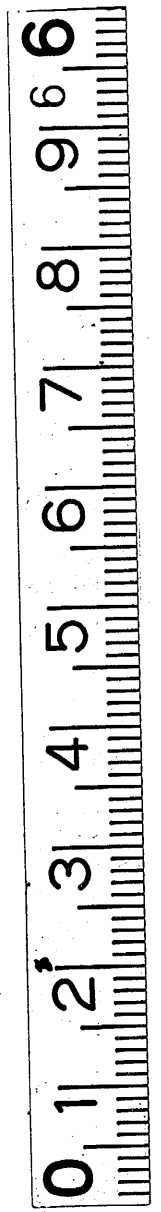


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By the Queen,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Putting in Execution the Laws
and Statutes of this Realm, for
the Preventing the Exportation of
Wool, Wooll-Fells, Woollen-Yarn,
Mortlings, Shorlings, Wooll-Flocks,
Fullers-Earth, and Fulling-Clay.

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Whereas many Good Laws
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Great Britain or Ireland, or out of the Isles of Jersey or Guernsey, with Sark and Alderney, into Foreign Parts, out of the Kingdoms or Isles aforesaid, under the severall Penalties and Forfeitures in the said Laws contained; In and by which Laws severall Encouragements are given to such Person or Persons, who shall Sue or Inform for the same; And thereby severall Directions are given, as well for Guards on the Coasts, as for Entering and Registering of Wooll near the Sea-Coasts, for the better Preventing such Exportation, under severall Penalties therein mentioned; Yet nevertheless the Exportation thereof is still notoriously continued, to the great Discouragement and Prejudice of the Woollen Trade and Manufacture of this Kingdom: We therefore, taking the same into Our serious Consideration, and duly weighing the evil Consequences thereof to the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Have thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby, in pursuance of the said Laws, strictly Charge, Prohibit, and Command, That no manner of Wooll, Wooll-fells, Woollen-Parn, Wortlings, Shorlings, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-Earth, or Fulling-Clay whatsoever, be at any time hereafter, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, either Natural-born Subjects, Denizens, or Strangers, Exported, Transported, Sent, or Conveyed out of the Kingdoms or Places aforesaid, into any Parts beyond the Seas, contrary to the said Laws: And that all the Laws and Statutes

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Statutes now in Force against the Exportation of the said Commodities, be in every Particular punctually observed and kept, upon Pain of the severest Penalties, which by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm may be inflicted upon the Offenders themselves, their Aiders, Procurers, Abettors, or Labourers. And We do hereby Declare, That We will cause to be effectually put in Execution the Laws and Statutes aforesaid; And that all Assistance and Encouragement shall be given by the Commissioners of Our Customs, and other Our Officers, in the Recovery of the Rewards given by the said Laws, to the Persons who shall discover and sue for the same. And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Officers of the Customs, and others, who shall be any ways employed or intrusted in the Discovering, Prosecuting, or Preventing the said Offences, that they do use their utmost diligence in the discharge of their said Trust, under the pain of incurring Our highest displeasure. And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Officers and Ministers to be aiding and assisting to the Officers of Our Customs, and others duly authorized to put in execution the said Laws, and all others acting in their aid. And for the further encouragement of all Persons to be diligent to discover any of the Exporters of Wooll, contrary to the said Laws, We do hereby Promise and Declare, That whosoever shall discover any Person or Persons, who, since the first day of July last past, hath or have exported, or before the first Day of July now next ensuing,

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ensuing, shall export any Wooll contrary to the said Laws, so as such Person or Persons be brought to Justice, shall have and receive, over and above all rewards already given by Acts of Parliament, the further reward of Forty Pounds, whereof Our high Treasurer is hereby ordered to make payment. And if any such Offender shall make such discovery of any other of the said Offenders, so as he or they be brought to Justice, such Discoverer shall not only have Our Gracious Pardon for his said Offence, but shall have and receive the Reward hereby promised, as aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the Eighteenth Day of October, 1713. In the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.

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Anno XII.

CAROLI II. Regis.

An Act for Prohibiting the Exportation of Wooll, Woollfells, Fullers-earth, or any kind of Scouring-earth.

