

otherwise than such as are lawfully authorized thereunto, should at any Time or Times from and after the 24th Day of June 1724, go, sail, or repair to, or be found in or at the East Indies, or any the Places aforesaid, every Person and Persons so offending should be guilty of a high Crime and Misdemeanour, and should and might be prosecuted for the same in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and being convicted thereof, should be liable to such corporal Punishment or Imprisonment, or to such Fine, as the Court where such Prosecution should be commenced, should think fit, one Moiety of such Fine to be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them that should inform and sue for the same; and that all and every Person and Persons so offending, should and might be seized and brought to England, and it should and might be lawful to and for any one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and they are hereby authorized and required to commit all and every such Person and Persons to the next County Goal, there to remain until sufficient Security be given by natural born Subjects or Denizens to appear in the Court where such Suit or Prosecution should be commenced or depending, to answer the same, and not to depart the Court, or out of this Kingdom, without the Leave of the said Court. Notwithstanding all which just and reasonable Provisions, Prohibitions and Penalties, several of his Majesty's Subjects not entitled under the said Acts of Parliament, have (as hath been humbly represented unto us) in open Violation and Defiance of the said several Acts, presumed to trade into and visit the said East Indies, in foreign and other Ships, intending there to load Goods, and to bring them into Europe, and land them in foreign Parts out of his Majesty's Dominions, to the Diminution of his Majesty's Customs, and to the great Injury of the said Company in their said Liberty and Franchise, so as aforesaid granted and secured to them by Law, and to the general Detriment of the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom; We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, and we do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's Subjects whatsoever, who serve in, or are on board any foreign Ship or Vessel, in or bound to or from the said East Indies, or any the Parts or Places aforesaid, and also all Merchants, and other Subjects of his Majesty, who are now in the said East Indies, or any of the Places aforesaid, trading or intending to trade there, contrary to the Privileges of the said Company, that they and every of them do forthwith desist and forbear to serve, or to be concerned in any such unlawful Trade; and that they and each of them do forthwith return to their native Country. And further we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all his Majesty's Subjects to serve on board any foreign or other Ships with foreign Commissions or Colours bound to or from the East Indies, or any the Parts aforesaid, or directly or indirectly to visit, haunt, frequent, trade, traffick, or adventure in, to or from the said East Indies, or other the

Parts before-mentioned, under any Pretence whatsoever, contrary to the Privileges of the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies; or to subscribe or contribute to, encourage or promote the raising, establishing or carrying on any foreign Corporation, Company or Society now erected, or hereafter to be erected for trading or dealing to the East Indies, or Parts aforesaid, or to become interested in, or entitled unto any Share in the Stock or Capital of any such foreign Corporation, Society or Company, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King-George the First. And we do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's Subjects, who shall know of any Interest, Share, Proportion or Concern, which any of his Majesty's Subjects shall have or be entitled to in any such foreign Corporation, Company or Society, to make a full and true Discovery thereof, within such Time, and in such Manner as by the said mentioned Act is required. To all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And we do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur his Majesty's high Displeasure, but be prosecuted for such their Contempt and Offences with the utmost Rigour and Severity of Law.

*Given at the Court at Kensington, the  
Twenty First Day of July, in the  
Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign.  
GOD Save the KING.*

*Hanover, July 29, N. S.* The 26th M. Brummer, Master of the Horse to the Duke of Holstein, arrived here, who is sent on the Part of his Highness to compliment his Majesty upon his Arrival in his German Dominions, and had his Audience of the King the same Day in the Evening at Herrenhausen. The Duke of Saxe Gotha has also sent a Person of Distinction on the same Occasion, who had likewise at the same Time his Audience; as had also M. Nauderich Yesterday, who is sent on the Part of the Duke of Weimar on the like Occasion. Baron Hattorff, who attended his Majesty from England, having some Weeks ago obtained the King's Leave to go to his Country Seat for the Recovery of his Health, returned the 27th to this Place, having found great Benefit by the Change of Air. Yesterday Thomas Robinson, Esq; his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor, whom his Majesty had given Leave to wait on him here, set out from hence for Prague, where the Imperial Court now resides. By Letters from Berlin of the 26th we have received Advice, that Lieutenant-General Gersdorf, Governour of the Town and Fortres of Spandau, dièd the 21st, and the next Day the King of Prussia conferred the said Post on the Duke of Holstein Beck, Major-General and Colonel of a Regiment of Foot in his Prussian Majesty's Service. The said Letters add, that Preparations were making for his Prussian Majesty's Journey the next Day for some Place on the Frontiers of Silesia and Bohemia, in order to his having an Interview with the Emperor.

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