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 OF THE
ACTS OF PARLIAMENT,
 NOW IN FORCE,
 Relating to the
L I N E N M A N U F A C T U R E,
 Distinguished under proper HEADS, according
 to the Progress of the Manufacture ;

AND AN
 ALPHABETICAL INDEX of such Words as
 seem most likely to lead to any particular Article.

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A B S T R A C T
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A C T S O F P A R L I A M E N T,
N O W I N F O R C E,
 relating to the
L I N E N M A N U F A C T U R E.

The first fourteen Articles relate more immediately to particular Parts and Branches of the Linen Manufacture, and those concerned in them;—and the other Eight Articles relate to the Manufacture in general, without being entirely confined to any particular Branch.

A R T I C L E I.

L I N T S E E D and H E M P S E E D.

L I N T S E E D to be imported Duty free. 3
 Geo. I. * § 38. *p. 29. No. 2
L I N T S E E D or Hempseed, bad, mixed, damaged, short or ill cleaned, prohibited to be imported into *Scotland*, under the Pain of Forfeiture and 3 *l.* for every Hoghead,—unless sufficient Proof shall immediately, upon landing thereof, be brought before some Justice of Peace or other Magistrate, that the Damage was receiv'd at Sea; in which Case, sufficient Security to be found to the Trustees,

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p. 29 No. 3 †p. 30 No. 14 tées, that the Seed shall not be sown, but shall be exported or made into Oil, under the Penalty of 5 l. the Hoghead. 13 Geo. I. § 1.—and 24 Geo. II.† § 1, 2, 6 & 7.

BAD, mixed, damnified, short, or ill-cleaned Lintseed or Hempseed, prohibited to be sold or exposed to Sale, under the Pain of Forfeiture of the Lintseed, or the Price thereof, and a Sum not exceeding 5 l. nor less than 50 s. for every Hoghead.—And every Person, selling 10 Pecks or more to one Person at one Time, to deliver to the Buyer a subscribed Certificate expressing the Quantity and Price, and, if Foreign, the Port from whence imported, Name of the Country where it grew, and Year of its Growth, and, if British, the Year of its Growth, and Name of the County where it grew, under a Penalty not exceeding 5 l. nor less than 50 s. for every Hoghead.—And if the Seed shall be of a different Growth or Age from what is expressed in the Certificate, the Seller forfeits the like Penalty, and likewise the Seed or the Price thereof. 13 Geo. I.* § 2 & 3.—and 24 Geo. II.† § 5.

p. 29 No. 3 †p. 30 No. 14 SERVANTS of Dealers in Lintseed or Hempseed to declare what they know of their Masters transgressing.—And in case of Refusal, to be imprisoned. 13 Geo. I. § 15.

p. 29 No. 3 †p. 30 No. 14 LINTSEED or Hempseed of the Growth of Scotland, bad, short, damnified or otherways unfit for Sowing, not to be forfeited, provided the Proprietor, before selling or exposing to Sale, find Security to export or make it into Oil. 24 Geo. II. § 3.

ALL Lintseed and Hempseed to be sold by the Linlithgow Barley Measure streaked.—The Measure to be first stamped by the Dean of Guild of some Royal Borough, with the Mark of the Borough and the Words *Linlithgow Barley Measure*,—under

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—under the Pain of Forfeiture of the Measure, and 40 s. 24 Geo. II.* § 4. *p. 30 No. 1

STAMPMASTERS, Riding Officers, Surveyors, or other Officers, acting under the Directions and Authority of the Trustees, may, with their Assistants, search for and seize all bad, short, damnified, mixed or ill-cleaned Lintseed and Hempseed, and detain it till tryed.—And if it shall be proved that Application hath been made for Leave to export, or make into Oil, any Seed that shall be seized, such Seed not to be returned, till Security is actually found. 24 Geo. II.* § 6 & 7. *p. 30 No. 14

ARTICLE II.

LINT or FLAX, and HEMP— and FLAX-RAISERS.

ROUGH or undrest Flax importable Duty free, if duly entered in the Customhouse, and not otherways. 4 Geo. II.* § 1 & 2. *p. 29 No. 4

FLAX and Hemp to be sold by the Stone, consisting of 16 lib. Averdupois.—And Flax-Raisers and Hecklers to affix their Names and Places of Abode on every Matt or Quantity of Flax sold or exposed to Sale,—under the Penalty of 5 l. for every Offence. 24 Geo. II.* § 8. *p. 30 No. 14

No Person to sell or expose to Sale in the same Matt or Package Flax or Hemp of different Quality and Fineness, under the Penalty of 5 l. for every such Matt or Package.—This Penalty not to extend to a Ton, or any larger Quantity sold to one Person at one Time. 24 Geo. II.* § 9 & 10. *p. 30 No. 14

PENALTIES on Masters for not paying their Servants Wages in Money, &c. See p. 19.