FOR the better preventing and avoiding of such losses and inconveniencies as have happened, and daily do and may happen to the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, and to the Kingdom of Ireland, by and through the secret and subtil Exportation and Transportation, and by and through the secret and subtil carrying and conveying away of Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, and Fulling clay, out of, and from the Kingdoms and Dominion aforesaid, and for the better setting on work the poor People and Inhabitants of the Kingdoms and Dominion aforesaid; And to the intent that the full and best use and benefit of the principal native Commodities of the same Kingdoms and Dominion may come, redound, and be unto and amongst the Subjects and Inhabitants

bitants of the same, and not unto or amongst the Subjects and Inhabitants of the Realm of Scotland, or of any Foreign Realms or States, as the same now of late in some great measure hath done, and is further likely to do, if some severer Punishment than heretofore be not speedily inflicted upon such Offenders as shall be actors or assistants in and to such Exportation and Transportation, and in and to such carrying and conveying away thereof, as aforesaid :

No Person after the 14 of January, 1660. shall export any Sheep, or Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay: Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the fourteenth day of January, One thousand six hundred and threescore, shall directly or indirectly export, transport, carry, or convey, or cause or procure to be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed, out of or from the Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or out of or from the Isles of Jersey or Guernsey, with Sark and Alderney, being under the Government of Guernsey aforesaid, or out of or from any of them, or out of or from the Kingdom of Ireland aforesaid, into any parts or places out of the Kingdoms, Isles, or Dominion aforesaid, any Sheep or Wooll whatsoever, of the breed or growth of the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, or Isles, or Dominion aforesaid; or any Woollfells, Mortlings, or Shorlings, or any Yarn made of Wooll, or any Wooll flocks, or any Fullers-earth, or Fulling-

ling-clay whatsoever; nor shall directly or indirectly pack or load, or cause to be packed or loaded upon any Horse, Car, or other Carriage, or load or lay on board, or cause to be loaden or laid on board in any Ship or other Vessel, in any Place or Port within the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, or Town of Berwick, or Isles, or Dominion aforesaid, any such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, or Woollflocks, or any Fullers earth, or Fulling-clay, to the Intent or Purpose to export, transport, carry, or convey the same, or to cause the same to be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed out of the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, Town of Berwick, Isles or Dominion aforesaid, or with Intent or Purpose that any other Person or Persons should so export, transport, carry, or convey the same into any Parts or Places out of the Kingdoms of England and Ireland, Town of Berwick, Isles or Dominion aforesaid, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or any foreign Parts.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, or any Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, shall be from and after the Fourteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred and sixty, exported, transported, carried, or conveyed out of the Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick, or Kingdom of Ireland, or out of any Port or Place of the said Kingdoms respectively, unto the Isles of Jersey or Guernsey, or to Sark,

Nor carry, load, or board any Sheep, Wooll, &c.

No Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, or any Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, shall be from and after the 14 of Jan. 1660. to be carried out of Wales, Ireland, &c.

The Penalties.

Sark, or Alderney, except as in this Act shall hereafter be limited or appointed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Offender and Offenders, Offence and Offences aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to the respective Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures hereafter following, that is to say, the said Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, and Fulling-clay, so exported, transported, carried, conveyed, packed, or laden contrary to the true Intent of this Act, shall be forfeited, and that every Offender and Offenders therein shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every such Sheep, and Three Shillings for every pound weight of such Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay; and also the Owners of the said Ships or Vessels, knowing such Offence, shall forfeit all their Interest in the said Ships or Vessels, with all their Apparel and Furniture to them and every of them belonging; and that the Master and Mariners thereof, knowing such Offence, and wittingly and willingly aiding and assisting thereunto, shall forfeit all their Goods and Chattels, and have Imprisonment for the space of Three Months without Bail or Mainprize; the one Moiety of which said Penalties and Forfeitures shall be to the King's Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to him that will sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, or before the

the Justices of Assize, or in the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace: In which suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted, That if a Merchant, or other Person or Persons shall, after the said Fourteenth Day of January, transport or cause to be transported any Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Woollen-yarn, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, contrary to the true Intent of this Act, and be thereof lawfully convicted, that then he shall be disabled to require any Debt or Account of any Factor or others, for or concerning any Debt or Estate properly belonging to such Offender: Provided always, and it is nevertheless declared, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not be construed to take away any greater Pains or Penalties inflicted, or to be inflicted for any the Offences aforesaid, by virtue of any former Act of Parliament now in force.

The penalty upon any Merchant that shall transport Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, &c. Proviso.

