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FROM THE

COMMITTEE

UPON

Expired and Expiring Laws.

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FOR

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THE COMMITTEE appointed to enquire, what Public General Laws have expired within Twelve Months preceding the Commencement of the present Session of Parliament; and also what Laws are about to expire within Twelve Months subsequent to the Commencement of the present Session, or in the Course of the next Session, or at the End thereof; and to report the same from Time to Time to the House, with their Opinion which of them are fit to be revived, continued, or made perpetual; and to whom the Report which, upon the 12th Day of May 1796, was made from the Committee who were appointed to inspect and consider all the Temporary Laws of a Public Nature which are expired or near expiring, was referred; and who were instructed to enquire and report to the House, what Laws, expired or near expiring, have been revived, continued, or made perpetual by any Act or Acts of the present Session of Parliament;

HAVE proceeded to an Examination of the Matters referred to them, and they beg leave to present to the House the following Statements; containing—I. First, An Enumeration of all the Public General Laws which have expired within Twelve Months preceding the Commencement of the present Session of Parliament, which by Retrospect includes all which have expired since 20th November 1797.—II. Secondly, An Enumeration of all those which are about to expire within Twelve Months subsequent to the Commencement of the present Session, or in the Course of the next Session, or at the End thereof, in which it is thought proper to include, prospectively, all which may expire

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expire before the 24th of June 1800; distinguishing such of the said Expired or Expiring Laws as have been revived, continued, or made perpetual by any Act or Acts of the present Session of Parliament;—III. And, Thirdly, They have thought proper to subjoin a further Enumeration of some Statutes whereof the Duration is temporary, but uncertain, depending upon contingent Circumstances, such as the Continuance of Lives, Charters, the Laws of other Countries, Treaties with Foreign Powers, Hostilities, &c.; conceiving it to be also necessary that these Laws should be brought within the View of the House, in order that it may be enabled more distinctly to foresee and provide for any of the Exigencies which may arise upon their Termination.

Your Committee propose to report separately upon such of the several Laws comprehended in the following Lists, as in their Opinion are fit to be revived, continued, or made perpetual.

I.

EXPIRED LAWS:

VIZ.

BETWEEN 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1797, AND 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1798.

Matter.	Original Act.	Continuing Act.	Duration.
NEWFOUNDLAND JUDICATURE.	33 Geo. 3. c. 76.	36 Geo. 3. c. 37. <i>revived and continued by</i> 39 Geo. 3. c. 16.	10th June 1797, AND End of the next Session, VIZ. 29th June - - - - 1798. From 9th January - - 1799. till 30 Days after the Commencement of the next Session.
MACKAREL FISHERY.	35 Geo. 3. c. 54. AND 36 - - - - 77.	- - - -	1st June 1797, AND End of the next Session, VIZ. 29th June - - - - 1798.
WHEAT, INDIAN CORN, RYE, &c.	36 Geo. 3. c. 3.	37 Geo 3. c. 7.	Six Weeks after Commencement of Session 1797-8, VIZ. 12th December - - - 1797.
BALTIC STORES.	36 Geo. 3. c. 58. f. 2.	37 Geo. 3. c. 37.	5th April - - - - - 1798.

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<i>Matter.</i>	<i>Original Act.</i>	<i>Continuing Act.</i>	<i>Duration.</i>
MUTINY; NORE.	37 Geo. 3. c. 71.	— —	From 6th June 1797, to One Month after Commence- ment of next Session, viz. 30th November - - - 1797.
MILITIA; SCOTLAND. [Time enlarged.]	37 Geo. 3. c. 103.	38 Geo. 3. c. 12.	1st March - - - - - 1798.
MILITIA; SUPPLEMENTARY. [Time enlarged.]	38 Geo. 3. c. 18.	38 Geo. 3. c. 19.	10th March - - - - - 1798.
NAVY. — SUSPENDING PROTECTIONS.	38 Geo. 3. c. 46.	— —	Five Months, from 24th May 1798, viz. 24th October - - - 1798.

II.

EXPIRING LAWS:

viz.

BETWEEN 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1798, AND 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1800.

