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 BY THE  
 COMMISSIONERS and TRUSTEES  
 For Improving  
*Fisheries and Manufactures*  
 IN  
 SCOTLAND,  
 FOR  
 The Application of their FUNDS.

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By the COMMISSIONERS and TRUSTEES appointed by His MAJESTY'S *Letters Patents*, for Improving *Fisheries and Manufactures in Scotland.*



HEREAS, in Pursuance of an Act past in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George I. of Glorious Memory, Intitled, [*An Act for Encouraging and Promoting Fisheries, and other Manufactures and Improvements in that Part of Great Britain, called Scotland*] Whereby it was provided, That it should and might be lawful for His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, by *Letters Patents*, under the Great Seal appointed by the Treaty of *Union* to be

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be kept in *Scotland*, in place of the Great Seal thereof, to lay down, settle and establish a particular Plan or Method, and to fix and direct proper Rules and Regulations, whereby the several Funds and Sums of Money provided and grown due, for the Improvement and Encouragement of *Fisheries* and *Manufactures* in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, should be wholly applied, laid out, and distributed, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of the said 15th Article of the Treaty of *Union*, and for Improvement of *Fisheries* and such other *Manufactures* in *Scotland*, as may most conduce to the general Good of the *united Kingdom*, and to no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; And that it should and might be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by *Letters Patents*, under the Seal aforesaid, to appoint, name and authorize any Number of Persons resident in that Part of *Great Britain*, called *Scotland*, not exceeding the Number of *Twenty one* to be *Commissioners* and *Trustees* for managing and directing the Application of the said Sums; according to the Plan or Method that should be settled or established as aforesaid, and for executing the several Powers and Authorities, which by the said *Letters Patents* should to them be committed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors;

It has pleased Our most Gracious Sovereign, by his *Letters Patents*, passed under the Great Seal aforesaid, to declare, That it is His Royal Will and Pleasure, that the Interest of the Sum of *L. 14000*, provided by the 15th Article of the Treaty of *Union*, for Encouraging and Promoting the Manufacture of *Coarse Wool* in *Scotland*, be annually applied for Encouraging the Spining and Manufacturing of *Coarse Wool* within the Shires of *Berwick, Roxburgh, Selkirk*

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*kirk, Peebles, Lanerk, Air, Wigtoun, Dumfries, Edinburgh* and *Stirling*, and within the *Stewartries* of *Annamdale* and *Kirkcudbright*, or any other *Shire* or *Stewartry*, where large Quantities of *Coarse Wool*, commonly called and known by the Name of *Tarr'd Wool* are produced; and to authorize the *Commissioners* and *Trustees* nominated in the said *Letters Patents* to settle a particular Plan or Method for distributing the Sum intended for promoting the said Manufacture; and that the yearly Interest of the Sum of *L. 6000*, as Part of the Arrears of the Annuity of *L. 2000 per annum*, provided by the Act of the 5th of his late Majesty King *George I.* together with the said Annuity of *L. 2000*, and the Surplus of the *Malt-Duty* yearly and each Year be laid out, and wholly applied towards the Encouraging of the *Herring Fishery*, and of the *Linnen* and *Hempen* Manufactures, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, by equal Portions, so as that the One half of the said yearly Sums, shall be applied towards the Encouraging of the said *Fisheries*, and the other half shall be applied towards the Encouraging of the said *Linnen* and *Hempen* Manufactures.

AND that out of the yearly Sum allotted and appropriated for the Improvement of *Fisheries*, a Sum not exceeding *L. 2340*, shall be annually distributed in *Premiums*, after the Rate of *40 Shillings per Last*, upon the *Tonnage* of the *Vessel*, to such Persons as shall contract for fitting out *Bushes* for the *Herring Fishing in deep Water*, upon the Conditions, and under the Regulations to be settled by the *Trustees* or *Commissioners*, nominated and appointed by the said *Letters Patents*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 100*, be yearly distributed in small *Prizes* to such *Fishermen*

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as shall make the first Discovery of *Herrings* coming upon the Coast, according to the Rules to be settled in like Manner by the said *Trustees*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 100*, be annually given for *Salaries* to *Wreck* or *Cure Masters* to be nominated by the said *Trustees*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 110* be granted annually for *Salaries* to two riding *Officers*, to survey, examine and check the Conduct of the *Wreck* and *Cure Masters*, and to prevent Fraud in the *Fishing Trade*.

AND that out of the yearly Sums allotted for the Improvement of *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*, a Sum not exceeding *L. 1500*, shall be annually distributed in *Premiums* after the Rate of 15 *Sbil.* an *Acre*, to such Persons as shall dress and prepare their *Grounds*, and shall therein Sow *Lint-seed* or *Hemp-seed* in the Manner, and according to the *Rules* and *Regulations* to be published by the said *Trustees*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 400* be annually granted for *Salaries* to *Lappers* and *Stamp-masters*, at the Rate of *L. 10* per Piece.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 250* be annually allowed as *Salaries* to Two General riding *Officers*, who are to examine into the Conduct of the *Lappers*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 100* be annually allowed for carrying on Prosecutions against such Persons as shall transgress the *Laws* relating to the *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 150*, be annually allowed for encouraging *Spinning-Schools*, to teach *Children* from the Age of Eight, to that of Fourteen Years, to spin.

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AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 50*, be annually allowed for procuring *Models* of the best Sorts of *Looms*, and other Instruments for Improving the *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*.