PENALTIES on Servants for embezzeling Materials, not performing their Work, entering into Combinations to raise their Wages, &c. See p. 19.

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ARTICLE III,

HECKLEMAKERS, HECKLES, and HECKLERS or Dressers of FLAX or HEMP.

HECKLERS to affix their Names and Places of Abode on every Matt or Quantity of Flax by them sold, under the Penalty of forfeiting, for every Offence, a Sum not exceeding 5*l.* 24 Geo. II.* § 8. *p. 30 No. 14

EVERY Maker of Heckles to mark on every Heckle his Christian Name, Surname and Place of Residence, under the Pain of forfeiting the Heckles, and a Sum not exceeding 20*s.* nor less than 10*s.* for each. 24 Geo. II.* § 15. *p. 30 No. 14

EVERY Maker of Heckles, and Heckler, or Dresser of Flax or Hemp, may exercise his Trade within any City, Town, Corporation, Burgh or Place in *Scotland*, without being hindered by any Person whatever, and without being chargeable or charged with any Entry Money, or other Duty whatever, for or in respect of his following his said Trade. 24 Geo. II.* § 23. *p. 30 No. 14

PENALTIES on Masters for not paying their Servants Wages in Money, &c. See p. 19.

PENALTIES on Servants for embezzeling Materials, not performing their Work, entering into Combinations to raise their Wages, &c. See p. 19.

ARTICLE IV.

WHEELS and REELS,—and Makers of Wheels and Reels.

UNIFORM Standard Reel of *Scotland* to be 2½ Yards, or 90 Inches in Circumference.—Reels not made according to Standard, to be broke, burnt,

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burnt, and utterly destroyed. 13 Geo. I.* § 5 & *p. 29 No. 3
6.—Every Person making, selling, exposing to Sale, or buying any Reel not according to the said Standard, forfeits, besides the Reel, a Sum not exceeding 40*s.* nor less than 10*s.* for each Reel. 24 Geo. II.* § 13. *p. 30 No. 14

EVERY Maker of Wheels or Reels, to mark on every Wheel and Reel, his Christian Name, Surname, and Place of Residence, under the Pain of Forfeiture, and a Sum not exceeding 20*s.* nor less than 10*s.* for each. 24 Geo. II.* § 15. *p. 30 No. 14

EVERY Maker of Wheels and Reels may exercise his Trade within any City, Town, Corporation, Burgh, or Place in *Scotland*, without being hindered by any Person whatever, and without being chargeable or charged with any Entry Money or other Duty whatever, for or in respect of following his said Trade. 24 Geo. II.* § 23. *p. 30 No. 14

ARTICLE V.

YARN,—and all Persons employed, or dealing in or about YARN.

ALL Linen and Hempen Yarn sold or exposed to Sale in, or transported from one Part of *Scotland* to another, to be made up into Cuts and Hesp or Hanks, each Hesp or Hank consisting of 12 Cuts, and no more, and each Cut containing 120 Threads, all exactly numbered, and no more, and that all the Yarn in every Hesp or Hank be Lint Yarn only, or Tow Yarn only, and of the same Colour and Fineness, and that no Tow Yarn, and Lint Yarn be mixed together in one and the same Hesp or Hank, and that the same be tied with Packthread and not Yarn; that the Yarn be well reeled, and each Cut and Hesp or Hank separated as reeled, and not afterwards.—Yarn not made

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made up as directed, to be forfeited.—Officers appointed by the Trustees, or by a Justice of Peace, or Magistrate, may search for, seize, and bring to Trial, all illegal Yarn.—To be tried in the same Manner and under the same Penalties as Cloth, being Forfeiture of the Yarn, and a Sum not exceeding 5 l. for every Offence. 13 Geo. I.* § 5, 7, & 24.

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ALL dyed Yarn wrought into checkered Linen or Handkerchiefs, Tickings, or Bengals, to be of a sufficient Dye that will hold in Washing. 13 Geo. I.* § 11.

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ALL Linen Yarn bleached or whitened with Lime, Pigeons Dung, or Sope-dregs, to be forfeited. 13 Geo. I.* § 14.

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ANY Person reeling false or short Yarn, being convicted by the Oath of the Owner, or any one credible Witness, or voluntary Confession, to be imprisoned, kept at hard labour, and publickly whiped, &c. 22 Geo. II.* § 1.

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EVERY Person convicted of false reeling, making up, exposing to Sale, selling or buying Yarn of the Produce of Scotland, knowing the same to be reeled or made up contrary to the Directions of the Act, 13 Geo. I.* forfeits, besides the Yarn, a Sum not exceeding 10 s. nor less than 2 s. for every Spynkle.

