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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Prohibiting His Majesty's Subjects from Trading to the East Indies contrary to the Liberties and Privileges granted to the English East India Company, and from being unlawfully concerned in any Foreign Company or Society trading to the East Indies.

WHereas the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading 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, entitled, An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding two Millions, upon a Fund for Payment of Annuities after the Rate of Eight Pounds per Cent. per Annum, and for settling 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 Exercising 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 Straits 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 *William* 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 soever, other than such as might or may lawfully 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 directly 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 belonging, and also all the Goods and Merchandizes laden thereupon, and all the Proceed and Effects of the same, and also double the Value thereof, to be recovered as therein is particularly mentioned. And it is also provided by the same Act, and by subsequent Laws, that all the Goods, Wares, Merchandizes and Commodities to be laden upon any Ship or Ships bound from the said *East Indies* or Parts within the Limits aforesaid, should be

brought without breaking Bulk to some Port of *Great Britain*, there to be unladen 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, entitled, An Act for the better securing the lawful Trade of his Majesty's Subjects to and from the *East Indies*, and for the more effectual preventing all his Majesty's Subjects trading thither under foreign Commissions; which Act was revived and continued by an Act made in the Fifth Year of our Reign, it is enacted, That the said United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, and their Successors, should and might take, arrest and seize, or cause to be taken, arrested and seized, such Person or Persons, being a Subject 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 remit to *England*, there to answer for the Offence aforesaid according to due Course of Law. And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King *George* the First, entitled, 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, &c. it is enacted, That if at any time after the Twenty fourth Day of *June*, which should be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty one, 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 Information or Informations against such Offender or Offenders for the Offence by him or them committed: And if the Party or Parties, Defendant or Defendants to such Information or Informations, should by due Course of Law appear to be found to be guilty thereof, the Court where such Information or Informations should be so filed or exhibited, should forthwith proceed to give Judgment against the Defendant and Defendants, by such Fine and Imprisonment, or either of them, as the said Court should think fit, and should also award the Prosecutor or Prosecutors his and their full Costs of Suit: But in Case the Defendant or Defendants should, upon any Information exhibited by the said Company, be acquitted, or found Not guilty, in such Case the said Company should pay such Defendant or Defendants his or their full Costs. And it is by the said Act further enacted and declared, that every Person and

Persons, Subject and Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, who should at any Time or Times from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty one, sail, go, or repair to the said *East Indies*, or Places aforesaid, contrary to the Laws now in being, should be deemed and accounted to be a Trader, and to have traded and trafficked there, and all the Goods and Merchandizes that should be there bartered or trafficked for, or be purchased by any such Offender or Offenders, or should be found in his Custody, or in the Custody of any other Person or Persons by his or their Order or Procurement, should be forfeited, together with double the Value thereof. And whereas by another Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King George the First, entitled, An Act to prevent his Majesty's Subjects from subscribing or being concerned in encouraging or promoting any Subscription for an *East India* Company in the *Austrian Netherlands*, and for the better securing the lawful Trade of his Majesty's Subjects to and from the *East Indies*, it is enacted, That if at any Time or Times from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, any Person or Persons whatsoever, Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, should contribute or subscribe to, or encourage or promote the raising, establishing, or carrying on any foreign Company, Society or Corporation, trading, trafficking, or adventuring, or hereafter to trade, traffick, or adventure, from any Part or Parts of or in the *Austrian Netherlands* into or from the *East Indies*, or Places aforesaid, or should be interested or concerned in his or their Name or Names, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, or otherwise howsoever in any Part or Share of or in the Capital Principal Stock or Actions of any such foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, as aforesaid, or should make any Payment in Money, or by Bills of Exchange, Remittances, or otherwise, to for or towards the raising, supporting, sustaining, encouraging or promoting such foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, or the Trade or Traffick thereof, or should subscribe, contribute to, encourage or promote, the raising, establishing, or carrying on any other foreign Company or Companies thereafter to be raised, formed, or erected, for trading or dealing to the *East Indies*, or Parts aforesaid, or should become interested in, or entitled to any Share in the Stock or Capital of such last mentioned Company or Companies, every such Person or Persons so offending, should Forfeit all his, her, and their Interest, Share, Proportion and Concern, in the Capital Principal Stock or Actions of any such Foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, together with treble the Value thereof; one third Part thereof to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the remaining two third Parts thereof to the Use of the said United Company, if they should Inform, Sue, or Prosecute for the same; or otherwise, one third Part of such two thirds should be to the Use of such Person or Persons, as should inform or sue for the same; such Informer or Prosecutor first taking such Directions and Consent as in the said Act is mentioned for that Purpose; and it is by the said Act further enacted, That if any Person or