AND that a Sum not exceeding *L. 200*, be annually distributed to *House-Wives*, who shall make the best Piece of *Linnen Cloth*, according to the Directions of the said Commissioners and Trustees.

AND that the said Commissioners and Trustees do, as soon as conveniently may be, take into their Consideration the State of the several *Funds* and *Sums of Money*, granted for the Encouragement of *Fisheries* and *Manufactures*, and do make an Estimate of the *Amount* thereof; and if the yearly *Amount* thereof shall appear sufficient to answer the several Purposes aforesaid in their full Extent, That the said Commissioners and Trustees, do frame and settle a particular *Plan* or *Method* for the Distribution of the said *Monies* in the Manner above-mentioned; and if the said yearly *Funds* shall not appear sufficient to answer the said Purposes to the full Extent, the said Commissioners and Trustees do propose another *Plan of Distribution* answerable to the clear Sums that the yearly *Funds* may produce, still preserving the *Quantum* of the particular Encouragement for each several Purpose.

AND that the particular *Plan* or *Method* for distributing the foresaid *Premiums* for fitting out of *Bushes*, and preparing Ground for sowing *Lint-Seed* and *Hemp-Seed*, be so conceived, as the Undertakers for either may have the said Encouragement continued to them for the Space of *Three* successive Years.

AND that the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any *Five* or more of them, be empowered, as by the

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the said *Letters Patents* they are *impowered* and *required*, to propose such *Regulations*, as to them shall seem necessary or expedient, as *Conditions* upon which the several *Premiums* and *Encouragements* shall be answered, such *Regulations* being always consistent with the *Laws of the Realm*, and the said *Letters Patents*.

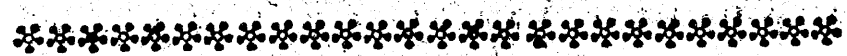
AND that so soon as the said particular *Plan* or *Method of Distribution*, together with the several *Conditions* upon which the above *Premiums* are to be paid, shall be prepared and settled the same, shall be forthwith published, by affixing Copies thereof on the *Market-Cross* of *Edinburgh*, and *Peir* and *Shore of Leith*, and by transmitting Copies thereof to the *Magistrates* of every *Royal-Burrow* in *Scotland*, and to the *Sheriff* and *Stewart-Clerk* of each *Shire* and *Stewartry* within the same, to the End all Persons may have sufficient Notice, and thereby may have an Opportunity of undertaking the several *Improvements* proposed.

THE *Commissioners* and *Trustees*, nominated and appointed by the said *Letters Patents*, having, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, taken into Consideration the State of the *Funds* and *Sums of Money* before-mentioned, are of Opinion, that these *Funds* and *Sums of Money* will answer His Majesty's most *gracious Intentions*; Therefore, they hereby *Declare* and *Publish*, That for the Term of *Three Years*, from and after the Feast of *Christmas* next, the subsequent Sums of Money shall be *annually* laid out and applied, *viz.*

	L. s. d.
FOR encouraging the <i>Herring Fishery</i> ,	2650 0 0
FOR the Encouragement of the <i>Linnen</i> and <i>Hempen Manufacture</i> ,	} 2650 0 0
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	L. sh. d.
To encourage the <i>Spining</i> and <i>Manu-</i> <i>facturing of coarse Tarr'd Wool</i> ,	} 700 0 0
According to the particular <i>Plans</i> herein after-laid down and expressed.	



*Plan for the Distribution of the annual Sum of L. 2650, appointed for encouraging the Herring Fishery.*

	L. sh. d.
FOR <i>Premiums</i> to <i>Adventurers</i> in the <i>Bush Fishing</i> at the Rate of 40 sh. per Last of the <i>Bushes</i> true Burden,	} 2340 0 0
FOR <i>Premiums</i> to such Persons, as shall search for <i>Schools</i> of <i>Herrings</i> in the <i>Coast Fishing</i> ,	} 100 0 0
FOR <i>Salaries</i> to Ten <i>Cure-Masters</i> of <i>Herrings</i> , at L. 10 per annum each,	} 100 0 0
FOR <i>Salaries</i> to two <i>General Riding</i> <i>Officers</i> of the <i>Herring Fishery</i> , at L. 55 per annum each,	} 110 0 0
Total,	} 2650 0 0



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*Regulations of the Herring Fishery, and  
Conditions upon which the said Præmi-  
ums are to be paid.*

I. **T**HE exact Burden of each *Bush* shall be computed by a Person to be *nominated* and *appointed* by the Trustees, according to the common Rule of Computation, formed upon the Dimensions of Length over *Stern* and *Steven*, Breadth in the *Beam*, and Depth in the *Hould*.

II. **E**ACH *Bush* shall be a free *British* Bottom of Burden, not under 30, nor above 50 Lasts, the *Freedom* to be vouched by the Carpenter's Bill of Sale, if *British* built, or an authentick Extract of the *Registration*, if a foreign built Ship, made free, and the *Burden*, by Certificate from the Person, who shall be *nominated* and *appointed* to measure, and to compute the same.

III. **E**ACH *Bush* shall set out to the *Herring Fishing* from some *Port* in *Scotland*, shall be *victualled* there, and shall also be there provided with *Nets*, *Ropes*, *Salt*, *Cask*, and all other *Fishing Equipage* and *Materials*, and one Half of the *Crew* at least shall be *British* Subjects, to be vouched by *Certificate* from the Chief Magistrate of the Place or Places whence the *Bush* sets out, at which she is *victualled*, and where she is provided with *Fishing Equipage* and *Materials*.