And be it also further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Offence that shall be done or committed contrary to this Act, shall and may be enquired of, and heard, examined, tried, and determined in the County where such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay respectively shall be so packed, laden, or laid aboard, as aforesaid, contrary to this Act, or else in the County where such Offenders shall happen to be apprehended or arrested for such Offence, in such Manner and Form, and to such Effect to all Intents

Intents and Purposes, as if the same Offence had been wholly and altogether done and committed at and in such County.

They to be prosecuted within a Year after the Offence committed. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall at any Time hereafter be impeached for any Offence aforesaid, unless such Person or Persons shall be prosecuted within the space of One Year next ensuing such Offence committed.

Any Person may seize goods loaded contrary to this Act with intent to be transported, and shall have the Moiety thereof. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to seize, take, and challenge to his or their own use and behoof, and to the Use of the King, His Heirs, and Successors, all and all manner of such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, and Fulling-clay, as he or they shall happen to see, find, know, or discover to be laid aboard in any Ship, or other Vessel, or Boat, or to be brought, carried or laid on shore, at or near the Sea, or any Navigable River or Water, to the Intent or Purpose to be exported or conveyed out of the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, Town of Berwick, Isles or Dominion aforesaid, contrary to the true Meaning of this Act, or to be packed or loaden upon any Horse, Cart, or other Carriage, to the Intent or Purpose to be conveyed or carried into the Kingdom of Scotland aforesaid; and that such Person or Persons as shall happen so to seize, take, or challenge any such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll,

Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, as aforesaid, shall have the full Moiety thereof to all Intents and Purposes.

Provided always, That such Person or Persons as shall make any such Seizure or challenge, as aforesaid, to his or their own Use, shall not be admitted or allowed to give in Evidence upon his or their Oath or Oaths against any Person or Persons which shall happen to be indicted, accused, or questioned by virtue of this Act, or any Thing therein contained.

And furthermore be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Ship, Vessel, Hulk, Barge, or Boat, of what kind soever, whereof any Alien born, or whereof any Natural born Subjects not inhabiting within the Realm of England, shall be owner or part owner, and wherein any Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, shall happen to be shipped, put, or laid aboard contrary to the true Meaning of this Act, shall be forfeited to the King's Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors.

Provided always, That this Act shall not extend to any Lamb Skins ready drest, and prepared, fit and useful for Furr or Linings.

Provided also, That this Act shall not in any wise extend to the transporting, carrying, or conveying away of any such Woollfells or Pelts, with such Wooll upon them, or to any Beds stuffed with Flocks, which shall be carried or employed in any Ship or other Vessel for necessary Use only, of and about the Ordnance

England, Ireland, Berwick.
 Ordnance or other Thing, in or concerning such Ship or Vessel, or only for the necessary Use of any the Persons in such Ship or Vessel passing or being, and which shall not be sold or uttered in any foreign Parts out of the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, or Town of Berwick, Isles or Dominion aforesaid; nor to the exporting, transporting, carrying, or conveying of any Wether Sheep, or of the Wooll growing upon any such Wether Sheep, to be carried alive in any Ship or other Vessel, for and towards the only necessary Food or Diet of or for the Company or Passengers, or other Persons therein, and for and towards none other Purpose.

Provido. Southampton, Jersey, Guernsey.
 Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act, or any Thing therein contained, shall not extend to any such Wooll to be exported or transported out of or from the Port of Southampton only, unto the aforesaid Isles of Jersey and Guernsey, by or for the only Use or Behoof of any of the Inhabitants of the said Isles of Jersey or Guernsey, or either of them, or to any such Wooll to be shipped or laden aboard in any Ship or other Vessel, by or for the only Use or Behoof of any the Inhabitants of the said Isles of Jersey and Guernsey, or either of them, in the Port aforesaid, to be exported and transported into the said Isles of Jersey or Guernsey, or either of them; so as such Person or Persons, that shall so ship or lay aboard such Wooll into any Ship or other Vessel, do, before the shipping or laying aboard such Wooll, deliver unto the Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor,