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24 Geo. II.* § 13 & 14.

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IF Yarn, seiz'd as unstatutable, shall be alledged to be Foreign, the Owner to prove that the same was fairly imported from the Place where manufactured, or the next adjacent Port, and that the Duties were paid; and if he fail in such Proof, the Yarn to be deemed Scots, and forfeited. 24 Geo. II.* § 20.

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THE former Duties on Yarn repealed, and all Raw Linen Yarn to pay, at Importation only, one Penny per lib. of Duty; and all whitened or bleached

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bleached Linen Yarn to pay only 3 d. per lib. of Duty. 24 Geo. II.* § 1 & 2.

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BLEACHING of Yarn. See p. 11.

PENALTIES on Masters for not paying their Servants Wages in Money, &c. See p. 19.

PENALTIES on Servants for embezzeling Materials, not performing their Work, entering into Combinations, &c. See p. 19.

ARTICLE VI.

LOOMS and REEDS, — and Makers of Looms and Reeds.

EVERY Maker to mark his Christian Name, Sirname, and Place of Residence, and upon the Reed the Hundreds also, under the Pain of forfeiting the Looms and Reeds, and a Sum not exceeding 20 s. nor less than 10 s. for each. — May exercise his Trade within any City, Town, Corporation, Burgh or Place in Scotland, without being hindered by any Person, and without being chargeable or charged with any Entry Money or other Duty, for, or in respect of his following his said Trade. 24. Geo. II.* § 15 & 23.

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ARTICLE VII.

WEAVERS or MANUFACTURERS.

NO Weaver to set up as Master, until he give Security before a Justice of Peace, or Magistrate within any Burgh, to weave according to Law, under the Penalty of forfeiting every Web or Piece of Cloth by him wrought, or the Value thereof, and 5 l. — Weavers to make all the Warp of every Piece of Linen Cloth of equal Fineness, and the Woof all of one Fineness and proportionable to the

the Warp, and every Piece of Linen Cloth to be of equal Fineness and thickness throughout the whole Piece, under the Pain of the Weaver's forfeiting his Security, and being disabled to carry on his Trade.—To run coarse coloured Threads at the End of every Piece for denoting the Hundreds and Scores of Threads in the Breadth of the Piece, under the Pain of forfeiting a Sum not exceeding 5 l. nor less than 20 s. and to forfeit the like Penalty, if he mark the Cloth so as to make it appear to contain more Threads in the Breadth than it really does. 13. Geo. I.* § 8. 9 & 13.

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WEAVERS to weave Yarn into Cloth as agreed, and not to waste, embezzle, or damnify Yarn, under the Pain of making good the Parties Damages, and paying a Sum not exceeding 40 s. nor less than 5 s. for every Offence. 13. Geo. I.* § 10.

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EVERY Weaver or Manufacturer may weave or fix his Name or other Mark upon Linen of his own Manufacture; and any Person counterfeiting such Mark, to forfeit 100 l. for the Use of the Person whose Mark shall be counterfeited. 13. Geo. I.* § 30.

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WEAVERS putting Yarn of different Sorts, Qualities and Fineness in the same Piece, otherways than as directed by the Act, forfeit a Sum not exceeding 40 s. nor less than 10 s.—Yarns of different Sorts, Qualities and Fineness, may be used for striped, chequered or flowered Linens, each Sort of Yarn being of equal Quality and Fineness throughout each Piece, under the Penalty of 40 s. upon the Weaver. 24. Geo. II.* § 11 & 12.

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EVERY Weaver or Manufacturer of Linen, Flaxen or Hempen Cloth, may exercise his Trade within any City, Town, Corporation, Burgh or Place in *Scotland*, without being hindered by any Person whatever, and without being chargeable or charged with any Entry Money, or other Duty what-

whatever, for, or in respect of his following his said Trade. 24. Geo. II.* § 23.

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PENALTIES on Masters for not paying their Servants Wages in Money, &c. See p. 19.

PENALTIES on Servants for embezzeling Materials, not performing their Work, entering into Combinations, &c. See p. 19.

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L I N E N C L O T H.

ALL Sorts of Linen Cloth of the Manufacture of *Great Britain*, made of Hemp or Flax, exportable Duty free. 3. Geo. I.* § 39.

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LENGTHS and Breadths of Linen Cloth.—All dyed Yarn wrought into chequered Linen, Handkerchiefs, Tickings, or Bengals, to be of a sufficient Dye that will hold in Washing.—Linen Cloth bleached with Lime, Pigeons Dung, or Sope-dregs, to be forfeited. 13. Geo. I.* § 11. & 14.