IV. **T**HE *Fishing Equipage*, of *Nets*, *Ropes*, &c. and *Materials* of *Salt* and *Cask*, shall be good and *sufficient* of their Kind, and adjusted to the *Burden* of the

the *Bush* as to *Quantity*, in such Proportion as shall be specified in the *Contract*, *Deed*, or *Writing*, to be drawn up betwixt the *Trustees* and the *Undertakers*, and shall be vouched by *Certificate* from such Persons, as the *Trustees* shall authorize and appoint to inspect and examine the *Quantity* and *Quality* of the said *Fishing Equipage* and *Materials*.

V. **A**LL the *Bushes* shall set out from the respective *Ports*, where they shall be *victualled* and *equipt*, before the 5th of *June* annually at the latest, and shall rendezvouze at *Brassie-sound* in *Zetland*, on or before the 11th *Day* of the said *Month*, *Wind* and *Weather* serving, to be vouched by *Certificate* from the Person who shall be *nominated* and *appointed* by the Trustees to *review* them on that *Day*, and in that Place.

**E**ACH *Bush* shall fish from *Brassie-sound* towards the *Orkney Islands*, and from the *Latitude* of the said *Islands*, Southward, along the *Coast* of *Scotland*, within *Sight* of *Land*, unless driven off by *Stress* of *Weather*, and shall continue *Fishing* from the said 11th of *June* to the 11th of *September*, or till a full *Loading* of *Herrings* shall be caught, to be vouched as to the *Time* of *Fishing* by the *Master* or *Steers-man's Journal*; and as to the *Quantity* of *Herrings* caught by *Certificate* from the *Cure Masters* and *General Surveyor* of the Place or Places where the *Herrings* are unloaded and repacked.

VII. **T**HE *Steers-man* or *Master* of each *Bush* shall keep an exact *Journal* of all *Occurrences* and *Proceedings*, mentioning particularly how many *Times* he put into *Port*, on what *Occasion*, how long he stay'd in *Port* each *Time*, what *Bushes* he spoke at *Sea*, and the *Numbers* of *Bushes* which at any *Time* were in *Sight* at once, according to a *Form* to be

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drawn up by the *Trustees*, and put into his Hands; which *Journal* shall not only be verified by his own, but also by the *Crews Oaths*, if required; and he shall also conform himself to, and punctually obey such particular *Instructions* as the *Trustees* shall from Time to Time give, concerning the proper Method of *Fishing*.

VIII. No *Herrings* that have been caught in *Nets*, above 24 Hours, commonly called *Hanged Herrings*, shall be mixed with *Live Herrings*, but shall be put up in *Casks* having the Letters *H. D.* marked upon them, at the Time of *salting* and *packing*, under the Penalty of Forfeiture.

IX. ALL *Bush Herrings* shall be gutted with a Knife, in the Manner practised by the *Hollanders*, shall be sorted carefully into *Fat Herrings*, *Full Herrings*, and *Spawn'd Herrings*, shall be salted with a competent Quantity of *Salt*, and shall be packed up in *Barrels*, having at least 16 Hoops of 32 Gallons; or half *Barrels*, having at least 12 Hoops of 16 Gallons *English Wine Measure*, unless designed for Home *Consumpt*, in which Case only they may be packed in *Firkins* or *Quarter Barrels* of 8 Gallons Measure foresaid, to be vouched by *Certificate* from the *Wreck or Cure Master* and *General Surveyor*.

X. ALL *Herrings* adjudged by the *Wreck or Cure Master* to be so *insufficient* as not to be *Marketable* shall be immediately thrown into the *Sea*, at such Distance from the *Shoar*, as that they cannot be gathered up.

XI. It shall not be lawful for any *Bush* to deliver over *Herrings* at *Sea* into any *Vessel* other than a *Bush*, neither shall it be lawful for any *Bush* to carry *Herrings* to any *Market* or *Place* of *Sale*

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*Sale* until they shall first have been landed in *Scotland*; neither shall it be *lawful* to remove them from the *Place*, where they shall first have been landed, until they shall be *repacked* and *daunted* in the Manner after mentioned, till they shall be inspected by the *Cure Masters*, and until the *Wreck or Cure Master* shall have stamped the Name of the *Place*, where they were *repacked*, upon each *Barrel* with a *hot Iron*.

XII. No *Herrings* shall be *repacked* till they have lyen at least 14 Days in *Salt*, so much time being requisite for *Pineing* them sufficiently; neither shall any *repacked Herrings* be *Pickled* with any other than new made *Pickle*, unless it be well cleaned from *Scales* by *Straining*, or refined by *Boiling*.

XIII. ALL *Herrings* packed at *Sea*, commonly called *Sea Steeks*, shall be wholly turned over into *Tubs*, together with their *Pickle*, in order to their being *Washed* and *thorowly Inspected*, before they be *repacked*; and in *repacking* them it shall be observed as an indispensable *Rule* to spread two Handfuls of *clean Salt* on the Bottom of the *Barrel*, and to lay the *Herrings* close together, putting four *Head Herrings* in each *Layer*, and a Handful of *clean Salt* betwixt every *Layer*, and two Handfuls one the *Top*, and likewise to *daunt* them twice when the *Barrel* is two thirds filled, and when full.