<i>Matter.</i>	<i>Original Act.</i>	<i>Continuing Act.</i>	<i>Duration.</i>
SAIL CLOTH; BRITISH.	12 Ann. St. 1. c. 16.	36 Geo. 3. c. 108.	29th September - 1799, and End of the next Session.
THE LIKE.	9 Geo. 2. c. 37.	36 Geo. 3. c. 108.	29th September - 1799, and End of the next Session.
SUGARS.	12 Geo. 2. c. 30.	33 Geo. 3. c. 40. f. 3.	29th September - 1799, and End of the next Session.
RUM and SPIRITS.	15, 16 Geo. 2. c. 25.	33 Geo. 3. c. 40. f. 1.	29th September - 1799, and End of the next Session.
SAIL CLOTH; FOREIGN.	19 Geo. 2. c. 27.	36 Geo. 3. c. 108.	29th September - 1799, and End of the next Session.
LINENS. YARNS.	29 Geo. 2. c. 15.	38 Geo. 3. c. 35. f. 1.	24th June - - - 1799.
RUM and SPIRITS.	33 Geo. 2. c. 28. f. 2.	33 Geo. 3. c. 40. f. 1.	29th September - 1799, and End of the next Session.

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Matter.	Original Act.	Continuing Act.	Duration.	
MALT.	1 Geo. 3. c. 3.	38 Geo. 3. c. 4.	24th June - - -	1799. —
		AND 39 Geo. 3. c. 2.	24th June - - -	1800. —
CUSTOMS; FEES.	5 Geo. 3. c. 45.	34 Geo. 3. c. 44.	9th May - - -	1799, and End of the next Session.
TALLOW.	7 Geo. 3. c. 12.	35 Geo. 3. c. 38. f. 2.	25th March - -	1799, and End of the next Session.
SILVER COIN.	14 Geo. 3. c. 42.	Revised by 38 Geo. 3. c. 59.	1st June - - -	1799. —
			<i>N. B.</i> In the Title of the Act it is the 1st January.	
HEMP, IRISH.	19 Geo. 3. c. 37.	— —	24th June - - -	1800. —
TRANSPORTATION.	19 Geo. 3. c. 74.	34 Geo. 3. c. 60. f. 1.	1st June - - -	1799, and End of the next Session.
CREDITORS; SCOTLAND.	23 Geo. 3. c. 18.	33 Geo. 3. c. 74.	Five Years from 17th June 1793, <i>viz.</i> 17th June - - -	1798, and End of the next Session.
FLAX, COTTON.	23 Geo. 3. c. 77.	38 Geo. 3. c. 35. f. 5.	24th June - - -	1799. —
TRANSPORTATION; SCOTLAND.	25 Geo. 3. c. 46.	34 Geo. 3. c. 60. f. 2.	1st June - - -	1799, and End of the next Session.

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Matter.	Original Act.	Continuing Act.	Duration.	
FISHERY; NEWFOUNDLAND.	26 Geo. 3. c. 26.	37 Geo. 3. c. 99.	Two Years from 1st January 1797, <i>viz.</i> 1st January - - -	1799. —
GREENLAND FISHERY.	26 Geo. 3. c. 41.	38 Geo. 3. c. 35. f. 4.	25th December -	1799. —
BRITISH FISHERIES.	26 Geo. 3. c. 81.	38 Geo. 3. c. 58.	1st March - - -	1799. —
FRENCH GOODS.	27 Geo. 3. c. 13. f. 22.	— —	10th May - - -	1800. —
POST HORSE DUTIES, LET TO FARM.	27 Geo. 3. c. 26.	36 Geo. 3. c. 84.	1st February - -	1800. —
SPIRITS; GENEVA.	28 Geo. 3. c. 46. f. 63.	37 Geo. 3. c. 99. f. 3.	5th July - - -	1799. —
SLAVE TRADE.	28 Geo. 3. c. 54.	38 Geo. 3. c. 88.	1st August - - -	1799. —
PAWNBROKERS.	29 Geo. 3. c. 57.	36 Geo. 3. c. 87.	Three Years from the End of the Session in the Year 1796, <i>viz.</i> 19th May - - -	1799, and End of the next Session.

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SEAL SKINS.	31 Geo. 3. c. 26.	32 Geo. 3. c. 36. f. 6.	14th June - - -	1798, and End of the next Session.
INSOLVENTS.	33 Geo. 3. c. 5.	- - -	Five Years from 13th December 1792, <i>VIZ.</i> 13th December -	1797, and End of the next Session.
DUTCH PROPERTY. NEUTRAL CARGOES.	35 Geo. 3. c. 15. 35 - - - c. 80. 36 - - - c. 76.	38 Geo. 3. c. 9. <i>AND</i> 39 Geo. 3. c. 12.	From 30th December 1797, until Six Weeks after the Beginning of the next Session, <i>VIZ.</i> 31st December -	1798. — 1799. —
CHINA WARE.	35 Geo. 3. c. 98.	- - -	Five Years from 5th April 1795, <i>VIZ.</i> 5th April - - -	1800. —
SUGAR.	35 Geo. 3. c. 110. 36 Geo. 3. c. 106.	38 Geo. 3. c. 61.	From 21st June - until End of the next Session.	1798. —
GLASS.	35 Geo. 3. c. 114.	38 Geo. 3. c. 35. f. 7.	5th July - - - - -	1799. —
RAPE SEED, and other SEEDS for OIL.	35 Geo. 3. c. 117.	38 Geo. 3. c. 35. f. 3.	24th June - - - -	1799. —