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ALL Dealers in Linen Cloth, before selling or exposing the same to Sale, to carry the same to the Stampmaster to be inspected, marked, lapped up, and stamped.—None to be lapped up when wet or damp, nor with Chalk, Dust or Flour, under the Pain of Forfeiture of the Cloth. 13. Geo. I.* § 20 & 26.

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No Linen Cloth to be sold, exposed to Sale, packed up for Sale, or in order to be sent or carried by Land or Water, or entered for Exportation by Sea, till first stamped, under the Penalty of 5 l. for each Piece on the Seller, &c. and as much on the Buyer.—Persons authorised by the Trustees, any Justice of Peace or Magistrate, may search for, seize and bring to Trial, all unstamped Cloth.—Such unstamped Cloth to be forfeited, and the Possessor or Owner of the Ware-house, Cellar, Shop or

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p. 29 No. 3 or other Place where found, fined in 5*l.* 13 *Geo.* I.* § 21, 22, 23 & 24.

p. 29 No. 3 UNMERCHANTABLE or insufficient Cloth brought to be stamped, to be forfeited to the Stamp-master, and cut into Pieces, not exceeding six Yards in Length. 13 *Geo.* I.* § 27 & 28.—But if damaged through unavoidable Accidents in the Weaving or bleaching, to be cut by the Stamp-master into such Pieces as are sufficient, and these stamped, and the insufficient cuttings returned to the owner; but if the Cloth shall be damaged or rendered insufficient through the Negligence or Ignorance of the Weaver or Bleacher, to be forfeited. 24 *Geo.*

p. 30 No. 14 II.* § 19. THE Warp Yarn of plain Linen Cloth to be of the same Quality and Fineness throughout such Warp, and the Woof Yarn to be also of the same Quality and Fineness throughout such Woof, under a Penalty not exceeding 40*s.* nor less than 10*s.* upon the Weaver.—Each Sort of Yarn used for striped, checkered and flowered Linens to be of equal Quality and Fineness throughout each Piece, under the Penalty of 40*s.* upon the Weaver. 24 *Geo.* II.* § 11 & 12.

p. 30 No. 14 WHEN unstamped Cloth seized is alledged to be Foreign, the Owner to prove that the same was fairly imported from the Place of its Manufacture, or next adjacent Port, and that the Duties were paid; and if he fail in such Proof, the Cloth to be forfeited. 24 *Geo.* II.* § 20.

p. 30 No. 14 ALL Linen Cloth of the Manufacture of *Ireland*, imported into, or exposed to Sale in *Scotland*, without the Irish Stamps, to be forfeited, and seized and tried as *Scots*. 24 *Geo.* II.* § 20.

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BLEACHING and whitening of Cloth. see p. 11.
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BOUNTIES on the Exportation of Linen. see p. 17.

ARTICLE IX.
BLEACHING or WHITENING,—
and BLEACHERS.

SOPE—Duties granted by 12 *Annae*, to be repaid on all Sope used in whitening new Linen in the Piece for Sale. 12 *Annae*.* § 16, 17 & 18. p. 29 No. 1
—Nota, The Duties on Sope granted by this Act are, for every Pound weight of Sope (consisting of 16 Ounce *Averdupois*) imported into *Great Britain*, One Penny; and for every such Pound weight made in *Great Britain*, One Halfpenny. § 1.

No Lime, Pigeons Dung, Sope-dregs or other improper Materials to be used in bleaching or whitening Linen Cloth or Linen Yarn, under the Pain of Forfeiture of the Cloth and Yarn, and 5*l.* and being disabled from bleaching for two Years; and if the Cloth or Yarn cannot be found, the Offender to incur a further Fine, not exceeding 5*l.*—Servants of Bleachers to declare what they know of their Masters transgressing, and, in case of Refusal, to be imprisoned.—Persons appointed by the Trustees, Justices of Peace or Magistrates, may enter and search Bleach-yards, &c. for hurtful Materials, and if any found, the Possessor of such Bleach-yard, &c. and every Person working therein, to be liable in the Penalties.—Constable's Fee for seizing Cloth or Yarn bleached with hurtful Materials, 2*s.* a Pound.—Constable refusing to execute Warrant, forfeits 5*l.* 13 *Geo.* I.* § 14, 15, 16 & 17. p. 29 No. 3

ANY Person stealing, or who shall be aiding and assisting in stealing, or knowingly resetting any Linen Cloth, or any Cloth woven or made of Linen Yarn mixed, or any Thread or Linen Yarn, or any other Linen Goods, or Wares whatever, &c. when laid, placed or exposed to be whitened, buck-

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bucked, bleached, or dried in any Bleaching or whitening Fields, Grounds, Houses, or Place, to the Value of 10 s. upon Conviction, to suffer Death, or, at the Pleasure of the Judge, Transportation for 14 Years, and returning sooner to suffer Death.

p. 29 No. 9 18 Geo. II. § 1, 2 & 3.