XIV. ALL *Bush Herrings* shall be *repacked* by *Workmen* appointed for that Purpose, who shall either take an Oath of *Fidelity*, or find Security for their *punctual Observance* of the said Rules in *repacking*.

XV. SUCH Persons as design to be *Adventurers* in the *Bush Fishing* next Season, shall signify their Intention, by a Writing under their Hands, on or be-

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before the 25th Day of *January* next, directed to *David Flint* Secretary to the Trustees; and shall make Offer of entering into Contract with the Trustees, for the Three next ensuing *Fishing Seasons* successively, by which *Contracts* the Trustees shall be obliged to pay the forefaid *Premium* annually, in Manner aftermentioned.

XVI. THE Adventurers in the *Bush Fishing*, who shall enter into *Contract* as aforefaid, shall be entitled to the *Premium*, upon Production of the *Vouchers* hereby required, of their having observed the *Regulations*, and performed the *Conditions* before specified; and it shall be paid them within Forty Days after the *Vouchers* are delivered in at the *Trustee's Office* in *Edinburgh*, to any Person duly *authorized* to receive the same, providing no *Fraud* be found to have been committed in procuring the said *Vouchers*, within the Time forefaid; as to which *Frauds* the *Trustees* reserve to themselves Liberty and Power of Explication, by the Oaths of credible Witnesses.

ANY *Busb* fitted out, tackled, and provided as aforefaid, and actually employed in the *Herring Fishing*, that shall, during the *Fishing Season*, perish at Sea, by Strefs of *Weather*, or other *Fatality*, before the *Herrings* caught can be laid on Land, in Manner abovementioned, or shall be lost to the Proprietors by Capture, the *Premium* abovementioned for that *Fishing Season*, shall nevertheless be answered to the *Undertakers*.

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THE Sum of L. 100, appointed to be given in *Premiums*, for discovering *Sboals of Herrings* in the *Coast Fishing*, shall be divided as follows, *viz.*

		L. s. d.
To the Firth of	Forth, : : : :	36 0 0
	Murray, : : : :	20 0 0
	Clyde, : : : :	20 0 0
	Solway, : : : :	24 0 0
Total, : : :		100 0 0

IN the Firth of *Forth*, Four Boats shall be employed in searching for *Sboals of Herrings*, from the 15th of *July* to the 15th of *September* annually, *viz.* Two on the North Side in the *Fishing Stations* of *Old-Hecks*, *Crail-Wyk*, *Kilrenny-Wyk*, *Anstruther-Traith*, *Pittenweem-Traith*, *St. Mennins-Traith*, and Island of *May-Bank*, and Two on the South side in the *Stations* of *Whitecove*, *Reed-Castle*, *Bass-Foot*, and *Northberwick Traith*. The Time of *Search* shall be every alternate Day, from the 15th of *July* to the 5th of *August* for the *Float Drave*, and in like Manner for the *Ground Drave* from the said 5th of *August* to the said 15th of *September* during the *Neep Tides*.

THE *Premium* to each Boat shall be *Six Shilings* each Day, while employed in the Search of *Herrings*, as before mentioned, until a *Sboal of Herrings* shall be discovered on the *Ground*; and a *Premium* of L. 3 *Sterl.* shall be given to the *Boat's Crew* that shall find out *Herrings* on the *Ground* in such Numbers, that a *Boat's full Loading* shall have been caught, either by themselves, or by any other *Boat's Crew*, and shall give the first Notice thereof, to any of the Per-



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Persons employed to distribute the said *Premiums*; and if the first *Shoal* of *Herrings* go off before all the *Cask* and *Salt* provided for the *Fishing* of that Season be used, then the *Search* shall recommence and continue till a second *Discovery* be made of *Herrings* on the Ground, and so forth till the *Fishing Season* be ended; the said *Premium* of *L. 3* being to be paid to the successive *Discoverers*, till the Sum of *L. 12* is expended.

IN the Firth of *Murray*, Three Boats shall be employed likewise, from the 15th of *July* to the 15th *September* annually, *viz.* Two on the North Side, in the *Stations* of *Tarbet-Nefs*, *Cromarty-Bay*, and *Chan-nery-Loch*, and one Boat on the South Side, in the *Stations* of *Findhorn* and *Nairn-Traitbs*; the Time of *Search* shall be in like Manner every alternate Day, from the 15th of *July* to the 5th of *August* for the *Float Drave*, and in like Manner for the *Ground Drave*, from the said 5th of *August* to the said 15th of *September*, during the *Neep Tides*; the *Premium* to each Boat shall be *Five Shillings* each Day, while employed in the same Manner, as mentioned for the Firth of *Forth*, and a *Premium* of *Twenty Pounds Scots Money* to the *Boat's Crew*, which shall give the first Account, to any of the Persons employed to distribute the *Premiums*, of a *Shoal* of *Herrings* being on the Ground, in such Numbers that a *Boat's full Loading* thereof shall have been caught, either by themselves, or by any other *Boat's Crew*, till the Sum of *L. 5* be exhausted, in the same Way and Manner as directed for the Firth of *Forth*.

IN the Firth of *Clyde*, Two large Boats shall be employed, *viz.* One in the *Station* of *Air-Traitb*, and the other in the *Station* of *Bute-Traitb*; the Time of *Search* shall be likewise every alternate Day from

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from the 15th of *May* to the 15th of *November*, the *Premium* to each Boat shall be *Seven Shillings sterl.* each Day, when unsuccessful in discovering a *Shoal* of *Herrings*, and *Forty Shillings* to each Boat, which shall give the first Account to the proper Persons of a *Shoal* of *Herrings*, so as a *Boat's full Loading* thereof shall be caught either by themselves or any other *Boat's Crew*, till the Sum of *Six Pounds sterl.* shall be expended.

