kind of Wine or Cyder imported, 2d.

Which Duties are to be raised, collected, and paid in the same manner as any other Duties of Excise formerly granted.

And it is further Enacted, That every Barrel of Twopenny Ale shall be only charged by this Act with such a proportional Part of 3d. as 2s. bears to 9d.

All Makers of Vinegar for Pickles are liable to the Duties of this Act, but Vinegar used in making white Lead is exempted.

It is also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the following Additional Duties be laid on all manner of Pepper, Raisins, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, Cloves and Mace, and such Snuff, as is herein after-mentioned, imported, or to be imported, for thirty two Years from the 6th of February 1709, that is to say, for every Pound of Pepper 1s. 6d. for every hundred Weight of Raisins 5s. and for all Nutmegs, Cinnamon, Cloves and Mace, as much as the same Spices already pay, it being intended that the present Duties shall be doubled; and for every Pound of Snuff imported, not being the Product of her Majesty's Plantations, 2s.

And for the better securing, and more easie Payment of the said Duties upon Pepper, it is Enacted, That all Pepper imported after the 17th of February 1709, shall, upon Entry, be forthwith put into Warehouses provided for that Purpose, at the Charge of the Importers; and half the Subsidy payable for Pepper imported shall then be paid down by the Importer; and if the same be consumed in Great Britain, the whole Duty shall be paid by

the Purchaser before it be delivered out of the said Warehouse; but if the said Pepper be for Exportation to foreign Parts, Security shall be given to her Majesty's Commissioners of the Customs, that it shall be all exported, and not re-landed in Great Britain, and all other Duties, but the half Subsidy, shall be discharged when it is delivered out of the said Warehouse to be thus exported.

And for preventing all Clandestine Importing of Pepper, it is Enacted, That if any Pepper be brought in at any Port in Great Britain, besides that of London, or into that Port, and due Entries be not made of its Importation, and the Pepper be not carried into the aforesaid Warehouses, such Pepper shall be adjudged unlawfully imported, and the Persons offending shall not only lose the same, but also one hundred Pounds; one half whereof is to be paid to her Majesty, and the other half to the Seizers, or Informers.

And for preventing any Clandestine carrying out of Pepper, it is Enacted, That the Keepers of the Warehouses shall enter an exact Account of all Pepper brought in or carried out of the said Warehouses, and when and for what Uses it was delivered; and shall, at the end of every six Months, transmit in Writing an exact Account thereof upon Oath to the Commissioners of the Customs, together with an exact Account of how much shall be then remaining in their Warehouses; and if, upon Examination, it shall appear that any of the said Pepper was brought in, or carried out, otherwise than on the Terms and Method aforesaid, the Warehouse-keeper shall forfeit the value of the Pepper, be disabled from any publick Employment for the future, and forfeit one hundred Pound for every Offence.

Provided always, That the Importers of Raisins, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace, or Snuff, giving Security at the Custom-House, shall have twelve Months time for the Payment of the Duties, or 10 l. per Cent. Abatement in case of prompt Payment.

It is also Enacted, That in case any such Raisins, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace, and Snuff, be landed before due Entry be made, the Duties charged thereupon be paid or secured, or without a Warrant from proper Officers of the Customs, the same shall be forfeited, one half to her Majesty, and the other to such Persons as shall seize, inform, or sue for the same.

Provided always, That in case any of the said Commodities be again Exported within eighteen Months by British Merchants, or nine Months by Aliens, from the Day of their Entry, the Duties shall be forthwith repaid, or the Securities given be vacated.

And it is further Enacted, That those new Duties be levied by such Rules and Methods as other Duties now charged on the same Commodities.

And for preventing the landing of any Goods subject to the Payment of Duties without paying the same, or the Importation of any prohibited Goods, it is further Enacted, That all Persons concerned in landing such uncustomed prohibited Goods, or they to whose Hands the same shall afterwards knowingly come, shall forfeit treble the Value, and all the Cattle and Carriages employed therein.

It is also Enacted, That all Merchants and Dealers in Pepper shall pay 1s. 6d. for every Pound of Pepper in their Custody on the 8th of February 1709, and make a just Entry of their present Stocks at the next Custom-house, before the 5th of April 1710, and permit proper Officers to take Account of the same before the 15th of May 1710, on Penalty, in case of neglect or refusal, of forfeiting their said Stocks.

Provided that in case of prompt Payment of the said Duties an Abatement, after the Rate of 10 l. per Cent. be