Persons, Subject or Subjects of his Majesty whatsoever, should have accepted of any Trust or Trusts, or should know of any Interest, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any of his Majesty's Subjects should have, or be entitled to in any such Foreign Company, Society or Corporation as aforesaid, and should not within six Months next after his, her, or their accepting such Trusts, or coming to the Knowledge of such Interest, Share, Proportion, or Concern as aforesaid, truly discover and disclose in Writing the same to the said United Company, or their Court of Directors for the Time being, every Person so offending, should forfeit treble the Value of the Interest, Share, Proportion, or Concern so accepted in Trust, or so known, and not discovered as aforesaid; one Moiety thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them who should sue for the same; to be recovered in such Manner as by the said Act is directed; or otherwise, such Offender or Offenders should, at the Discretion of the Court where the Prosecution is commenced, suffer Imprisonment by the space of one whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize; and that every Person who should within the Time above limited for that Purpose, voluntarily come to the Court of Directors of the said United Company, and make a true discovery in Writing of the Interest, Share, Part, Proportion or Concern of any of his Majesty's Subjects in the Capital, Principal, or Stock of any such foreign Company, Society, or Corporation as aforesaid, should have and receive out of the Forfeitures arising, or to arise, upon or by Virtue of the last mentioned Act, by, from, and out of the Estate or Estates of such Person and Persons so interested or concerned in any such Foreign Company, Society, or Corporation as aforesaid, one Moiety or half Part of the clear Amount of such Forfeitures; and the Court in which the Prosecution against such Offender or Offenders should be commenced, should have full Power and Authority, and were thereby directed to award to the Person making such Discovery, such Reward as aforesaid: And it is by the said Act further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, other than such as are lawfully authorized thereunto, should at any Time or Times from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four, 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 Misdemeanor, 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 shall 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 thereby authorized and required, To commit all

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 our Subjects not intitled under the said Acts of Parliament, have (as hath been 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 our 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 our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby strictly charge and command all our 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 our Subjects 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 our loving 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 into or from the said *East Indies*, or other the Parts beforementioned, 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 our loving Subjects, who shall know of any Interest, Share, Proportion, or Concern; which any of our 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 last 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 our high Displeasure, but be prosecuted for such their Contempt and Offences, with the utmost Rigour and Severity of Law, &c.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Eighteenth Day of December, in the Ninth Year of Our Reign.
G O D save the KING.

Vienna, Dec. 24, N. S. A Courier has passed through this Place, with the Pope's Acknowledgement of the Elector of Saxony as King of Poland. The Dispensation for the Duke of Lorraine's Marriage with the eldest Archduchess being not yet arrived from Rome; the Day is not published for the Marriage; but it is generally believed, that the Promise will be made on the 5th of February; and the Marriage celebrated on the 12th following.

Hague, Jan. 6, N. S. The Spanish Ambassadour has presented to the States a long Memorial, to dissuade them from entering into any Measures relating to the Preliminaries for a Treaty of Peace between the Emperor and France, giving hopes to this Republick in that Case, of their obtaining great Advantages from Spain in relation to Trade. The Envoy of Poland went Yesterday Morning for the first Time, since the War broke out, to visit the French Ambassadour, who returned him his Visit in the Afternoon, and invited himself to sup with him among other Company. As to the Muscovite Ambassadour, he has not seen the French Ambassadour yet, on Account of some Points of Ceremony as to Visits; but it is said the French Ambassadour designs to invite him to dinner; and that the other will accept the Invitation; to cut off those Difficulties. The Yacht that came over for his Excellency M. Horatio Walpole, was obliged by Strefs of Weather to put into Middleburg, but is since arrived at Helvoetsluys, whither his Excellency sent his Baggage to Day, proposing to follow soon and embark for England.

Excise Office, London, Dec. 29, 1735.

By Order of the Hon. Commissioners of Excise. On Thursday the 8th of January, will be exposed to Sale in their Court Room in the Old Jury, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, several Parcels of condemn'd Bohea and Green Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Brandy, Rum, Geneva, and Cordial Waters; which may be viewed on Monday and Wednesday, the 5th and 7th of January, at the Excise Office, and at the Warehouses near the Custom-house, from Nine to Twelve in the Morning, and from Two to Five in the Afternoon, and on the Day of Sale from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon. Printed Allowments of the Particulars will be delivered at the said Office on Monday the 5th of January.

Advertisements.

TO be peremptorily Sold, before Rbert Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, pursuant to a Decree of the said Court, on the 23^d Day of January next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, a Copyhold Estate situate at Oundle, in the County of Northampton, of the yearly Value of 55 l. now in the Possession of ——— Scott. Further Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery, Lane.

THE Assignees of the Estate of Francis Burton, late of High Holborne, in the County of Middlesex, Distiller and Tobacconist, a Bankrupt, desire the Creditors of the said Bankrupt to meet at the Virginia Coffee house behind the Exchange, on Friday the 2^d Day of January next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to consent to the said Assignees commencing a Suit of Suits in Equity, and to submit any difference or dispute with any Person or Persons concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate to Arbitration, and to make Composition with any Person or Persons Debtors or Accountants to the said Bankrupt.