IN the Firth of *Solway*, three Boats of Burden, 5 Tons each at least, shall be equipt with *Nets*, shall be provided with *skilful Crews*, and shall be employed assiduously every Day in searching for and catching *Herrings*, betwixt *Blackshaw* and the River *Esk*, from the 1st of *May* to the 11 of *June* annually, for the Term of three Years, from and after the Feast of *Christmas* next; the *Premium* for each Boat shall be *L. 8 sterl.* and shall be paid at *Midsummer* annually, upon a *Certificate* from the Magistrates of the *Burgh* of *Annan*, certifying, That the *Boat's Burden* is at least 5 Ton; That the *Fishing Equipage* was good; That at least one Third Part of the Crew were *skilful Fishermen*, and that they have been assiduously employed in searching for, and catching *Herrings*, during the Time foresaid.

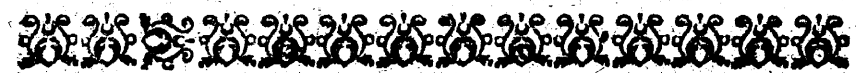
THE Distribution of the *Premium*, allotted to the Firth of *Forth*, shall be committed to the Magistrates of the *Burghs* of *Anstruther-Easter* and *Crail* on the North-side, and to the Magistrates of the *Burghs* of *Dunbar* and *North-Berwick* on the South-side, each having the Direction of one Boat; The Distribution thereof, in the Firth of *Murray*, shall be committed to the Magistrates of the *Burghs* of *Inverness*, *Nairn* and *Fortrose*, each having likewise the Direction of one Boat; and the Distribution in the Firth of *Clyde*;

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to the Magistrates of *Air* and *Rothsay*, each having the Direction of one *Boat*, under such *Conditions* and *Regulations*, as the Trustees shall lay down and prescribe, on or before the first Day of *June* next.

THE two *Riding Officers*, and the *Ten Wreck or Cure-Masters*, who shall be named, and severally stationed afterwards, shall find Security for their Fidelity, viz. each of the *Riding Officers* to the Amount of *L. 200 Sterl.* and each of the *Wreck or Cure-Masters*, to the Amount of *L. 50 Sterl.* That they shall act according to the *Instructions*, which shall be given them by the Trustees, on or before the 1st Day of *May* next, whose respective *Salaries* shall be paid at the Feast of *Martinmas* annually.



Particular Plan for the Distribution of *L. 2650*, for the Encouragement of the *Linnen* and *Hempen* Manufactures,

	L.	s.	d.
FOR <i>Præmiums</i> , after the Rate of <i>15 Shil. per Acre</i> , for <i>2000 Acres</i> of Ground, to be sowed with <i>Lint Seed</i> and <i>Hemp Seed</i> , : : :	1500	00	00
FOR encouraging <i>Spining Schools</i> for teaching Children to spin <i>Lint</i> and <i>Hemp</i> , : : : : :	150	00	00
FOR Prizes to be put up for <i>Housewives</i> , who shall make the best Piece of <i>Linnen Cloth</i> , : : : :	200	00	00
Total,	1850	00	00

Carried over	1850	00	00
FOR <i>Salaries</i> to <i>Two General Riding Officers</i> , at <i>L. 125</i> each, : : :	250	00	00
FOR <i>Salaries</i> to <i>40 Lappers</i> and <i>Stamp-masters</i> , at <i>L. 10</i> each, : : :	400	00	00
FOR the Expence of carrying on <i>Prosecutions</i> against such as transgress the <i>Laws</i> , concerning the <i>Linnen</i> and <i>Hempen</i> Manufactures, : : : :	100	00	00
FOR procuring <i>Models</i> of the best <i>Looms</i> , and other Instruments for improving the <i>Linnen</i> and <i>Hempen</i> Manufactures, : : : : :	50	00	00
Total,	2650	00	00



Conditions upon which the Undertakers for sowing *Lint-Seed* and *Hemp-Seed*, shall be entitled to the *Præmium* of *15 Shil. per Acre*, for the Years *1728*, *1729* and *1730*; And *Rules* for the Distribution of *L. 1500*, applicable for that Purpose, among the different *Shires* and *Stewartries* of *Scotland*.

Impr. THAT whoever intends to contract for sowing one Acre or more, with *Lint-Seed* or *Hemp-Seed*, in order to be entitled to the said *Præmium* of *15 Shil. per Acre* for the next three successive Years, do give Notice of his Proposal or Intention,

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*tion*, on or before the last *Tuesday* of *January* next, in Writing under his Hand, directed to *David Flint*, Secretary to the *Commissioners* and *Trustees*, at their Office in *Edinburgh*, or to the Clerks of the Justices of Peace for the Shires and Stewartries after-mentioned, *distinctly* expressing the Undertaker's Name and Designation, the Place of his Residence, and the Name of the Farm in which the said *Seed* is to be sown, with the Name of the Parish, and of the Shire or Stewartry where the Farm lies, specifying the Number of *Acres* he designs to sow, and whether he designs to contract for One, Two, or the whole Three Years, in the Form hereto subjoin'd.