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GRENADA and ST. VINCENTS. [Time enlarged.]	35 Geo. 3. c. 127.	37 Geo. 3. c. 27. <i>AND</i> 39 - - - c. 11.	5th January - - -	1799, and End of the next Session. 2d October - - - 1799, &c.
WHEAT, RYE, and PROVISIONS.	36 Geo. 3. c. 3. 37 - - - - 83. - - - - 125. 38 - - - - 29.	38 Geo. 3. c. 10.	From 30th December 1797, until Six Weeks from the Beginning of the next Session, <i>VIZ.</i> 31st December -	1798. —
SEDITIONOUS MEETINGS.	36 Geo. 3. c. 8.	- - -	Three Years from 18th December 1795, <i>VIZ.</i> 18th December -	1798, and End of the next Session.
CAPE of GOOD HOPE.	37 Geo. 3. c. 21.	38 Geo. 3. c. 9. <i>AND</i> 39 Geo. 3. c. 12.	From 30th December 1797, until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session, <i>VIZ.</i> 31st December - -	1798. — 1799. —
SMALL NOTES and BILLS; ENGLAND.	37 Geo. 3. c. 32. - - - 61.	38 Geo. 3. c. 7. <i>AND</i> 39 Geo. 3. c. 9.	From 2d December 1797, the like, <i>VIZ.</i> 31st December - -	1798. — 1799. —

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Matter.	Original Act.	Continuing Act.	Duration.
SMALL NOTES; SCOTLAND.	37 Geo. 3. c. 40.	38 Geo. 3. c. 2.  AND 39 Geo. 3. c. 10.	From 30th November 1797, to 30 Days after the Commencement of the next Session, VIZ. 19th December - 1798. —  { 15th January - } { 25th March - - } 1799. —
SEDUCTION of ARMY or NAVY.	37 Geo. 3. c. 70.	38 Geo. 3. c. 6.  AND 39 - - - c. 4.	From 2d December 1797, to Six Weeks, &c. VIZ. 31st December - - 1798. —  From 17th December 1798, to Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session.
CAMBRICS and LAWNS.	37 Geo. 3. c. 72.	38 Geo. 3. c. 3.	1st March - - - 1799. —
SAIL CLOTH and CANVAS; IRELAND.	37 Geo. 3. c. 76. <small>See 12 Ann. St. 1. c. 16. and 36 Geo. 3. c. 108.</small>	38 Geo. 3. c. 30.	25th March - - - 1799. —
DISTILLERIES; SCOTLAND.	37 Geo. 3. c. 102.	38 Geo. 3. c. 92.	10th April - - - 1799. —

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LAND TAX on OFFICES, &c. SUGAR, TOBACCO, SNUFF.	38 Geo. 3. { c. 5. c. 60.	— —  39 Geo. 3. c. 3. f. 1. and 22.	25th March - - - 1799. —  25th March - - - 1800. —
INDEMNITY. [Time enlarged.]	38 Geo. 3. c. 14.	— —  39 Geo. 3. c. 17.	{ 1st September 6th November } 1798. — 25th December }  { 25th April - - - 22d June - - - } 1799. — 1st September 6th November 25th December }
MARINE MUTINY.	38 Geo. 3. c. 15.	— —	25th March - - - 1799. —
MUTINY.	38 Geo. 3. c. 23.	— —	25th March - - - 1799. —
INNKEEPERS.	38 Geo. 3. c. 32.	— —	25th March - - - 1799. —
SECURING and DETAINING TRAITORS.	38 Geo. 3. c. 36.	— —  39 Geo. 3. c. 15.	1st February - - - 1799. —  21st May - - - 1799. —
ARMORIAL BEARINGS. [Time enlarged.]	38 Geo. 3. c. 53.	39 Geo. 3. c. 8.	15th February - - 1799. —

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LAND TAX REDEMPTION. [Time enlarged.]	38 Geo. 3. c. 60. f. 13.	— —	{ 25th December - 1798. — 25th March - - - 1799. —
		39 Geo. 3. c. 6.	{ 25th March - - } 1799. — 24th June - - }
MILITIA; IRELAND.	38 Geo. 3. c. 66.	— —	From 21st June 1798, to One Calendar Month after the Commencement of the next Session, <i>viz.</i> 20th December - 1798. —
		39 Geo. 3. c. 5.	From 20th December 1798 to One Month after the Commencement, &c.
MILITIA CHARGE.	38 Geo. 3. c. 64.	— —	25th March - - - 1799. —
MILITIA ALLOWANCES.	38 Geo. 3. c. 70.	— —	25th March - - - 1799. —

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WHEREOF THE DURATION DEPENDS UPON CONTINGENCIES.

