

PROPOSAL

Of an ACT to be past, for Restraining of the Expenses of Apparel.



OUR SOVERAIGN LORD, Considering the great Advantage that doth accrue to the Nation, by Manufacturing their own Product; Do therefore with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, strictly Prohibite and Discharge, not only the Importing by any Merchant, or other person whatsoever; But also the wearing of any of His Majesties Subjects, or others dwelling or residing within the Kingdom, of any Gold, or Silver Threed, or Filegran, Gold, or Silver-Lace, Freinges or Treasings, all Buttons of Gold or Silver-Threed, or Filegran, all manner of Cloaths, Stuff or Ribbons, in which there is any Gold or Silver-Threed to be worn upon, all Wearing Apparel, or Horse-Furniture, and all the Counterfits of them: That is, the Importing thereof after the Day and Date of these Presents, and the wearing thereof at any time, or in any place, after *Whitsunday* next to come, under the pains following. To the Importer, and Resetter of the Import, of the Burning and Destroying of what shall be Imported, contrary to this Prohibition, and to be further Fined in the Sum of five hundred Merks. And as to the Wearer, that the person wearing the same, be summarily Attached by any of His Majesties free Iedges, brought before any Judge Ordinary on the place, and by him upon Conviction, immediately Fined in the Sum of five hundred Merks *toties quoties*, by and attour Confiscation of the Subject, upon which any of the Goods above Prohibit shall be found. Which five hundred Merks, is either immediately to be payed, or the person Fined therein, to be immediately Imprisoned, unless he find good and sufficient Caution to make due Payment thereof, within the space of thirty days thereafter without any Suspension. And the said Fine to be applied, half thereof to the Attacher or Discoverer, the Procurator Fiscal of the place if Discoverer, included; and the other half to the Judge himself, either for his own use, or the use of the Poor, as he shall think fit. Likeas, His Majesty with Consent foresaid, strictly Prohibits and Discharges all Merchants, or other persons whatsoever, to Import to this Kingdom any Forraign Holland, Linnen, Camrick, Lawn, Dornick, Damask, Teicken, Busten or Dimmity, Tufted or Stript Holland, Silesia or *East-India* Linnen, Bases, Cairses, Sarges Milned, or Unmilned, Droggats, and all other Stuffs made of Linnen, Wool or Lint, except Flanel and Muslen: all Forraign Stockens, Silk or Woolen, all Forraign Laces made of Silk, Gimp or Threed, all Forraign Lace, all Bougil, all Poynt White or Coloured, all Forraign-made Gloves, Prohibited by a former Act in the year all Forraign Shoes or Slippers, all Wearing-Cloaths made Abroad, for Men, Women, or Children, excepting Wearing-Cloaths wanting Silver or Gold-Threed, or Linens brought Home by persons for their own use, who have been Abroad and there used the same: And they are hereby allowed half a year for wearing their saids Cloaths after they come into this Kingdom; and if they be found wearing them after the half year is elapsed, then they shall be Attached and Fined in five hundred Merks; which five hundred Merks is to be applied as aforesaid. And farther, His Majesty with Consent foresaid, Prohibits and Discharges the Importation or Wearing any Silk-Stuffs, that are above twelve shillings *Sterling* Value the Ell here; Excepting always from this present Act, all Goods that shall be Imported by the *African-Company*, conform to their Rights, Liberties and Priviledges; except as to the wearing of Gold and Silver-Threed; with Certification, that all such Goods as shall be Imported contrary hereto, shall be Burnt and Destroyed; and the Importers or Resettlers of the Import, Fined in the Sum of five hundred Merks; and the Tacksmen or Collectors of the Customs, and all their under Officers and Servants, (for whom the saids Tacksmen or Collectors are declared lyable) are hereby strictly Required and Comanded to search for, Seize, Apprehend, Burn, and Destroy any of the saids Goods prohibite, that shall be Imported contrary to this Act: With Certification, if they suffer the saids Prohibite Goods to be Imported, either by Tollerance, Connivance, or Componing, they shall not only Amitte and lose their Offices, but shall also be Fined in the Sum of one thousand Merks *toties quoties*, and the Tacksmen or Collector, lyable for his Sub-Tacksmen or Collector as said is; which Tollerance, Connivance or Composition, shall be probable by Writ, Oath of Party, or Witnesses; and the Fine shall be applied, two part to the Informer, and a third to the Judge for himself; or for the use of the Poor as he shall think fit. And His Majesty with Consent foresaid, doth hereby farther Impower the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, to extend the Prohibition contained in this Act, to such other Cloaths and Stuffs of all sorts, for the use of Man as they shall think fit. And likeways, to give such farther Orders as may be conducing to make the Prohibition above set down, the more effectual. And farther it is Declared, that this Action is, and shall be Competent to any of His Majesties Leidges, to Seize and Pursue for the saids Prohibite Goods, and to make search for the same with the Assistance of a Judge. And it is likewise Declared, That all Sheriffs and their Deputies, Stewarts of Stewartries, Baillies of Regalities, Magistrats of Burghs, and Justices of Peace, are Judges Competent to the saids Pursuits. And lastly, for better Encouragement of Silk Manufactories within this Kingdom, It is Declared and Enacted, that all Silk-Weavers shall be allowed to set up their Manufactories within any Burgh or Burghs within the Kingdom, and shall have the Priviledge of Burghesses and Freemen therein, *gratis*: and they and their Servants to be Free from Quartering, Watching, Warding, or other Town-Duties and Taxes payed, and performed by the other ordinary Burghesses of the saids Towns: and that all the Commodities Imported for the use of their Manufactories, or Exported from them, shall be Free of all Taxes: And their Priviledges to continue for the space of seven Years, after the Date of the Act procured by them, at their Entry to their Work; which all Magistrats are Ordained to give to such Workmen, when demanded. And for farther Encouragement of Manufactories within this Kingdom, all Collectors, Surveyers, Waiters and their Servants, (for whom they shall be lyable) shall Exact punctually the Customs and Impositions upon all Cloaths not Prohibit, according to the expresse Tenor of the Laws and Acts of Parliament, without Concealing, Connivance, or Componing for any Diminution thereof, under the Pains and Certifications above mentioned. And it is farther Declared, that all Resettlers and Concealers of the saids Goods which are not Entered, are to be lyable to the Penalties above mentioned, as the principal Delinquents.

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