Surveyor, or Searcher of the Port of Southampton aforesaid (out of which the same Wooll is to be exported) a writing under the Seal or Seals of the respective Governors of the same Isles of Guernsey or Jersey, unto which the said Wooll is to be transported, or of his or their Deputy or Deputies respectively, the which writing shall purport and express, That the party named in such writing is authorized and appointed to export or cause to be exported out of the Port aforesaid, so much Wooll, expressing the number of the Tods, to the same Isle, to be used or manufactured in one of the same Isles, or in some of the Members or Parts of the same; and that such Party so authorized and appointed to export or cause to be exported that Wooll, hath before the making and sealing of that writing, entred into sufficient Bond to his Majesty's use for the landing of the said Wooll in that Isle. And to the intent that the quantity of Wooll to be exported out of the Port of Southampton aforesaid into the said Isles, or either of them, in any one year, accounting the year to begin from the first day of January next ensuing, and so yearly from the first day of January, may not exceed the quantity here under specified, that is to say, unto the Isle of Jersey, Two thousand Tods and no more of unkembed Wooll, and unto Guernsey, One thousand Tods and no more of unkembed Wooll, and unto Alderney, Two hundred Tods and no more of unkembed Wooll, and unto Sark, One hundred Tods of unkembed Wooll,

Wooll and no more, every Tod not exceeding Thirty two Pounds.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governor of the said Isle of Jersey, or his Deputy, for whom he will answer, shall not make to any Person or Persons, any writing or writings, such as is above specified, to authorize or appoint such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, to fetch, export, or transport out of the Port of Southampton aforesaid, unto the said Isle of Jersey, in one year, accounting the year from the first day of January, One thousand six hundred and sixty aforesaid, any greater quantity of Wooll than Two thousand Tods in any one year; and the Governor of the said Isle of Guernsey, or his Deputy, for whom he will answer, shall not make to any Person or Persons, any writing or writings, such as is above specified, to authorize and appoint such Person or Persons, as aforesaid, to fetch, export, or transport out of the Port above specified, unto the said Isles of Guernsey, with Alderney, and Sark, in any one year, accounting the year from the first day of January, any greater quantity of Wooll than One thousand Tods for Guernsey, Two hundred Tods for Alderney, and One hundred Tods for Sark, in any one year; and that the Customer of the Port of Southampton aforesaid shall keep a true account of all the said quantity of Woolls, so by him permitted to be loaden by virtue of this Act, and shall not permit any greater quantity of Woolls to be loaden than by this Act is prescribed, in any one year, to either

either of the said Islands respectively, under any pretence whatsoever, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Place, and the Sum of One hundred Pounds in Money, to him or them that will sue for the same in any Court of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed. And if any of the Governors aforesaid, or any of their, or either of their Deputy or Deputies of the said Isles, or either of them, shall give, grant, or make any Licence or Licences for exporting from Southampton aforesaid, into the said Isles respectively, of any greater Quantity of such Wooll, than is before by the true Meaning of this Act limited and appointed in that behalf; That then the respective Governor or Governors of such of the said Isles shall forfeit and pay to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of England, for every Tod of Wooll which shall be so licensed to be exported, over and above the Rate and Proportion of Wooll in and by this Act, or the true Meaning thereof, limited or appointed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the respective Governors aforesaid, or their respective Deputies, or any of their Clerks, Officers, or Servants, for the granting, making, or sealing of every such Writing of Licence as is aforesaid, and for the entering a Remembrance of the same into some Book, which they shall have and keep for that purpose, may have and take the Sum of Twelve Pence, and no more, upon pain of forfeiting to the Party grieved the Sum of Five Shillings for every Peny which shall be

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taken over and above the said Sum of Twelve Pence in and by this Act allowed to be taken, and so after that proportion; the said Penalty or Forfeiture for the taking above Twelve Pence, as aforesaid, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record at Westminster, or elsewhere, wherein no Injunction, Protection, Privilege, Essoign, or Wager of Law shall be admitted or allowed.

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CAROLI II. Regis.

An Act against the exporting of Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, Fulling-clay, and Tobacco pipe-clay.

Whereas against the Laws of this Kingdom, great Numbers of Sheep, and great Quantities of Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay are secretly exported, transported, carried, and conveyed out of the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and Kingdom of Ireland, into the Kingdom of Scotland, and into foreign Parts, to the great Decay of the Woollen Manufactures, the Ruin of many Families, and the Destruction of the Navigation and Commerce of the Kingdoms, Town, and Dominion aforesaid, which is like daily to increase, if some further remedy be not provided, and further Penalties imposed upon the Offenders therein:

