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By the Queen's most Excellent Majesty,
Guardian of the Realm of Great Bri-
tain, &c.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

*Prohibiting his Majesty's Subjects from tra-
ding to the East Indies, contrary to the Li-
berties and Privileges granted to the Eng-
lish East India Company, and from being
unlawfully concerned in any Foreign Com-
pany or Society Trading to the East Indies.*

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WHEREAS the United Compa-
ny of Merchants of England tra-
ding to the East Indies, by and
under An Act of Parliament made
in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his late
Majesty King William the Third of Glorious
Memory, intituled, An Act for raising a Sum
not exceeding Two Millions upon a Fund for
Payment of Annuities after the Rate of Eight
Pounds per Centum per Annum, and for set-
tling the Trade to the East Indies; and by
and under several other Acts of Parliament,
Letters Patent and Indentures, are entitled to
have, use, and enjoy the whole and sole
Trade and Traffick, and the only Liberty and
Privilege of trading, trafficking, and ex-
ercising the Trade of Merchandize to and
from the East Indies in the Countries and
Parts of Asia and Africa, and to and from such
Places of Asia, Africa and America, or any of
them beyond the Cape of Bona Esperanza to
the Straights of Magellan, where any Trade
or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used
or had, the Trade whereof is appropriated to
them by the said Acts of Parliament, or one
of them; by which Act of the Ninth Year
of the Reign of his late Majesty King Willi-
am the Third, it is provided, That if any of
the Subjects of his said late Majesty, his Heirs,
or Successors, of what Degree or Quality so-
ever, other than such as might or may law-
fully go and trade to the East Indies and
other the Parts in the same Act mentioned by
Virtue thereof, and their Factors, Agents and
Servants respectively employed according to
the true Meaning of the said Act, should di-
rectly or indirectly visit, haunt, frequent,
trade, traffick or adventure into or from the
said East Indies, or other the Parts aforesaid,
contrary to the true Intent and Meaning
thereof, all and every such Offender and

Offenders should incur the Forfeiture and
Loss of all the Ships and Vessels which should
be employed in such Trade, with the Guns,
Tackle, Apparel and Furniture thereunto be-
longing, and also all the Goods and Mer-
chandizes laden thereupon, and all the Pro-
ceed and Effects of the same, and also double
the Value thereof, to be recovered as therein
is particularly mentioned; and it is also pro-
vided by the same Act, and by subsequent
Laws, that all the Goods, Wares, Merchan-
dizes and Commodities to be laden upon any
Ship or Ships bound from the said East In-
dies, or Parts within the Limits aforesaid,
should be brought without breaking Bulk to
some Port of Great Britain, there to be un-
laden and put on Land. And whereas by an
Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of
his late Majesty King George the First, of
Glorious Memory, which Act was revived
and continued by an Act of the last Session
of Parliament, it is enacted, That the said
United Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the East Indies, and their Suc-
cessors, should and might take, arrest and
seize, or cause to be taken, arrested, and
seized, such Person or Persons, being a Sub-
ject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs
or Successors, at any Place or Places where
he or they should be found within the Limits
or Places aforesaid, and the Person or Persons
so taken, arrested, and seized, to send and re-
mit to England, there to answer for the
Offence aforesaid, according to due Course
of Law. And by an Act passed in the Seventh
Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King
George the First, intituled, An Act for the
further preventing his Majesty's Subjects from
trading to the East Indies under Foreign
Commissions, and for encouraging and further
securing the lawful Trade thereto, it is enact-
ed, That if at any Time after the 24th Day of
June, which should be in the Year of our
Lord 1721, any of his Majesty's Subjects
should sail, go, or repair to, or should trade,
traffick, or adventure into or from the East
Indies or Parts aforesaid, contrary to the Laws
now in being, or contrary to the Tenor of
the said Act, in every such Case it should
and might be lawful either for his Majesty's
Attorney General for the Time being, or for
the said United Company at any Time within
the Space of Six Years, to file or exhibit in
any one of his Majesty's Courts of Record at
Westminster, one or more Informations or In-
formations

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