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ACT,

Made in the Fourth Session of the Parliament of *WILLIAM* and *MARY*, by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, &c.

Holden at Edinburgh, April 18th 1693,
By his Grace William Duke of Hamilton, &c. &c.
High Commiffioner.



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EXTRACT
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IN FAVOURS OF

The Town of Glasgow.

KING WILLIAM AND MARY'S ACT, 1693.

ATT Edinburgh, the fifteenth day of June, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three years. The which day our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen's Majesties, and the Estates of Parliament, taking to their consideration the great debts and burthens of the town of Glasgow, occasioned by the malversation of the former Magistrates, whereby that once flourishing place is like to be brought to outer ruine; and Their Majesties and the Estates of Parliament being willing, *in regard of the loyaltie and good affection of the said burgh, witnessed on all occasions since the late happy Revolution,* that the foresaid town of Glasgow be relieved, and the debts payed in the easiest and most effectual manner; therefore Their Majesties, with advice and consent of the saids Estates of Parliament, do hereby give, grant, and dispone to the said town of Glasgow, and community thereof, and the saids Magistrates and Town Councill of the same, and their successors in office, for
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their use and behove, the imposition of the two pennies Scots, over and above the King's annexed excise and additional excise, imposed in this session of Parliament, upon the pynte of all ale and beere to be either browen, or in-brought and vended, topped or sold, within the said town and suburbs, and liberties thereof, imposing and ordaining the same to be payed to the said town and Magistrates and Council thereof above mentioned, by the brewers, vintners, sellers, or toppers of the said ale and beere, and that during such space of years as it shall please Their Majesties to appoint, not exceeding the number of thirteen years, as a just space and time calculate for payment and discharge of the town's debt, beginning the said imposition from the first day of November next to come, and so forth to continue during the whole years and time above mentioned, and to be payed, uplifted, and gathered weekly, monthly, quarterly, or otherwise, as the foresaids Magistrates and Town Council shall think fit to prescribe and order, excepting only from this act all ale and beere that shall be browen in the countrey, without the liberties of the burgh, by heritors in their own lands, and in-brought by them, they inhabiting for the time within the town, to be consumed for the use of themselves and their familys allenerly, and also excepting all ale and beere that shall be browen and vended
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in the Garballs, or any other lands within the town's priviledges that pays excise with the shires: And it is hereby declared, That the saids Magistrates and Town Council of the said burgh shall farne and sett in tack the said imposition by way of publick roup, att the sight and by the advice of the Sherriff of the shire of Lanark, and Baillie or Baillie-deputes of the regality of Glasgow, and the first Commissioner of the shire of Lanark, and the first Commissioner of the shire of Renfrew, to the best advantage, for as many years and termes as shall be agreed to; providing always, that the foresaid imposition be applyed, lykeas it is hereby most strictly destinated, appointed, and applyed, for the payment of the said town's debt allready contracted, and for no other uses or ends; and in this manner, viz. for payment as well of the annuall rent of the saids debts as the principall sum for the space of the first three years of the said years to be appointed by Their Majesties, and thereafter for payment of the principall sums of the said debts allenerly, the annuall rent of the subsequent years being payed, likeas Their Majesties, with consent foresaid, hereby ordain the same to be payed out of the common good and other revenues of the said town; certifying lykeas Their Majesties, with consent foresaid, do hereby certify and ordain, That all Magistrates of the said burgh, or others misapplying the for-

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faid imposition to any other use or end, as also all the receivers of the faid imposition so misapplyed, that they shall be liable to make furthcoming and refund the samen, with the interest, to the creditors of the faid town, and that at the instance either of the faid creditors, or of any burges within the faid burgh: And to the effect it may be certainly known both what the faid imposition shall amount to, and that the same is duly applyed in manner foresaid, Their Majesties, with consent foresaid, doe ordaine the faid town, and Magistrates and Council thereof, to keep distinct books of the faid imposition, both of charge and discharge, and to make the same patent to all; and further, Their Majesties, with consent foresaid, doe hereby empower the Sherriff of the shire of Lanark, and the Baillie or Baillie-depute of the regality of Glasgow, the first Commissioner of the shire of Lanark, and the first Commissioner of the shire of Renfrew, to inspect the saids book of accmpts; and, in case of misapplication or malversation, to comptroll the same, and make the misapplyers or malversers lyable in manner foresaid: And further, it is provided, That if any ale or beere browen in the countrey, without the liberties of the faid burgh, and not above excepted, shall be found to be brought into the faid burgh, and liberties thereof, without paying the foresaid imposition,

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tion, it shall be lawful seizure, both cask and liquor, to be declared by the saids Magistrates; and it is hereby declared, That the said Magistrates and Council are to have and use such like execution and diligence for collecting and ingathering the foresaid imposition, as they have and use for the common good and revenues thereof, empowering them hereby fully for thatend, and to cognosce and determine thereanent, and anent all other questions and debates that may arise in the faid matter betwixt the collectors and taxmen and the saids brewers, vintners, and topsters, and others, as accords; and it is hereby declared, That this imposition is granted to the faid burgh with the burden of payment, in the first place, to William Anderfone, son to the deceast William Anderson late Provost of Glasgow, of the sum of nyne thousand merks Scots money, to be payed in the space of three years, and that notwithstanding of any discharge granted thereof, or paction for granting the same; and it is likewise declared, That this imposition is burthened with the Magistrates of the faid burgh, their furnishing of a sufficient tollbooth for receiving and detaining such persons as shall be sent to them by the Baillie of the regality of Glasgow, or his depute, and for holding of his courts therein. Extracted furth of the records of Parliament, kept in the lower Parliament House,

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House, upon this and the three preceding pages, by Mr. Thomas Gibsone, one of the principall clerks of Seffion, as having commission for that effect from Charles Earl of Selkirk, Lord Clerk Register.

Sic subscribitur,

THO. GIBSONE.