II. THAT no *Proposal* be for less than one Acre, for the Undertaker's own Behoof.

III. THAT if more *Undertakers*, out of any one Shire or Stewartry, shall offer than there are *Acres*, which fall to the Share or Proportion of such Shire or Stewartry, allowing one *Acre* to each Offerer, the Preference shall be determined by Lot.

IV. THAT if there shall not be so many Offerers, as there are single *Acres* to be improved in any Shire or Stewartry, the remaining *Acres* shall be divided by Lot amongst such Persons, within the Shire or Stewartry, as propose to improve more *Acres* than one.

V. THAT if the Share or Proportion of any Shire or Stewartry, shall not be exhausted by *Undertakers* within the said Shire or Stewartry, the *Overplus* shall be divided by Lot amongst the *Undertakers*, for single *Acres*, in other Shires or Stewartries, who may have been excluded by Lot within their respective Shires or Stewartries; And if there shall be still an *Overplus*, it shall, in like Manner, be divided amongst those, who got fewer *Acres* than what they offered to contract for.

VI. THAT

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VI. THAT the Offerer preferred, for the first Year purchase and sow only *foreign Seed*; and in the Oath herein after-mentioned, express the *Quantity* bought, and by whom the same was imported into *Scotland*, from what *Country*, and of what *Year's* Growth.

VII. THAT every Person, who shall be preferred for one Acre or more, for sowing *Lint-Seed*, and who shall make no Demand for any *Premium* for *Hemp*, shall be obliged however to sow as many *Falls*, i. e. Six *Ells square* with *Hemp-Seed*, as he undertakes and sows *Acres* with *Lint-Seed*, the said *Falls*, or Six *Ells square*, always being reckoned Part of the *Acres* to which he is preferred.

VIII. THAT the *Undertakers*, for the Years 1729 and 1730, be obliged to dress their *Grounds* according to one or other of the *Methods* mentioned in a *Treatise*, containing the different approved *Methods* of to be published by Order of the *Trustees*.

X. THAT they do not *Water* the *Lint* produced in the said *Grounds* in any *Pit* or *Hole*, in which another *Quantity* of *Lint* has been watered that Season, or the former Year, unless the same be so disposed as to be refreshed with running Water from some *Spring*, *River* or *Rivulet*.

XI. THAT seeing the *Trustees* have it in View to employ some *skilful Flax Dressers*, who shall undertake to dress the *Lint* in a much better Method than that ordinarily used, and at much easier Rates; That each *Undertaker* for sowing *Lint-Seed* shall have one third Part of his *Lint* dressed by one of these *Flax Dressers*, and shall take a Certificate from him of the *Quantity* dressed, the *Flax Dresser* either coming

coming to the Undertaker's House, or setting up his Work within two Miles of his Farm at furthest.

XII. THAT upon Oath to be made by the Undertaker, or in Case of his Decease by his Excutor, before any one Justice of Peace, or in Default of the Justice of Peace, before the next Magistrate, or failing of both, upon the Attestation of the Minister of the Parish, or in case the Parish shall be vacant, of the Minister of the next adjacent Parish; That the whole Conditions then prestible have been fulfilled, and particularly for the first Year, expressing the Quantity of the Foreign Seed, and from whom bought; and that the Acres mentioned in the Oath or Attestation were really for that Year sown with Lint-Seed or Hemp-Seed, which Oath or Attestation is to be transmitted to the Trustee's Secretary at Edinburgh yearly against the first Day of November, Payment of the Præmiums shall be forthwith ordered.

XIII. THAT if the Trustees shall discover by proper Evidence that any of the above Conditions, whether these to which the Oath or Attestation above-mentioned may relate, or any other Conditions thereafter prestible, have not been performed, it shall be lawful for them to stop Payment of the Præmium, if it shall not have been already answered, or to retain the Præmium for the subsequent Year, without Prejudice to them, to prosecute the Offence further, as accords of the Law.

THE Undertakers within the Shires of Edinburgh, Haddington, Peebles, Linlithgow, Stirling, Kinross, Perth, Angus and Fife to send their Proposals in Writing, after the Form following, to David Flint Secretary to the Trustees, and the Undertakers in the other Shires and Stewartries to their respective Justice of the Peace Clerks.

Each

Each Shire and Stewartry's Proportion of the L. 1500 to be given annually in Præmiums, for preparing and sowing Ground with Lint-seed and Hemp-seed, and of the 2000 Acres to be improven, according to their Proportions of the Land-Tax.

	Proportion of the L. 1500 Præmium.				No of Acres to be Improven.
	L.	s.	d.	qr.	
Edinburgh, : : :	79	8	1	0	105 3
Haddington, : : :	69	7	11	3	92 2
Berwick, : : :	70	3	4	0	93 2
Roxburgh, : : :	91	19	3	0	122 3
Selkirk, : : :	22	11	2	1	30 0
Peebles, : : :	26	00	00	0	34 3
Lanerk, : : :	77	2	3	2	102 3
Dumfries, : : :	67	13	3	3	90 1
Wigtoun, : : :	25	1	2	3	33 2
Air, : : :	96	10	9	0	128 3
Dumbarton, : : :	19	1	4	2	25 2
Bute, : : :	7	13	3	0	10 1
Renfrew, : : :	33	15	1	1	45 0
Stirling, : : :	43	15	1	3	58 1
Linlithgow, : : :	29	3	7	1	39 0
Perth, : : :	125	0	10	2	166 3
Kincardine, : : :	24	10	10	2	32 3
Aberdeen, : : :	101	16	6	1	135 3
Inverness, : : :	30	18	1	0	41 1
Ross, : : :	30	14	8	1	41 0
Nairn, : : :	6	5	7	1	8 1
Cromarty, : : :	5	6	9	0	7 0
Argyll, : : :	48	11	7	0	64 3
Fife, : : :	122	17	1	2	163 3
Forfar, : : :	81	13	2	2	108 3
Bamff, : : :	28	13	9	3	38 1
Sutherland, : : :	8	7	7	2	11 1
Caithness, : : :	14	18	11	2	20 0
Elgin, : : :	26	8	5	0	35 1
Clackmannn, : : :	8	15	9	2	11 3
Kinross, : : :	6	15	9	3	9 0
Kirkcudbright, : : :	41	15	4	0	55 3
Orkney and Zetland : 27	3	0	2		36 1
	1500	0	0		2000 0