EVERY Person practising the Trade of whitening or bleaching Linen Cloth in the Piece, so as to bleach Cloth to the Value of 500 l. in the Course of one Year, to find Security to the Trustees for the faithful Performance of their Trade, and making good such Damages as may arise through their Neglect or Want of Skill, upon which to get License from the Trustees to exercise their Trade.—

And any Person, exercising the Trade without such License, forfeits 100 l. for every Year he carries on the Trade without such License.—No Fee to be taken for Security or License.—Licensed Bleachers to mark their Name and Place of Abode, with the Addition of *Bleacher* on each End of every Piece, under a Penalty not exceeding 20 s. for every Piece. 24 Geo. II.* § 16 & 17.

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PENALTIES on Masters for not paying their Servants Wages in Money, &c. see p. 19.

PENALTIES on Servants for embezzeling Materials, not performing their Work, entering into Combinations, &c. see p. 19.

ARTICLE X.

STAMPS for stamping of Cloth, — and MAKERS and CUTTERS of STAMPS.

TRUSTEES may direct such Stamps to be used and affixed on Cloth, as they think proper.— Penalty for counterfeiting Stamps, the same as for Forgery. 13 Geo. I.* § 19 & 25.—24 Geo. II.* § 22.

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EVERY Maker and Cutter of Stamps or Seals of any Kind for stamping of Cloth, to mark, upon some proper Part of every Stamp, his Name and Place of Abode; to make an Impression of the Stamp in a Book, with the Name and Designation of the Person that employed him, and when and to whom the Stamp was delivered, under the Penalty of 50 l. for every Offence. 24 Geo. II.* § 21.

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ARTICLE XI.

STAMPMASTERS, STAMPING of CLOTH, and UNSTAMPED CLOTH.

THE Trustees may appoint proper Persons to view, examine, lap up, mark and stamp all Linen Cloth for Sale. 13 Geo. I.* § 19.

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ALL Dealers in Linen Cloth before selling or exposing to Sale, to carry it to a Stamp-master, to be inspected, lapped up and stamped.—No Sort of Manufacture made of Linen Yarn to be sold, exposed to Sale, packed up for Sale, or in order to be sent or carried by Land or Water, or entered for Exportation by Sea, till first stamped, under the Penalty of 5 l. for each Piece on the Seller, &c. and as much on the Buyer. 13 Geo. I.* § 19, 21, & 22.

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STAMPMASTER, if the Cloth be according to Law, to stamp the same within 24 Hours at farthest.—To mark the Length and Breadth upon each End of every Piece.—To take of Fees for stamping each 40 Yards, not exceeding 10 d. per Yard in Value, One Penny, and, for each 40 Yards of a higher Value, Two Pence, and proportionally for a greater or lesser Quantity.—Stamp-masters, not stamping according to the Directions of the Act, to make good the Parties Damages, who bought the Cloth on the Credit of the Stamp, to forfeit 5 l. for every Piece.

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to be dismissed from his Office, and rendered incapable of serving for the future.—Duty of Stamp-masters. 13 Geo. I.* § 12, 20, 21 & 27.

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STAMPMASTERS may detain Cloth not merchantable, till the Sufficiency is tried; if insufficient, to be forfeited to the Stamp-master, and cut into Pieces not exceeding 6 Yards in Length. 13 Geo. I.* § 27 & 28.—But if damnified, through unavoidable Accidents in the weaving or bleaching, the Stamp-master may cut the same into such Pieces as are sufficient, and stamp such sufficient Cuttings, returning the insufficient Cuttings to the Owner; But if the Damage be owing to the Negligence or Ignorance of the Weaver or Bleacher, the Cloth to be tried

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and forfeited as directed by 13 Geo. I.*—24 Geo. II.†

STAMPMASTERS and any Person authorized by the Trustees, and also any Person authorized to that Effect by any Justice of Peace or Magistrate, may search all Ware-houses, Shops, Cellars and other Places, and open any Pack or Packs for unstamped Cloth, and may seize, bring to Trial, and get forfeited what they shall find not stamped, and the Owners or Possessors of the Houses, &c. fined in 5 l. 13 Geo. I.* § 24.

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STAMPMASTERS, before entering upon Office, to take an Oath of Fidelity.—And to administer an Oath to the Owner or Maker of the Linnen brought to be stamped, that the same is of the Manufacture of Scotland. 18 Geo. II.* § 1.