Matter.	Act.	Duration.
TREASON and DISHERISON.	7 Ann. c. 21. f. 10. 17 Geo. 2. c. 39. f. 3.	Life of the Pretender's Sons.
The CIVIL LIST.	1 Geo. 3. c. 1. 17 Geo. 3. c. 21.	Life of His Majesty.
HIS MAJESTY'S PERSON and GOVERNMENT.	36 Geo. 3. c. 7.	Life of His Majesty.
REGENCY.	5 Geo. 3. c. 27.	Life of His Majesty and contingently afterwards.
LONGITUDE.	14 Geo. 3. c. 66. 36 - - - - 107.	Until Discovery or Rewards expended.
NORTH WEST PASSAGE.	18 Geo. 2. c. 17.	Until Discovery.
NORTH PASSAGE.	16 Geo. 3. c. 6. f. 1.	Until Discovery.
NORTH POLE.	16 Geo. 3. c. 6. f. 2.	Until Approach within One Degree.



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<i>Matter.</i>	<i>Act.</i>	<i>Duration.</i>
BREAD ASSIZE.	38 Geo. 3. c. 62.	Continuance of additional Duties on Salt.
LINENS, &c.	23 Geo. 3. c. 21. 24 - - - - St. 2. c. 14.	Continuance of Irish Acts of Parliament.
REGULATION of COMMERCIAL INTERCOURSE with AMERICA.	37 Geo. 3. c. 97.	Continuance of Treaty with the United States of America.
TRAITOROUS CORRESPONDENCE and INTERCOURSE.	33 Geo. 3. c. 27. 38 - - - - 28. 38 - - - - 45. 38 - - - - 79.	The present War with France, &c.
FRENCH PROPERTY.	34 Geo. 3. c. 9. - - - - c. 79.	
PAYMENTS in CASH by the BANK of ENGLAND.	37 Geo. 3. c. 45. 37 - - - - c. 91. 38 - - - - c. 1.	
VOLUNTEER CORPS.	34 Geo. 3. c. 31. 39 - - - - c. 14.	
MILITIA;	37 Geo. 3. c. 3. 37 - - - - 32. 37 - - - - 103. 38 - - - - 17. 38 - - - - 18. 38 - - - - 55.	

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PROVISIONAL CAVALRY.	37 Geo. 3. c. 6. 37 - - - - 23. 37 - - - - 139. 38 - - - - 51. 38 - - - - 94.	The present War with France, &c.
MINERS.	38 Geo. 3. c. 74.	
EMIGRANT CORPS.	34 Geo. 3. c. 43.	
SEAMEN.	33 Geo. 3. c. 26. 33 - - - - 66. 38 - - - - 109.	
PRIZES.	33 Geo. 3. c. 34. 33 - - - - 66. 38 - - - - 109.	
CONVOYS.	38 Geo. 3. c. 76.	
FOREIGN SHIPS and ALIEN MERCHANTS.	34 Geo. 3. c. 42. 37 Geo. 3. c. 63.	
FRENCH ISLANDS PROVISIONED.	34 Geo. 3. c. 71.	
GUERNSEY, JERSEY, and ALDERNEY PROVISIONED.	37 Geo. 3. c. 125. 38 - - - - c. 29.	

<i>Matter.</i>	<i>Act.</i>	<i>Duration.</i>
GREENLAND and WHALE FISHERY.	34 Geo. 3. c. 22.	
SILK, FLAX, and FLAX SEED.	35 Geo. 3. c. 100. 36 - - - - - 4. 37 - - - - - 8.	
LEVANT TRADE.	37 Geo. 3. c. 84.	
SALT, PORTUGAL.	38 Geo. 3. c. 25.	The present War with France, &c.
EAST INDIA COMPANY.	35 Geo. 3. c. 115.	
EAST INDIA PRODUCE.	38 Geo. 3. c. 68.	
INVASION and DEFENCE.	38 Geo. 3. c. 27.	

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