

Church, that your Majesty is graciously pleased on every returning Occasion so readily to countenance our Assemblies.

The Confidence your Majesty is pleased in your great Goodness to place in us, founded upon our Behaviour in former Assemblies, fills us with unspeakable Joy. We should do Injury to our Holy Religion, act inconsistently with the Duty we owe to the best of Sovereigns, and be wanting to ourselves, if we did not unite with Zeal, and unanimously concur in such Means as shall be deemed most effectually to tend to the Peace and Welfare of the Church, suppress Irreligion and Profaneness, and prevent the Growth of Popery. We are at the same time perfectly assured, that nothing will ever be wanting on your Majesty's Part towards obtaining these desirable Ends, wherein the Honour of God and the Well-being of your Majesty's Subjects, are so nearly concerned.

The Earl of Pindlar and Seafield's great Knowledge and Experience, the Zeal and Affection he has upon many important Occasions expressed for your sacred Person and Government, as well as his Adherence to the Principles of the Church of Scotland, which have recommended him to your Majesty, render your Choice of him, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, most obliging and acceptable to us.

That the most High God who so seasonably brought your Majesty to the Throne for the Support of the Protestant Interest Abroad, and the Preservation of the Religion and Liberties of your Dominions, may continue in the most remarkable Manner to preserve your sacred Person, guide your Councils, and defeat the restless Endeavours of your Enemies; that he may pour out His best Blessings on the Heads of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and their Royal Issue, and perpetuate the Succession to the Crown in your Family; and that after a long and happy Reign upon Earth, you may be crowned with immortal Glory in Heaven, are, and shall be the constant and fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Presence, in our Name,

Edinb. May 16, 1724. and at our Appointment, by
William Wishart, Moderator.

An Abstract of an Act passed in the last Sessions of Parliament for Granting certain Inland Duties upon Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate.

Notice is hereby given, That all Offices of Excise in London, and all other Offices of Excise throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain, are constituted Offices for the said Inland Duties on Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate; and that by an Act passed the now last Sessions of Parliament, it is amongst other things enacted,

That Chocolate ready made, or Cocoa-Paste, if imported, after the 24th of June 1724, shall be forfeited with the double Value thereof, and the Bags, Casks, and other Package containing the same.

That after the 24th of June 1724, there must be paid the Inland Duties following, viz. for Coffee 2 s. per Pound and proportionably; for Tea 4 s. per Pound and proportionably; for Chocolate 1 s. 6 d. per Pound and proportionably.

That every Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, and every other Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, or Cocoa-Nuts, or any of them, and every Maker or Seller of Chocolate either by Wholesale or Retail, who on or before the 24th Day of June 1724, doth not at the next Office for the said Inland Duties make a true Entry in Writing of every Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault, and other Place and Places by each of them respectively used for keeping Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, or for making Chocolate, and also of all the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate, which at the Time of such respective Entries shall be in such their Warehouses, Storehouses, Rooms, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, and other Places, and every of them respectively, shall forfeit 200 l. for every such Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault and other Place, which after the said 24th of June 1724 shall be so made use of without being so entered, and also all the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate which shall be found therein, and also the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Tubs, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels and Package whatsoever containing the same.

That every one who after the said 24th of June 1724, shall become a Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, and every Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, either by Wholesale or Retail, or Maker of Chocolate, who before taking into his, her or their Custody any Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, doth not at the next Office for the said Inland Duties, make the like true Entry in Writing of every Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault and other Place intended after the said 24th of June 1724 to be made use of for the keeping of Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, or for the making Chocolate, shall for every such Place forfeit 200 l. and all the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate found therein, and also all the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Tubs, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package whatsoever containing the same.

That after the 24th of June 1724, no Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, shall be brought into such Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault or other Place so made use of by any Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, without first giving Notice thereof to the Officer of the said Inland Duties; of the Division or Place where such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate are intended to be lodged, and producing to and leaving with the said Officer, an Authentick Certificate signed by the Officer for the said Inland Duties from whence such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate shall be brought, that, in case of Coffee, Tea or Chocolate, the Inland Duties charged on such Coffee, Tea or Chocolate so intended to be brought thither, have been actually paid, or that the same have been condemned as forfeited, or was Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, or Chocolate-house-keeper, or other Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate, or making of Chocolate. And in case of bringing in Cocoa-Nuts, That the same have been duly entered with the Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs, or that they were condemned as forfeited, or were Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist or other Person selling or dealing therein, upon or before the said 24th of June 1724, of which an Account had been taken on or before the said 24th of June 1724, expressing the Quantity and Quality thereof, and at what Place the said Inland Duties were so paid, or what Port or Place the Customs and Duties were so paid, or the said Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate were condemned, or of whose Stock in Hand the same were Part, on Pain of Forfeiting the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate so brought in, without such Notice or Certificate, and treble the Value thereof, together with the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package whatsoever containing the same.

That after the 24th of June 1724, no Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, shall be brought into such Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault or other Place so made use of by any Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, without first giving Notice thereof to the Officer of the said Inland Duties; of the Division or Place where such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate are intended to be lodged, and producing to and leaving with the said Officer, an Authentick Certificate signed by the Officer for the said Inland Duties from whence such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate shall be brought, that, in case of Coffee, Tea or Chocolate, the Inland Duties charged on such Coffee, Tea or Chocolate so intended to be brought thither, have been actually paid, or that the same have been condemned as forfeited, or was Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, or Chocolate-house-keeper, or other Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate, or making of Chocolate. And in case of bringing in Cocoa-Nuts, That the same have been duly entered with the Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs, or that they were condemned as forfeited, or were Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist or other Person selling or dealing therein, upon or before the said 24th of June 1724, of which an Account had been taken on or before the said 24th of June 1724, expressing the Quantity and Quality thereof, and at what Place the said Inland Duties were so paid, or what Port or Place the Customs and Duties were so paid, or the said Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate were condemned, or of whose Stock in Hand the same were Part, on Pain of Forfeiting the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate so brought in, without such Notice or Certificate, and treble the Value thereof, together with the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package whatsoever containing the same.

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