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Abstract of an Act to preserve and encourage the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom; and for more effectual employ the Poor by prohibiting the Use and Wear of . . . printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoes, in Apparel, Household-Stuff, Furniture, or otherwise, after the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two (except as therein is excepted.)

FROM and after the Twenty fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, It shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever to use or wear in Great Britain, in any Garment or Apparel whatsoever, any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoe, under the Penalty of forfeiting to the Informer the Sum of five Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every such Offence, being lawfully convicted thereof by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace; which Justice or Justices is and are hereby respectively authorized and strictly enjoined and required, upon any Complaint or Information upon Oath exhibited or brought of any such Offence committed, contrary to this Act, within Six Days after Commitment thereof, to summon the Party accused; and, upon his or her Appearance or Contempt, to proceed to Examination of the Matter of Fact; and upon due Proof made thereof, either by voluntary Confession of the Party, or by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses (which Oath or Oaths the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby respectively impowered and required to administer) to hear and determine the same, and upon such Conviction to cause the said Penalty, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals respectively, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, rendering to the Party the Overplus (the Charge of such Distress and Sale being first deducted;) nevertheless it shall be lawful for any Party agrieved to appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Sessions to be holden for the County, City, Riding, or Place, where the said Offence or Offences shall have been committed, giving Six Days Notice at the least of such Appeal to the Prosecutor or Prosecutors; which Justices, at such General Quarter Sessions, are hereby authorized and impowered to hear and determine the same, and their Judgment therein shall be final.

• If any Mercer, Draper, Upholder, or any other Person or Persons, or Corporation whatsoever, shall at any time or times after the said twenty fifth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred and twenty two, sell, utter or expose to Sale any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoe, or any Bed, Chair, Cushion, Window-Curtain, or other Household-Stuff, or Furniture whatsoever, made up of, or mixed with any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoe, unless for Exportation thereof, and unless the same shall be cleared outwards accordingly, as is usual in case of Sale for Exportation, every such Person or Corporation so offending, shall, for every such Offence, being lawfully convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as is herein after directed; and every Steward, or other Officer of such Corporation, or his Deputy, offending herein, and being lawfully convicted of such Offence, shall, over and besides the Forfeiture or Penalty aforesaid, forfeit and lose his Office and Employment, and be incapable to hold the same.

From and after the said twenty fifth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred and twenty two, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to use or wear in Great Britain, in or about any Bed, Chair, Cushion, Window-Curtain, or any other sort of Household Stuff, or Furniture, any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoe (except as herein after is excepted) under the Penalty of forfeiting (being thereof lawfully convicted) the Sum of twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as herein after is directed

One Moiety of all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, where the same shall exceed five Pounds, shall be to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish or Place where the Offence shall be committed; and such Penalties as are not herein directed to be otherwise recovered, shall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, for Offences committed in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majesty's Court of Session, Court of Justiciary, or Court of Exchequer in Scotland, for Offences committed in that Part of Great Britain, together with full Costs of Suit, by any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, within six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed.

If it shall appear, that any Person convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall be sheltered or protected, or doth, or shall reside or inhabit in any pretended Privilege Place whatsoever, every such Offender shall and may be taken from thence by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of Kings-Bench, Common-Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of the Lords of Session, Judges of the Court of Justiciary, or Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland; and shall be, by any such Justice, Lord of Session, Judge, or Baron, committed to the Common Goal of the County or Place where the Offence was committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, till Payment and Satisfaction of all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, with full Costs.

That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, in any wise to any Callicoes which have already been, or which before the said twenty fifth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred twenty two, shall be made up or used in any Bed, Chair, Cushion, Window-Curtain, or other sort of Household Stuff or Furniture, provided the same be continued to be worn and used in such Household Stuff or Furniture, and not otherwise.

Nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal, make void, or alter any Law now in Force for prohibiting Callicoes printed, painted, dyed, or stained in foreign Parts, or for prohibiting any other Goods or Manufactures whatsoever.

All Persons and Bodies Corporate, who shall on or before the said twenty fifth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred and twenty two, export any Callicoes, shall be entituled to, and have such and the same Allowances and Advantages upon the Exportation thereof, as fully as if the same had been exported within twelve Months after the Importation thereof.

If any Person or Persons shall be sued or prosecuted for any thing done or to be done in Purviuance of this Act, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Prosecutor or Prosecutors, shall become Nonsuit or forbear Prosecution, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, her, or them, the Defendant or Defendants shall have treble Costs, and shall have the like Remedy for the same, as in any Case where Costs are by Law given to Defendants.

The Prohibition of Callicoes intended by this Act, and the Penalties thereby inflicted for wearing or using printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoe in Apparel, Household-Stuff, or Furniture, after the twenty fifth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred and twenty two, contrary to this Act, shall respectively extend to prohibit and shall be levied and recovered for wearing or using in Apparel, Household-Stuff, or Furniture, after the said twenty fifth Day of December, one thousand seven hundred and twenty two, any Stuff made of Cotton, or mixt therewith, which shall be printed or painted with any Colour or Colours, or any Callicoe chequered or striped, or any Callicoe stitched or flowered in foreign