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ABSTRACT of several Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majesty's Subjects from Trading to the East-Indies, under Foreign Commissions; and from being interested or concerned in any Foreign East-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majesty's Subjects from Trading to the East-Indies under Foreign Commissions; and from being interested, or concerned, in any Foreign East-India Company, to be erected; it is enacted as follows, *viz.*

5th Geo. I. Cap. 21.] By an Act passed in the 5th Year of His late Majesty King George the First, all His Majesty's Subjects, except those Licensed by the East-India Company, are prohibited from going to the East-Indies. — And to the End such Offenders may be brought to Justice, the East-India Company are empowered to arrest, and seize, such Offenders in the East-Indies, and to send them to England, there to answer for the said Offence; And every British Subject, who shall procure, solicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commission, Authority, or Pass, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to sail, or go, or trade, in, or to the East-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every such Offence, 500*l.*

7th Geo. I. Cap. 21.] By another Act passed in the 7th Year of His late Majesty King George the First, every Subject of His Majesty, who shall go to, or shall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the East-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and shall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, is to pay, and suffer such Fine, and Imprisonment, as the Court shall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that shall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the East-Indies or purchased there, by any such Offenders, or that shall be found in his Custody, or in the Custody of any other Person, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with double the Value thereof.

9th Geo. I. Cap. 26.] By an Act passed in the 9th Year of His late Majesty King George the First, all His Majesty's Subjects are prohibited from subscribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raising, establishing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June, 1723, to be raised, formed, or erected, for Trading to the East-Indies, and from being interested in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of such Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Interest, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any such Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney-General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, against such Offenders, for the Discovery of such Offence; which Discovery such Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney-General's waving in such Bill, the said Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and insisting only on the Single Value thereof; And in such Case, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by such Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majesty accepting of any Trust, or knowing of any Interest, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majesty's Subjects shall have, or be intitled to, in any such Foreign Company; and who shall not, within Six Months, next after the Accepting such Trust, or coming to the Knowledge of such Interest, Share, Proportion, or Concern, as aforesaid, truly discover the same in Writing to the East-India Company, or their Court of Directors, shall forfeit Treble the Value of the Interest so accepted in Trust, or so known and not discovered, as aforesaid; and any Person making such Discovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture:

And all His Majesty's Subjects, (other than such as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the East-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime, and Misdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Punishment, Imprisonment, or Fine, for the same, at the Discretion of such of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, where the Prosecution for such Offence shall be commenced.

And

[Price Two-Pence.]



And every Person so offending may be seized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, until sufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where such Prosecution shall be commenced, to answer the same, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. Cap. 14.] By an Act passed in the 3d Year of His present Majesty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majesty's Subjects (other than the East-India Company, and those licensed by them) shall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the East-Indies, every such Offender shall incur the Forfeiture, and Loss, of all the Ships, and Vessels, employed in such Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and also all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were sent to, acquired, traded, or adventured, within the East-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the same, and Double the Value thereof.

Constantinople, Nov. 2. The Plague, which some Weeks ago began to manifest itself again in this City, is now entirely ceased; and our Commerce, which upon that Account was for some Time at a Stand, begins to flourish as before. 'Tis strongly reported here, that the Grand Signior has received an Account, that Prince Heraclius of Georgia has obtained a compleat Victory over the Sophi of Persia, who is thereupon retired with the Remains of his scattered Army towards the Frontiers of the Great Mogul.

Petersbourg, Nov. 18. Her Imperial Majesty has appointed Lieutenant-General Count Keyserling to be Governor of Wybourg. The Damages occasioned by the violent Tempest and Inundation that happened in the Night between the 2d and 3d Instant, appear to be much more considerable than were at first apprehended; for besides the Loss of upwards of 1000 Persons who perished on that Occasion, most of the Country Seats in this Neighbourhood are destroyed; and the Summer Palace, and that of Peterhoff, have also suffered extremely. All the Houses upon the Neva are vastly damaged by the Rapidity of the Stream; and what is very surprizing, a large Bastion adjoining to the Admiralty Office, on which several Pieces of heavy Artillery were mounted, was separated several Feet from that Building. The Storm was likewise very violent at Cronstadt and Revel, where many Ships, which were at Anchor in those Ports, were dashed to Pieces against each other; and those that were drove out to Sea, we have had no Account of, so fear they are lost. At Cronstadt, the Waters flowed in so suddenly, that they had not Time to remove a great Quantity of Merchandize, which is all spoiled; the Batteries, which defended the Port, are almost all ruined; and a Ship bound for Dantzick, having on board all the rich Effects of Baron Pretlack, and the Library of Count Colloredo, was lost in our Road. On the 6th Instant we had a second Inundation, which overflowed all the Streets bordering upon the Neva,

and greatly alarmed the Inhabitants, but the Damages sustained thereby are not near so considerable as those of the first.

