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Against Exportation of Bark, rough and salted Hides; with Reasons for passing the same.

OUR SOVERAIGN LORD, Considering how Prejudicial the Exportation of Bark is, to the interest of this Kingdom, and that the same may be profitably kept and made use of within the same; As also notwithstanding that by several Acts of Parliament forbidding the Exportation of Skins and Hides of all sorts, unfill they be made in Work or put to the best avail, for the good of the Kingdom: Yet rough and Salted Hides are frequently exporred contrary thereto, *Doeth* therefore with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, strictly prohibite and discharge the Exportation of all sorts of Bark fit for Tanning of Leather, furth of this Kingdom; As also the Exportation of rough and salted Hides of any sort, and that from and after the date hereof, under the pain of Confiscation of the said Bark, rough or salted Hides, that shall be offered to be exported; As also the Sum of Money to be payed by the person who shall presume to export the same; And likeways of the like Sum to be payed by the Master of the Vessel that shall receive the same to be exported, which pains are hereby declared to belong to the Discoverer and Convicter of the said unlawfull Exportation.

Reasons for prohibiting the Export of Bark and Hydes

First, because the Bark that the Kingdom affords is no more then sufficient to serve it self.

2dly Because if Bark rough and salted Hides be not all of them prohibited to be exported, the price of Shoes and Boots must rise to excessive Rates, and in a little time will not easily be got made within the Realm.

3dly Because the Masters of the said Bark and Hides may find a good price with sufficient profite by selling the same within the Kingdom.

4thly, Because the prohibiting of the said Bark and Hides will visibly improve our own Manufactor, and help to imploy the Poor to Work.

5thly, Because the Exporting of Bark and Hides will exceedingly lessen the price of the Bestial, and so be a great los to the Nobility, Gentry and others who sell them yearly, in regard the Buyers at their Buying have a special consideration of the value of the Hide, and if Bark be exported, in a short time the Tanners will have nothing to do for want thereof, and so} the price of the Bestial must necessarily fall.

6thly, The Neighbour Nation of *England* considering the great damage they sustained by the exporting of Bark from thence to *Ireland*, have by Act of Parliament prohibit & discharged the exporting of the same thither, althoit be a Kingdom depending upon themselves. which hath so much straitned *Ireland*, that this very year there is bought by them in *Scotland* upwards of 7000 Bolls of Bark, and if this be any longer tollerat, the damage the Kingdom will sustain thereby is inexpressible.