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Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons shall from and after the First Day of August, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, directly or indirectly, export, transport, carry, or convey, or shall cause to be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed out of, or from the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or after the First Day of January, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, out of the Kingdom of Ireland, into any Parts or Places out of the Kingdoms, or Dominion aforesaid, or into the Kingdom of Scotland, any Sheep or Wooll whatsoever of the Breed or Growth of the Kingdoms, or Dominion aforesaid, or any Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, or any Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay whatsoever, or shall directly or indirectly pack or load, or cause to be packed or loaden, upon any Horse, Cart, or other Carriage, or shall load or lay on board, or cause to be loaden or laid on board, in any Ship or other Vessel, in any Place within the Kingdoms of England or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed aforesaid, any such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, to the Intent or Purpose to export, transport, carry, or convey the same, or to cause the same to be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed

out of the Kingdoms of England, or Ireland, the Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed aforesaid, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or into any foreign Parts, that then every such offence shall be adjudged Felony, and the Made Fe- Offender or Offenders, being duly convicted, shall suffer and forfeit as in case of Felony.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Owner of any such Ship or other Vessel, and every Owner of every Horse, Cart, or Carriage, upon which any Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, shall be so exported, transported, carried, or conveyed, as aforesaid, or to any such intent or purpose, as aforesaid, knowing thereof, and being wittingly and willingly aiding, assisting, or consenting thereunto, and also every Master and Mariner of or in such Ship or other Vessel, wherein any such Sheep, Wooll, Wooll-fells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay, shall be so exported, transported, carried, or conveyed, or loaden or laid on Board, as aforesaid, to any such intent or purpose, as aforesaid, knowing thereof, and being wittingly or willingly aiding, assisting, or consenting thereunto, and also every Factor or Servant, or other Person whatsoever, and every Customer, Comptroller, Waiter, Searcher, Surveyor, or other Officer, or Person whatsoever, knowing thereof, and being wittingly or willingly aiding, assisting, or consenting thereunto, shall be, and shall be adjudged

and taken to be a Felon, and every Offender or Offenders therein being duly convicted, shall suffer and forfeit as in case of Felony.

Offences against this Act, where to be examined and tried.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every offence, which shall be done or committed contrary to this Act, shall and may be enquired of, and heard, examined, tried, and determined in the County where such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, or Fulling-clay respectively shall be so packed, laden, or laid on board, as aforesaid, or else in the County where such Offender shall happen to be apprehended or arrested for such offence, in such manner and form, and to such effect, to all intents and purposes as if the same offence had been wholly done and committed in the same County.

Peers.

Provided also, That every Baron, and other Peer of this Realm, which shall be indicted or accused as principal, or accessory in or to any offence made Felony by this Act, shall have his, her, or their Trial, by his, her, or their Peers, as in case of Felony at the common Law.

None to be impeached, unless within one Year next after the Offence committed

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall at any time hereafter be impeached for any offence made Felony by this Act, unless such Person or Persons shall be thereof indicted within the space of one year next ensuing such offence committed.

And forasmuch as great quantities of Wooll, Woollen-yarn, and Wooll-flocks, are close packed and pressed together with Scrues, and other unlawful Engines, into

into Buts, Pipes, Hogsheds, Chests, and other Casks and Vessels, and into Sacks, Bags, and other Wrappers made of Wooll or Linen, and under colour of Bales, Sacks, Bags, Packs, and Casks of other Goods, and otherwise, great Quantities of the same are daily loaden on board of Ships or other vessels, and so are carryed, conveyed, exported, and transported out of the Kingdoms, Town of *Berwick*, and Dominion aforesaid; and also great Quantities are daily carried and laid at or near the Coasts of the Sea, or some Navigable Rivers, into Store-houses, and Barns, and by night are laid on board of Shallops, and other Vessels belonging to Aliens, and so carried and exported out of the Kingdoms, Town of *Berwick*, and Dominion aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First day of *August* no Person or Persons shall press together with any Scrues, Presses, or other Engines, into any Sack, Pack, Bag, or other Wrapper, or shall put, press, pack, or stean any Wooll whatsoever, or any Yarn made of Wooll, into any But, Pipe, Hoghead, Chest, or any other Cask or Vessel, upon any pretence whatsoever, or shall carry or lay, or cause to be carried or laid at or near the Shore or Coasts of the Sea, or of any Navigable River, or into any House or Place near adjoining thereunto, any such Wooll, Wooll-flocks, or Yarn made of Wooll, with intention to export, transport, carry, or convey the same out of the Kingdoms of *England* or *Ireland*, Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, or Dominion of *Wales*, into the Kingdom of

Scrues and unlawful Engines for pressing together of Wooll, not to be used.