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WHEN unstamped Cloth seized, is alledged to be Foreign, the Owner to prove that the same was fairly imported from the Place of its Manufacture, or next adjacent Port, and that the Duties were paid, and if he fail in such Proof, the Cloth to be forfeited.—And all Linnen Cloth of the Manufacture of Ireland, imported into, or exposed to Sale in Scotland, without the Irish Stamps, to be forfeited, and

and seized and tried as Scots. 24 Geo. II.* § 20. *p. 30 No. 1

STAMPMASTERS may enter Ware-houses, and search for, and seize bad, short, damnified, mixed, or ill cleaned Lintseed and Hempseed, and detain it till tried. 24 Geo. II.* § 6. *p. 30 No. 1

ARTICLE XII.

COUNTERFEITING or AFFIXING False Stamps on Cloth.

PENALTY for counterfeiting Stamps, the same as for Forgery. 13 Geo. I.* § 25.—and 24 Geo. II.† § 22. *p. 29 No. 3 †p. 30 No. 14

ANY Person affixing, or causing to be affixed, Stamps, in Imitation of Scots or Irish Stamps, upon Foreign Linens, forfeits 5 l. for every Piece.—And any Person selling, exposing, or packing up for Sale, Foreign Linens, knowing them to be thus falsely stamped, forfeits the like Penalty. 17 Geo. II.* § 1. *p. 29 No. 6

ANY Person affixing counterfeit Stamps on Linens of the Manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland, forfeits 5 l. for every Piece; and any Person knowingly selling, exposing, or packing up for Sale any Linens thus stamped, forfeits the like Penalty. 17 Geo. II.* § 1. *p. 29 No. 6

ANY Person making or affixing, or procuring to be made or affixed, on Foreign Linens, any of the Marks or Stamps required by Law to be put on Linens of the Manufacture of Great Britain or Ireland, or any Marks or Stamps in Imitation thereof, to be pilloried, and forfeit 50 l. or be imprisoned for 12 Months.—And any Person knowingly selling, or exposing or packing up for Sale, or entering for Exportation, any Foreign Linens stamped with British Stamps, forfeits the Linens, and 5 l. for each Piece thereof. 18 Geo. II.* § 4. *p. 29 No. 8

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ARTICLE XIII.

LAPPERS, LAPPING of CLOTH, Lapping Presses, and Lapping Houses.

THE Trustees may appoint fit Persons to lap up and stamp Cloth for Sale;—and all Dealers to bring Cloth to them to be lapped up and stamped before selling, or exposing the same to Sale.—No Cloth to be lapped up for Sale when wet or damp, nor with Chalk, Dust, or Flour, under the Pain of Forfeiture. 13 Geo. I.* § 19, 20, & 26.

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EVERY Person keeping any public Lapping Press, or Lapping House, to find Security to the Trustees for the faithful Performance of his Trade, and making good such Damages as may arise through Neglect, or Want of Skill, upon which to get Licence from the Trustees, and any Person following the Trade without such Licence, forfeits 50 l. for every Year he follows it without such Licence.

p. 30 No. 14 24 Geo. II. § 16.

EVERY Person lapping up Cloth for Sale when wet, or with Chalk, Dust, Flour, or other Material which may be prejudicial to the Cloth, or not duly stamped, to forfeit a Sum not exceeding 40 s. nor less than 10 s. for every Piece. 24 Geo. II.* § 18

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ARTICLE XIV.

BOUNTIES on Exportation of Linens.

A BOUNTY of one Penny for every Yard of British Linen made of Hemp or Flax, of the Value of 6 d. per Yard, and not exceeding the Value of 12 d. per Yard, and of one Halfpenny for every Yard of Linen under the Value of 6 d. per Yard, which shall be exported out of Great-Britain to Africa, America, Portugal or Spain. 15 & 16 Geo. II.* *p. 29 No. 2.

AN additional Bounty of one Halfpenny for every Yard of British Linens made of Hemp or Flax, of the Value of 5 d. per Yard, and not exceeding the Value of 12 d. per Yard;—and a Bounty of three Halfpence for every Yard of such British Linens, of above the Value of 12 d. per Yard, and not exceeding the Value of 1 s. 6 d. per Yard, which shall be exported out of Great Britain to Africa, America, Portugal, Gibraltar, the Island of Minorca, or Spain.—Bounties granted by former Act extended also to Linens exported to Gibraltar and Minorca. 18 Geo. II.* § 1 & 2.

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LINENS striped or checkered, or made into Buckrams or Tilletings, and Linens not 26 Inches or upwards in Breadth, not intitled to Bounties. 15 & 16 Geo. II.* § 7. And 18 Geo. II.† § 5 & 6.

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FOREIGN LINENS.

