

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