Naples, Nov. 18. We were Yesterday informed by the Captain of a Ship that arrived here from Messina, that several Algerine Corsairs are cruizing in the Seas of Sicily; upon which Information, the Government immediately gave Orders for two Men of War, and some Chebecks, to put to Sea with all Expedition, in order to give them Chace. The Workmen employed in digging up the Ruins of the ancient City of Heraclea, have lately discovered a white Marble Statue of Venus, of exquisite Workmanship.

Leghorn, Nov. 21. We are informed by the Master of a Ship just arrived here from Tunis, that several armed Chebecks put to Sea from thence the Beginning of this Month, in order to cruize against the Ships of the Christian Powers, in the Seas of Catalonia.

Stockholm, Nov. 27. On Saturday last their Majesties, attended by several of the principal Lords of the Court, took the Diversion of Hunting in the Neighbourhood of Drottningholm. The King has appointed Count Cronhielm to be Colonel of the Regiment of Foot of Lantinghausen. The Marriage of Baron Palmfeld, Introducer of Ambassadors, with Mademoiselle Greisheim, one of the Queen's Ladies of the Bed-chamber, was celebrated a few Days ago at Court, in their Majesties Presence, who were pleased to make them several rich Presents. By a new Regulation of the King's, there are for the Future to be two Colleges of the Admiralty in this Kingdom, one in this City, and the other at Gothenbourg. We are informed by Letters received this Post from Finland, that on the 5th Instant they had a most violent Storm of Wind at Elfsingfors and Degerby, which caused the Sea to overflow its Banks; that the Waters thereupon rose at least ten Foot in many Places; and that the Damages which the Inhabitants have received on that melancholly Occasion, are inexpressible.

Vienna, Nov. 29. The Empress Queen, in order that her late Edict against Duelling should be strictly observed, has ordered the same to be read at the Head of each of her Regiments of Troops, as no one may pretend Ignorance. Yesterday young Prince Lobkowitz, Son to the Field Marshal of that Name, was married to the Princess Dowager of Lichtenstein. By an exact List of the Troops in her Imperial Majesty's Service, they appear to amount to 93,000 Men, exclusive of the Lycanians, Croates, Banalisters, &c. which amount to at least 60,000 more.

Dresden, Nov. 29. We learn by a Courier from Warsaw, that their Majesties propose setting out from thence on the 11th of next Month; that they take their Route by Pfortem, in order to lay one Night at the Seat of Count Bruhl, his Majesty's Prime Minister; and that they propose reaching this City by the 16th. Orders are given for compleating all the Troops in this Electorate; by which 'tis imagined that a Camp is to be formed in the Neighbourhood of this City in the Spring. On Sunday last

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M. Calkoen, Minister Plenipotentiary from the States General of the United Provinces, arrived here from the Hague.

Dantzick, Nov. 29. The Letters we have received here for some Days past from different Ports in the Baltick, all take Notice of the Mischiefs that have happened by the late violent Storms in those Parts. A great Dispute has lately arose between the Magistrates of this City and the third Order of Citizens, the Decision of which belonging to the King, a Deputation from each Party is gone to Warsaw, in order to lay their Complaints before his Majesty.

Manheim, Nov. 29. The Elector of Bavaria having accepted the Invitation of the Elector Palatin our Sovereign, to spend a few Days at this Court before he returns from Bonn to Munich, they are now making Preparations at the Palace for his Reception, his Electoral Highness being expected here next Week.

Berlin, Dec. 6. The King has declared his Intention of going in the Spring to review his Troops in Prussia, which he has not done for three Years past. Several Persons of Distinction are arrived here within these few Days, in order to partake of the Diversions of the Carnival.

Paris, Dec. 8. The King's Resolution upon the Report of the Commissaries appointed to enquire into the Differences between the Clergy and the Parliaments of this Kingdom, has been communicated to the Parliament of this City, and 'tis thought is not much in their Favour. We learn from Madrid, that the Price of Corn having greatly encreased within these few Weeks past, the necessary Precautions were taking there, in order to prevent a Scarcity.

Hague, Dec. 12. The States of Holland and Westfrizeland have this Day renewed their Deliberations; as have likewise the Deputies of the several Colleges of the Admiralty of these Provinces.

Advertisements.