Shire of

Stewartry of

The Form of the Proposal or Offer, and Obligation to be transmitted to the Trustees Secretary, or to the respective Justice of Peace Clerks.

I A. B. of (or in) residing at offer to sow for Years Acres with Lint (or Hemp) Seed on Ground prepared, conform to the Rules prescribed by the Honourable Trustees, lying in a Farm called in the Parish of and Shire (or Stewartry) of and upon my being preferred for the Whole or Part, of my Demand, do hereby oblige my self to fulfil the whole Conditions and Regulations proposed in the Plan, published by the said Trustees, under the Penalty of forfeiting the Encouragement promised. In Witness, &c.

Plan for the Distribution of L. 150 per annum, for Spinning Schools for Three Years.

To four Schools for introducing Spinning into the Highlands, or Places where it is least understood, at L.10 per annum for each School, : : 40 0 0

Carried over 40 0 0

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To three Schools for teaching the Dressing of Flax, and Spinning thereof into fine Tarn fit for Threed or Camb- bricks, one at L. 50, and two at L. 30 per annum, : : : : : 110 0 0

Total, : : 150 0 0

Manner of Employing L. 10 per annum, allotted to each of the Four Schools of the first Kind.

To the Mistress in Name of Salary per annum, : : : : : 5 0 0 To providing 14 Wheels, the first Year, at 5 s. 10 d. each to serve the School, and to the encreasing the Number of Scholars, or their Encouragements for the Second and Third Years, : : : : 4 1 8 To sustaining of Pirns, Bands, &c. per annum, : : : : : 0 5 0 To Coal and Candle per annum, : : 0 13 4

Total, : 10 0 0

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Conditions on which these Four Schools are to be settled.

Imp. THAT the Person proposing to contract for teaching and setting up such a School, shall have a Certificate from the Kirk-Session where she is resiant, of her regular and good Behaviour, and shall have a Certificate from the Magistrates of the Burgh where she resides, or from Two or more Justices of the Peace in the Country, or from some Two or more Persons of Note and Character in whose Neighbourhood she lives, of her Capacity and Skill in Spinning, and that such a School is necessary in that Part of the Country.

II. THAT in each School be taught at least 14 Scholars, aged from 8 to 14 Years.

III. THAT they be taught Six Hours every lawful Day, from 13th of October yearly, or from the Date of their setting up for the first Year, to the 15th of April thereafter.

IV. THAT the Mistres shall furnish Lint to such of the Scholars as cannot provide themselves, and shall have the Profit of their Work.

V. THAT where the Scholars do furnish themselves with Lint, or have it furnished on their Account, the Profit of the Work shall be to the Scholar.

VI. THAT such Scholars, as do attend the said School, for the Three Seasons contracted for, have their Wheels which they have used to themselves.

VII. THAT

VII. THAT so soon as the Mistres has provided a House, and engaged Scholars, the Fourteen Wheels shall be delivered to her on Receipt.

VIII. THAT upon a Certificate from the Magistrates of the Burgh, or from any one Justice of the Peace, or from the Kirk-Session of the Parish, where the School is set up, that all the above Conditions have been truly and faithfully executed, Payment shall be forthwith ordered of the Sum of L. 5 Sterl. to the said Mistres as her Salary, and of 5 Shil. for maintaining the Pirns, &c. and of the 13 Shil. 4 d. for Fire and Light, reserving Power to the Trustees to enquire into the Truth of the Things therein certified.

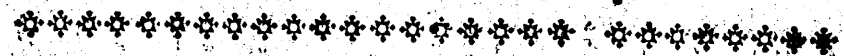
THE Commissioners and Trustees do hereby give Notice, That if no Contractors offer for these Schools, of whose Qualifications and Certificates they are satisfied, on or before the 20th of December next, they will appropriate the aforesaid Sum of L. 40 per annum to establish a Fourth School of the second Kind.

THE Commissioners and Trustees have resolved to settle the Three Schools of the Second Class above-mentioned, in the Burghs following,

	L. s. d.
One at Edinburgh at : : :	50 0 0
One at Perth at : : : :	30 0 0
One at Glasgow at : : : :	30 0 0
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Total : : :	110 0 0
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PROVIDING the Magistrates of the said Burghs do severally agree to furnish, at the Charge of the said Burghs, proper School-Houses and Conveniencies for the Mistresses, and that they do severally ex-

hibite to the *Trustees* Proposals for the establishing those *Schools*, on or before the 15th of *December*, or otherwise the said *Commissioners* and *Trustees* will give the Offer of those *Schools* to other *Burghs*, on Conditions to be settled by the said *Trustees*, on or before the 25th of said Month of *December*.



