

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Tuesday December 18. to Saturday December 21. 1722.

Anno Septimo Georgii Regis.

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

WHereas it is most evident, that the wearing and using of printed, painted, stained, and dyed Callicoes, in Apparel, Household-Stuff, Furniture, and otherwise, does manifestly tend to the great Detriment of the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, and to the excessive Encrease of the Poor, and if not effectually prevented, may be the utter Ruin and Destruction of the said Manufactures, and of many Thousands of your Majesty's Subjects and their Families, whose Livelyhoods do intirely depend thereupon: For Remedy thereof, may it please your most excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 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 Callico, 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 Witness 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 Witness 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 aggrieved 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

[Price Three Half Pence.]