THIS is to give Notice, That the Fair at Bristol will be this Year held on the 25th Day of January, being the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

TO be peremptorily sold to the best Bidder, before Charles Taylor, Esq; Deputy Remembrancer of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London, pursuant to a Decree and other subsequent Orders of the said Court, on Tuesday the 23d Day of January next, between the Hours of Five and Seven of the Clock in the Afternoon, Bertbduy Tenement, in the Parish of Lywell in the County of Brecon, late the Estate of Margaret Jeffreys, Widow, deceased. Particulars whereof may be had of the said Deputy at the said Office.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, on Monday the 5th Day of February next, between the Hours of Four and Six in the Afternoon, before Francis Eld, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn in Chancery Lane, London, in five distinct Lots, The Estates late of Thomas Murray, Esq; deceased, Lot N^o 1. Consisting of a Freehold Estate at Claygate, in the Parish of Thames Ditton in the County of Surry, of the yearly Value of 35 l. Lot No 2. A Copyhold Estate held of the Manor of Leighton Buffard, otherwise Grovebury, in the County of Bedford, of the yearly Value of 40 s. and another Copyhold Estate held of the Manor of Ivinghoe in the County of Bucks, of the yearly Value of 20 l. Lot No 3. A Freehold Messuage at Charing Cross, lately known by the Name of the Cook and Bottle. Lot No 4. A Leasehold House at Nine Elms near Battersea, in the County of Surry, of the yearly Value of 37 l. Lot No 5. A Leasehold House in Bedford Court, in the Parish of St. Andrew Holborn. Further Particulars to be had at the said Master's Chambers.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Spicer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, on Friday the 26th Day of January next, between Five and Six in the Afternoon, One Share in the Navigation of the River Avon, from the City of Bath to Hannam Mills in the County of Gloucester, late the Estate of Samuel Hendey, Gent. deceased. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Estate of John Hylton, late of Hylton Castle in the County of Durham, Esq; deceased, of the yearly Value of 3100 l. and upwards, will be peremptorily sold, before Anthony Allen, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his House in Bream's Buildings Chancery Lane, London, in seven different Lots or Parcels, upon the several Days herein after mentioned, between Five and Six of the Clock in the Afternoon of each Day, and in Manner following, that is to say, Lot 1. being the Manor of Hylton, with the Castle called Hylton Castle, and the Appurtenances, and several Farms, Lands, and Tenements thereunto belonging, of the yearly Value of 1200 l. 19 s. upon Wednesday the 28th Day of February next.—Lot 2. being the Manor of Ford, and several Farms, Lands and Tenements thereunto belonging, of the yearly Value of 586 l. 5 s. 8 d. upon Friday the 9th Day of March next.—Lot 3. containing several Farms, Lands and Tenements, situate at Great Usworth in the said County, of the yearly Value of 836 l. 6 s. 8 d. upon Monday the 19th Day of March next.—Lot 4. containing several Farms, Lands and Tenements at Tollingsby, in the said County, of the yearly Value of 308 l. 5 s. upon Wednesday the 28th Day of March next.—Lot 5. containing an annual Rent of 13 l. 6 s. 8 d. payable out of an Estate at North Biddick, the Impropriation of Monkwearmouth, and several Tyths and Rents of the yearly Value of 30 l. 4 s. 9 d. after all Deductions; and the perpetual Advowson of Monkwearmouth, of the yearly Value of 49 l. 16 s. 8 d. upon Thursday the 29th Day of March next.—Lot 6. being the perpetual Advowson of the Rectory of Kirkhaugh in the County of Cumberland, of the yearly Value of 35 l. upon Friday the 30th Day of March next.—And Lot 7. being a Leasehold Estate situate at Monkwearmouth in the said County of Durham, held under the Dean and Chapter of Durham, of the yearly Value of 111 l. 6 s. upon Monday the 2d Day of April next. Particulars of the said Estate, and of the several Lots, may be had at the said Master's House.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Henry Jones, late of White Cross Street, in the Parish of St. Giles Cripplegate, London, Charcoalman, deceased, are to come in and prove their Debts before Thomas Bennett, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his House in Curfitor's Street, London, on or before the first Day of next Hillary Term, otherwise they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Thomas Gyles, of Milton next Gravesend, in the County of Kent, Victualler and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees on Saturday the 23d of this Instant, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Black Boy and Packhorse in Milton next Gravesend aforesaid, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees bringing any Actions at Law, or Suits in Equity, concerning the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, and on other special Affairs.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Ansdell, of Liverpoole in the County of Lancaster, Shipwright and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 17th, 18th, and 30th Days of January next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at the House of James Wrigley, the Sign of the Golden Lyon in Liverpoole aforesaid, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Statham, Attorney, in Liverpoole aforesaid.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Robert Trent, of James Street, in the Parish of St. Andrew's Holborn, in the County of Middlesex, Apothecary, intend to meet on the 30th Day of January next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Gullahall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