*Rules for the Distribution of the L.200 per annum, allotted for Prizes to be earned by House-Wives for making the Best Web.*

*Imp.* **T**HAT a Prize or Prizes to the Value of L. 5, shall be given annually in each Division, within which a *Lapper* and *Stamp-master* shall be appointed, to be won by the *House-wife* or *House-wives*, who, on a Day to be fixed annually by the *Trustees*, shall produce the *Best Web*, of the Dimensions and Qualities to be limited yearly by the *Trustees*, and of which Notice shall be given by the *Lapper* to all the Parishes within his District, Three Months before the Competition.

II. THAT

II. THAT these Prizes shall be contended for in the Places afternamed, at each of which a *Lapper* is stationed, viz.

<i>Week,</i>	<i>Dundee,</i>	<i>Annan,</i>
<i>Tain,</i>	<i>Montrose,</i>	<i>Wigton,</i>
<i>Inverness,</i>	<i>Forfar,</i>	<i>Irvine,</i>
<i>Forreth,</i>	<i>Arbroath,</i>	<i>Air,</i>
<i>Strabogie,</i>	<i>Cowpar in Fife,</i>	<i>Paisly,</i>
<i>Aberdeen,</i>	<i>Leven,</i>	<i>Dumbarton,</i>
<i>Bervie,</i>	<i>Kirkaldie,</i>	<i>Glasgow,</i>
<i>Perth,</i>	<i>Dumfermling,</i>	<i>Hamilton,</i>
<i>Crief,</i>	<i>Edinburgh,</i>	<i>Biggar,</i>
<i>Down,</i>	<i>Haddington,</i>	<i>Linlithgow,</i>
<i>Cowpar in Angus,</i>	<i>Dunse,</i>	<i>Stirling,</i>
<i>Dunkeld,</i>	<i>Melrose,</i>	<i>Clackmanan,</i>
<i>Kinross,</i>	<i>Dumfries,</i>	<i>Campbelton,</i>

or at some of the most considerable *Fairs* within their respective Districts, to be fixed by the *Trustees*.

III. THAT the Magistrates in each Royal Burgh, where Prizes are appointed, be intreated to name one or more qualified Persons to be Judges of the Competition who shall have an Oath administered to them to do Justice equally betwixt the Competitors; and if the Competition shall be in a Market Town, that is not a Burgh Royal, then one or more Justices of the Peace shall be entreated by the *Trustees* to name the Judge to the Competition, who shall take an Oath in like Manner.

IV. That no Cloath be received in the Competition, but what shall be duely Lapped up, Stamped and Marked, and made or wrought in that Shire or Stewartry,

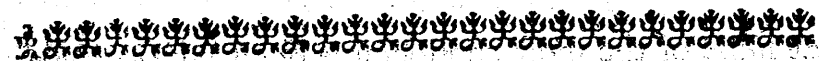
V. THAT

V. THAT the Name of the Owner of the *Web* be written on a Piece of Paper sealed up, sewed or affixed to one of the Ends of the *Web*, not to be opened till after the *Determination*.

VI. That upon a *Certificate* from the Chief Magistrate within Burgh, or from the Justice or Justices of the Peace to be appointed as aforesaid, the *Trustees* shall order the Payment of the *Prizes* on Sight.

The Sallaries to the *Lappers* and *Stamp-Masters*, and to the *General Riding Officers* are to be paid at *Witsunday* and *Martinmas* by equal Portions.

THE Expence of procuring *Models* of *Looms*, &c. and of *Prosecutions* against such as shall transgress the *Laws* relating to the *Linnen* and *Hempen Manufactures*, is in like Manner to be directed by the *Trustees*.



*Touching the L. 700 per annum, destined for the Manufactures of Coarse Wool.*

THE *Trustees* have resolved to make a *Distribution* of the said Sum, for the first Three Years, among the Counties that produce *Coarse Wool*, commonly called *tared Wool*, according to such *Proportions* as shall hereafter be settled by the *Trustees*, agreeable to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Behalf, and that to and for the Purposes following, *viz.* For Encouragement to *Wool-staplers* and *Combers*, who may be employed in *Sorting*, *Dressing* and *Combing Coarse Wool* within the said Coun-

Counties, such Part of the said Sum as shall be found necessary.

AND the *Remainder* for *Præmiums* to such Persons as shall contract with the *Trustees* for Manufacturing the *Coarser* Kinds of the said *Wool*, or shall employ *Five* or *More* Persons in *Spinning* the said *Wool*. But in Regard the *Gentlemen*, interested in those Counties, have not hitherto offered any *Proposition* for the more particular *Distribution* of the said Sums, for the Purposes aforesaid; the *Trustees* do hereby give Notice, That they will receive from the *Gentlemen* of the said Counties, such *Propositions* as they shall think fit to make to them, for the particular *Distribution* of the said *Money*, and Appropriation of it for the said Purposes severally, on or before the 18th Day of *December* next. And in Default of such *Application* will proceed on the 22d of the said Month, to finish a particular *Plan* for these Ends, from the best Information they can have.

Edinburgh, 17th  
Novemb. 1727.

} By Order of the Commissioners  
and Trustees, for Improving  
Fisheries and Manufactures  
in Scotland.

DAVID FLINT Secretary.





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