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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