ANY Person affixing, or causing to be affixed, Stamps in Imitation of Scots upon Foreign Linens, forfeits 5 l. for every Piece. 17 Geo. II.* § 1. And by Act 18 Geo. II.† § 4. any Person affixing, or causing to be affixed upon Foreign Linens, any Stamps, required by Law to be put on British Linens, or Stamps in Imitation thereof, to be pilloried, and forfeit 50 l. or imprisoned for 12 Months.—Any Person selling, exposing, or packing up for Sale, Foreign Linens, knowing them to be thus falsely stamped, forfeits 5 l. for every Piece, by Act 17 Geo. II.* § 1. And by Act 18 Geo. II.† § 4. forfeits also the Linens.

CAMBRICKS and French Lawns prohibited to be imported, sold, exposed to Sale, or worn, under the Penalty of 5 l. 18 Geo. II.* § 1, 2, 3, & 6.—enforced by Act 21 Geo. II.* § 1, &c.

WHEN Cloth, seized for wanting Stamps, is alleged to be foreign, the Owner to prove that the same was fairly imported from the Place of its Manufacture, or the next adjacent Port, and that the Duties were paid; and if he fail in such Proof, the Cloth to be forfeited. 24 Geo. II.* § 20.

ALL Irish Cloth imported into, or exposed to Sale in Scotland, wanting the Irish Stamps, to be forfeited, and seized and tried as Scots. 24 Geo. II.* § 20.

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ARTICLE XVI.

MASTERS.—Penalties on them for not paying their Servants Wages in Money, &c.

ALL Persons concerned in the Manufactures of Hemp, Flax, Linen, &c. or any Manufactures made up of Hemp, Flax, Linen, &c. to pay all Persons by them employed, the full Wages or Price agreed on, in Money, and not in Goods, or by Way of Truck;—and, on the Masters failing to pay the full Wages in Money, the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of his Goods; and, failing such Distress, he to be committed to Prison for six Months.—Any Person concerned in the Manufacture, paying Wages either in Goods, or by Way of Truck, or in any other Way than in Money, to forfeit 10 l. 22 Geo. II.* § 12.

PENALTIES on Servants for imbezzeling Materials not performing their Work, entering into Combinations, &c. See p. 19.

ARTICLE XVII.

SERVANTS employed in any Branch of the Linen Manufacture.—Penalties on them for embezzeling Materials, or not performing their Work, or entering into Combinations to raise their Wages, &c.

ANY Person hired or employed to prepare or work up any Linen, Hemp, Flax, &c. or any Manufactures made up of Hemp, Flax, &c. or of any of these Materials mixed one with another, purloining, embezzeling, &c. or otherways unlawfully disposing of any of the Materials with which they are entrusted, being convicted by the Oath of the

the Owner, or of any credible Witness, or voluntary Confession, to be imprisoned, publickly whipped, &c.—And any Person knowingly buying, or receiving any Manner of Way, such Materials, from any Servant, to forfeit 20 l. for the first Offence, and 40 l. for the second; and, in case of Non-payment, to be publickly whipped, &c.—Justices may grant Warrant to search the Houses of any Persons convicted of purloining, &c.—Workmen not returning Materials, remaining after finishing their Work, within 21 Days after the Work is finished, to be adjudged Embezzlers of such Materials, and punished accordingly. 22 Geo. II.* § 1, 2, 4, & 7.

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ANY Journeyman neglecting or refusing to perform the Work he engaged for, and hiring himself to another Master, before completing his Work, being convicted by the Oath of one credible Witness, to be sent to the House of Correction, and there kept at hard Labour for a Month.—Any Servant leaving his Service before Expiry of the Time for which he was hired, or quitting or returning his Work before it is finished, to be committed to the Correction-house, and kept at hard Labour for a Time, not exceeding three Months.

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ALL Contracts, Agreements, &c. for advancing Wages, or lessening usual Hours of Work, &c. to be void;—and all Persons signing, or presuming to execute the same, or any unlawful Combination of that Kind, to be imprisoned and kept at hard Labour, for a Time not exceeding three Months.—Any Servant who shall wilfully damnify, spoil or destroy any Goods or Work, with which he shall be entrusted, to forfeit double the Value to the Owner, and, if not paid, to be committed to the Correction-house, and kept at hard Labour, for a Time not exceeding three Months.—Any Person assaulting or abusing any Master Weaver or Manu-
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facturer, for not complying with illegal By-laws, Rules, &c. or threatening to destroy such Masters Houses, &c. for not complying with the Demands of their Workmen, &c. being convicted within 12 Months from the Time of the Offence, to be adjudged guilty of Felony, and transported for seven Years. 22 Geo. II.* § 12.