The Penalty.

Scotland, or unto any foreign parts, under the penalty of the loss and forfeiture of all such Wooll, Wooll-flocks, and Yarn made of Wooll, as shall be so packed or pressed, or put or laid into Cask, or carried or laid near to the Sea-shore, or to any Navigable River, as aforesaid, or the value thereof.

Fulling-clay, Tobacco-pipe-clay, not to be exported.

And whereas great quantities of Fullers-earth or Fulling-clay are daily carried and exported under the colour of Tobacco-pipe-clay : Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Tobacco-pipe-clay shall, from and after the First day of August, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed out of, or from the Kingdom of England, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or after the First day of January, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, out of, or from the Kingdom of Ireland, or the Dominion of Wales, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or into any foreign parts, or into any Port or Place out of the Kingdom or Dominion aforesaid, under the Penalty of Three Shillings for every pound of Tobacco-pipe-clay which shall be exported or transported contrary to this Act.

The Penalty.

Packs of Wooll, Wooll-fells, &c. shall not be carried but in the day time.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First day of August, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, no Packs, Sacks, Bags, or Cask of any Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, Fulling-clay, or Tobacco-pipe-clay, shall be laid or loaded on any Horse, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, or shall be carried or conveyed by

by land to or from any place or places within the Kingdom of England, Town of Berwick, or Dominion aforesaid, nor after the First day of January, One thousand six hundred sixty two, in the Kingdom of Ireland, but in the day time, and at seasonable hours (that is to say) from and after the First day of March, to the Nine and twentieth day of September, yearly, between the hours of Four of the Clock in the morning, and Eight of the Clock in the evening, and from the Nine and twentieth day of September, to the First day of March, yearly, between the hours of Seven of the Clock in the morning, and Five of the Clock in the evening, under the Penalty of the Loss and Forfeiture of all such Goods, or the Value thereof ; the one Moiety of all which Forfeitures mentioned in this Act, to be to the Use of the King, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them that will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any Court of Record, in which no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be admitted or allowed.

The Penalty.

Provided nevertheless, That this Act, Proviso or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend to Repeal, Disannul, and make Void, any the Penalties, Clauses, or Provisoes mentioned in one Act of this present Session of Parliament, made against the Transportation of Wooll, Woollfells, Fullers-earth, or any kind of Scouring-earth, or to the Prohibiting of the Loading on board any Ship or Vessel, of any Wether-sheep, Wooll, Wooll-flocks, or other Goods mentioned in this Act, that by the aforesaid

said Act is permitted to be loaden on board of any Ship or Vessel, for the necessary Use and Provision of such Ship or Vessel, as aforesaid; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provido for Owners of Ships that have offended, and shall first discover the same.

Provided always. That if any Owner of any Ship or Vessel, or any Master or Mariner knowing of such Transportation of such Sheep, Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, Fulling clay, or Tobacco-pipe-clay, shall, within Three months next after the knowledge thereof, or after his Return into the Kingdom of England or Ireland, or into the said Town of Berwick, or Dominion of Wales aforesaid, give the first Information bona fide, before any of the Barons of either of the Courts of the Exchequer in England or Ireland, for the time being, or before the Head Officer of any Port where he shall first arrive, upon his or their Oath, of the Number and Quantity of the Goods mentioned in this Act, so carried, conveyed, and transported, and by whom, where, and in what Ship or Vessel, and afterwards shall be ready, upon reasonable warning by Process, to justify and prove the same. That then such Owner and Owners, Master, Mariner and Mariners shall not be punished for Felony by virtue of this Act, but shall nevertheless be subject to all other Penalties, and Forfeitures in this or any other Act contained, for the Offence aforesaid; and all such Exportation, Transportation, Carrying, or Conveying of any the Goods, Wares, or Commodities in this Act mentioned, is hereby declared

Common Nufance.

declared and adjudged to be a Common and publick Nufance.

And for the better Execution of this Act, be it further enacted, That all Justices of Assize, Justices of Gaol-delivery, and Justices of Peace, shall enquire of all the Premises in their General Quarter-Sessions, and hear and determine the same; and that all Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Head Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Towns, not having Jurisdiction to try Felony, shall enquire of all and every Offence within this Act not made Felony, and hear and determine the same.

