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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
Prohibiting the Currency of Gold Coins, commonly called Broad Pieces.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS we have received Information, That the Gold Coins commonly called Broad Pieces, and the Halves and Quarters thereof, are, through Length of Time, and divers fraudulent Practices used to impair the same, much diminished in Value, by reason whereof such Coins are refused to be taken in many Kinds of Payments, to the great Inconvenience of Commerce, and Detriment of many of our loving Subjects; and whereas the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, in Parliament assembled, have by their humble Address besought us, that we would be graciously pleased to issue our Royal Proclamation, to forbid any Persons to receive or utter in Payment by Tale any of the Gold Coins of Twenty Five Shillings, or Twenty Three Shillings, commonly called Broad Pieces, or any Halves or Quarters thereof, and to direct the several Receivers and Collectors of our Revenues to receive the same by Weight, for the Space of one Year, at the Rate of Four Pounds and One Shilling per Ounce Troy; and that we would also be pleased to authorize and require the Officers of our Mint to allow Four Pounds and One Shilling per Ounce Troy to all such Persons as should bring the said Broad Pieces, or any Halves or Quarters thereof, into the Mint within the said Time, and to coin the same into other current Gold Coins of this Kingdom: We, duly considering the Premises, and being willing to comply with the Request of our faithful Commons, have thought fit, with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare and command, that from and after the Date hereof, no Piece or Pieces of Gold Coin of Twenty Five Shillings, or Twenty Three Shillings, commonly called Broad Pieces, or the Halves or Quarters thereof, shall pass or be current in any Payment whatsoever by Tale. And we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, from and after the Date hereof, to receive or utter in Payment by Tale any of the said Gold Coins. And we being desirous, as much as in us lies, to give Ease to our People, and to prevent their sustaining any considerable Loss on account of the Currency of such Gold Coins being prohibited, do hereby charge and command all the Collectors and Receivers of our Revenues and Taxes, for and during the Space of one Year from the Date hereof, to receive such Gold Coins at the Rate of Four Pounds and one Shilling per Ounce Troy in all Payments on account of such Revenues or Taxes: And we do also authorize, command, and require the Officers of our Mint within the said Time

to receive all such Gold Coins as aforesaid, as shall be brought into our said Mint by any Person or Persons whatsoever, and to coin the same into other current Gold Coins of this our Kingdom of Great Britain, and to allow for such Gold Coins, so to be brought in, after the said Rate of Four Pounds and one Shilling per Ounce Troy. And we do hereby strictly charge and command all our Receivers, Collectors, Officers, and other our Subjects whatsoever, that they, do pay due Obedience to our Royal Commands in the Premises, upon Pain of our high Displeasure, and of such Punishments as may by Law be inflicted for their Default or Contempt in this behalf.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Twenty First Day of February 1732, and in the Sixth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

Westminster, February 22.

His Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

An Act for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, in that Part of Great-Britain called England; and for granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, in that Part of Great-Britain called Scotland, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and thirty three; and for giving further Time to Clerks and Apprentices to pay Duties omitted to be paid for their Indentures and Contracts.

An Act to allow a further Time to John Thomson to appear, and produce the Books and discover the Effects of the Charitable Corporation for Relief of Industrious Poor by assisting them with small Sums upon Pledges at legal Interest, and to be examined thereupon at the Times and Places fixed in the Bill; and for allowing the said John Thomson a Proportion out of the Effects of the said Corporation, which he shall discover, and for preventing fraudulent releasing or assigning any Debt due from George Robinson or the said John Thomson, or either of them.

And to One private Bill.

St. James's, Feb. 20. This Day Count Kinsky, Ambassadour from the Emperour had a private Audience of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; to which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

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