

GEORGGII REGIS I.

An Act to preserve and encourage the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom; and for more effectual employing the Poor by prohibiting the Use and Wear of all printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoes, in Apparel, Household-stuff, Furniture, or otherwise, after the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two (except as therein is excepted.)



HEREAS it is most evident, that the wearing and using of printed, painted, stained or dyed Callicoes, in Apparel, Household-stuff, Furniture, and otherwise, does manifestly tend to the great Detriment of the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, and to the excessive Increase of the Poor, and if not effectually prevented, may be the utter Ruin and Destruction of the said Manufactures, and of many Thousands of Your Majesty's Subjects and their Families, whose Livelyhoods do intirely depend thereupon: For Remedy thereof, may it please Your most Excellent Majesty, that it may be Enacted; and be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, It shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever to use or wear in Great Britain, in any Garment or Apparel whatsoever; any printed, painted, stained or dyed Callico, under the Penalty of forfeiting to the Informer the Sum of Five Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every such Offence, being lawfully convicted thereof by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace; which Justice or Justices is and are hereby respectively authorized and strictly enjoined and required, upon any Complaint or Information upon Oath exhibited or brought of any such Offence committed, contrary to this Act, within Six Days after Commitment thereof, to summon the Party accused; and upon his or her Appearance or Contempt, to proceed to Examination of the Matter of Fact; and upon due Proof made thereof, either by voluntary Confession of the Party, or by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses (which Oath or Oaths the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby respectively impowered and required to administer) to hear and determine the same, and upon such Conviction to cause the said Penalty, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals respectively, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattles, rendering to the Party the Overplus (the Charge of such Distress and Sale being first deducted) nevertheless it shall be lawful for any Party aggrieved to appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter-sessions to be holden for the County, City, Riding, or Place, where the said Offence or Offences shall have been committed, giving Six Days Notice at the least of such Appeal to the Prosecutor or Prosecutors; which Justices, at such General Quarter-sessions, are hereby authorized and impowered to hear and determine the same, and their Judgments therein shall be final.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Mercer, Draper, Upholder, or any other Person or Persons, or Corporation whatsoever, shall at any time or times after the said Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, sell, utter, or expose to Sale any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callico, or any Bed, Chair, Cushion, Window-curtain, or other Household-stuff, or Furniture whatsoever, made up of, or mixed with any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callico, unless for Exportation thereof, and unless the same shall be cleared outwards accordingly, as is usual in case of Sale for Exportation, every such Person or Corporation so offending, shall, for every such Offence, being lawfully convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as is herein after directed; and every Steward, or other Officer of such Corporation, or his Deputy, offending herein, and being lawfully convicted of such Offence, shall, over and besides the Forfeiture or Penalty aforesaid, forfeit and lose his Office and Employment, and be incapable to hold the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, It shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to use or wear in Great Britain, in or about any Bed, Chair, Cushion, Window-curtain, or any other Sort of Household-stuff, or Furniture, any printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callico (except as hereinafter is excepted) under the Penalty of forfeiting (being thereof lawfully convicted) the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as hereinafter is directed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Moiety of all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, where the same shall exceed Five Pounds, shall be to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish or Place where the Offence shall be committed; and such Penalties as are not herein directed to be otherwise Recovered, shall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Re-

cord at Westminster, for Offences committed in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majesty's Court of Session, Court of Justiciary, or Court of Exchequer in Scotland, for Offences committed in that Part of Great Britain, together with full Costs of Suit, by any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed; and that in any such Action or Suit, no Effoign, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, nor any more than one Impar lance.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if it shall appear, that any Person convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall be sheltered or protected, or doth, or shall reside or inhabit in any pretended Privilege Place whatsoever, every such Offender shall and may be taken from thence by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of his Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer of England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of the Lords of Session, Judges of the Court of Justiciary, or Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland; and shall be, by any such Justice, Lord of Session, Judge, or Baron, committed to the common Goal of the County or Place where the Offence was committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, till Payment and Satisfaction of all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, with full Costs.

Provided always, and it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend in any wise to any Callicoes which have already been, or which before the said Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, shall be made up or used in any Bed, Chair, Cushion, Window-curtain, or other Sort of Household-stuff or Furniture: Provided the same be continued to be worn and used in such Household-stuff or Furniture, and not otherwise.

Provided also, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal, make void, or alter any Law now in Force for prohibiting Callicoes printed, painted, dyed, or stained in Foreign Parts, or for prohibiting any other Goods or Manufactures whatsoever.

Provided also, and be it Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons and Bodies Corporate, who shall, on or before the said Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, export any Callicoes, shall be entitled to, and have such and the same Allowances and Advantages upon the Exportation thereof, as fully as if the same had been exported within Twelve Months after the Importation thereof; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall be sued or prosecuted for any thing done, or to be done in Pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Prosecutor or Prosecutors, shall become Nonsuit, or forbear Prosecution, or suffer Continuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, her, or them, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have the like Remedy for the same, as in any Case where Costs are by Law given to Defendants.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Prohibition of Callicoes intended by this Act, and the Penalties thereby inflicted for wearing or using printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callico, in Apparel, Household-stuff, or Furniture, after the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, contrary to this Act, shall respectively extend to prohibit, and shall be levied and recovered for wearing or using in Apparel, Household-stuff, or Furniture, after the said Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, any Stuff made of Cotton, or mixt therewith, which shall be printed or painted with any Colour or Colours, or any Callico chequered or striped, or any Callico stitched or flowered in Foreign Parts with any Colour or Colours, or with coloured Flowers made there (Muslins, Neckcloths, and Fustians excepted) in such manner as the Penalties inflicted by this Act for wearing or using printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callico, in Apparel, Household-stuff, or Furniture, after the said Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty two, contrary to this Act, are to be levied or recovered; but under such Limitations, and with such Liberties, Privileges, and Advantages as are mentioned and expressed in this Act, or in any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force relating thereto, or relating to printed, painted, stained, or dyed Callicoes.

Provided, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to such Callicoes as shall be dyed all blue.