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ARTICLE XVIII.

OFFICERS appointed by the Trustees.—Penalties for obstructing them in the Execution of their Duty.

ANY Person or Persons obstructing any Officer appointed by the Trustees, in the due Execution of his Duty, forfeits a Sum not exceeding 50 l. nor less than 5 l. for every Offence. 24 Geo. II.* § 24.

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ARTICLE XIX.

OFFENCES;—how to be tried;—and who are JUDGES.

OFFENCES against Acts 13 Geo. I.* & 24 Geo. II.† for regulating and encouraging the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures, to be determined by one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Magistrate or Magistrates of any Borough, subject to an immediate Appeal to the Quarter Sessions, whose Decision to be final.—If the Sentence be affirmed, the Appellant to pay full Costs, and double the Penalty in the original Sentence.—Sentences cannot be stopped by any Sift, Suspension, or other Process.—If sufficient Distress cannot be found, the Offender to be committed to the House of

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of Correction, or next Tolbooth, for any Space not exceeding one Year: 13 Geo. I. § 31 & 32. and 24 Geo. II. § 25.—Offences against both these Acts may be also determined by any Sheriff or Stewart-depute, or their Substitutes, subject to an Appeal to the Circuit Courts. 24 Geo. II. § 25.

JUDGES neglecting or refusing to execute the Powers given by Acts, 13 Geo. I.* & 24 Geo. II.† for regulating and encouraging the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures; or not putting these Acts in Execution, in the most beneficial Manner for promoting the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures, may, with the Approbation of the Trustees, be prosecuted before the Lords of Justiciary at *Edinburgh*, or in the Circuit Courts, and fined in any Sum not exceeding 100 l. 13 Geo. I. § 33. & 24 Geo. II. § 28.

p. 29 No. 6 ALL Offences against Act 17 Geo. II. for preventing the counterfeiting of Stamps on Linens, to be determined by one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace.—And the Offender convicted upon the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses. § 2.

p. 29 No. 8 OFFENCES against Act 18 Geo. II. for preventing the Exportation of Foreign Linens; in place of *British* or *Irish*, to be tried before the Courts of Session, Justiciary or Exchequer. § 3 & 4.

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p. 30 No. 12 ALL Offences against Act 22 Geo. II. for regulating Persons employed in the Manufactures, to be determined by one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, subject in certain Cases, and on certain Conditions, to an Appeal to the Quarter Sessions.—And the Offender may be convicted, upon the Oath of the Owner, or of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, or the voluntary Confession of the Offender. § 1, &c.

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ARTICLE XX.

PENALTIES and FORFEITURES.—How to be applied.

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ARTICLE XXI.

ACTIONS.—Commencement and Termination of them.

ALL Actions for Offences against Acts 13 Geo. I.* and 24 Geo. II.* for regulating and encouraging the Linnen and Hempen Manufactures, to be commenced within 12 Months after committing the Offence;—and the Action to cease, and discharged at the Expiration of eight full Months from the Commencement of the Suit;—and if any Appeal shall not be determined at the Expiration of eight Months from the Commencement of the Action, the Sentence appealed from shall take Place and be executed, as if no Appeal had been entered. 24 Geo. II. § 27.

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ARTICLE XXII.

COMMISSIONERS and TRUSTEES for encouraging, improving, directing, and overseeing the LINEN and HEMPEN MANUFACTURES. — Their Powers, &c.

HIS Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, may appoint 21 Persons; resident in Scotland, as Trustees for overseeing, directing and improving the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in Scotland. — Their Powers. — May make such Rules and Orders for improving the Linen and Hempen Manufactures, and for preventing Abuses therein, as they shall think expedient. — May appoint fit Persons for Lappers and Stamp-Masters, and direct such Stamps to be used as they shall think proper. — May appoint Persons to enter into and search Bleach-yards, &c. for Lime and other hurtful Materials; and to search for, seize, and get tried, all illegal Yarn, and unstamped Cloth. — May give such Names as they think proper to different Sorts of Cloth,

p. 29 No. 3 &c. 13 Geo. I. § 7, 16, 18, 19, 24, 29, & 33.
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COMPTROLLER of the Customs to deliver to the Trustees, in December yearly, Accompts of Flax-seed, Flax, Hemp, Linen Yarn, Linen Cloth, &c. imported into, and exported out of Scotland, distinguishing Ports, &c. — 24 Geo. II.* § 29.

ALL Contracts, Securities, Agreements, Bonds, Obligations, &c. by Authority of the Trustees, to be taken, and Diligence, Suits, &c. to be carried on, in the Name of their Secretary for the Time being, — for the Use of the Fund established for encouraging the Linen Manufacture in Scotland. 24

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