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*An Act for the better preventing the
Exportation of Wooll, and en-
couraging the Woollen Manufac-
tures of this Kingdom.*

W Hereas through the Remifness ^{Preamble.}
and Negligence of Officers and
others in not putting the Laws
in Execution againft the Exportation of
Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings,
Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Ful-
lers-earth, Fulling-clay, and Tobacco-pipe-
clay; and alfo by reason of the doubtful-
nefs of fome Expressions in the Statute
made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of
King *Charles* the Second, divers great
Quantities of Wooll, and other the Things
above mentioned, have been exported out
of the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ire-
land*, into *France*, and other Parts be-
yond the Seas, which, if not prevented
for the future, will tend to the utter Ruin
and Undoing of many Thousands of
Their Majesties Subjects, and the great
Diminution of the Trade of this King-
dom :

dom: For preventing whereof, and for the better Explanation and Execution of the Laws made against the said Exportation; and for preventing Frauds generally practised to avoid the Penalties therein mentioned, be it enacted by the King and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Owner of Wooll, or their Agent or Agents, that shall at any time carry or cause to be carried any Wooll to any Port or Place on the Sea Coasts, with an intention to convey the same to any other Port or Place on the Sea Coasts within the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or from the Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, from whence the same may be shipped off, or otherwise transported, conveyed, or carried into foreign Parts, that the said Owner or Owners shall in the first Place cause a due Entry to be made of the said Wooll, at the Port from whence the same shall be so intended to be conveyed, containing the exact Weight, Marks, and Numbers of the same, before he or they presume to load or carry away any of the said Wooll, within Five Miles of any such Port or Place on the Sea Coasts from whence the same is so to be conveyed. And if any Wooll shall be carrying towards the Sea without being first entred in manner aforesaid, the Wooll so found, as also the Horse or Horses, Cart, Waggon, or other Beasts, or Carriages conveying the same, shall be forfeited

Wooll carried to the Sea-Coasts to be entred.

Penalty.

feited and lost: And the Person or Persons carrying, driving, aiding, or abetting the same, shall suffer and forfeit in such Manner as by the Laws and Statutes now in force against the Exportation of Wooll is provided.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That the foregoing Clause is not intended, nor shall be construed to extend to the hindring any Person or Persons from carrying his or their Wooll from the Place of shearing the same, on Horses, or by Carts, and Waggon, to his or their own dwelling House or Houses, or Out-houses thereunto belonging, though the same be within Five Miles or less of the Sea, so as such Person or Persons, within Ten Days after the Shearing of the said Wooll, and before he or they remove or otherwise dispose of the same, or any Part thereof, from the Place where it was first carried after Shearing, do, under his or their Hands, certify to the Officer of the Customs in the next adjacent Port the true Quantity of the said Wooll, (that is to say) of the Number of Fleeces, and where the same is housed, and that such Person or Persons do not remove, or otherwise dispose of the said Wooll to any other Place, without first certifying the Officer of such Port, under his or their Hands, of his Intention to remove the same, Three Days at least before such Removal. And the Officer and Officers in Register the respective Ports, and the Limits of such Ports, are hereby required to receive and keep such Certificates, and to make a Register of them. But in case any such Person or Persons shall neglect to make and

Persons carrying Wooll from Shearing to certify

and send such Certificate to the Officer or Officers of the next adjacent Port, as aforesaid, or shall remove, or otherwise dispose of any of the said Wooll, before such Certificate of his Intention so to do, be made and delivered, as aforesaid, such Person or Persons shall have no benefit by this Proviso, but be liable to the Penalties expressed in the foregoing Clause.

Cocket and Certificate how to be made.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Cockets for carrying Wooll from any Port within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or from the Port of Berwick upon Tweed, shall be written upon Paper, and not Parchment, and signed by Three of the chief Officers of such respective Port at least; and all Certificates of landing the same again in any other of the said Ports, or from the Kingdom of Ireland, shall be signed in like Manner; and that all such Wooll, both at shipping and landing, shall be weighed in the Presence of the said Officers, giving such Cockets and Certificates respectively; and that the exact Weight, Marks, and Numbers of such Wooll, so shipped and landed, shall be likewise particularly expressed in both Cocket and Certificate.

Penalty on Officer.

And be it further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every such Officer or Officers, as shall not observe the Directions in this Act before mentioned on their Parts to be performed, shall be deemed, and adjudged as Aiders and Abettors of the said Transportation, and suffer the Penalties contained in the Statutes made in the

the Twelfth, and Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of King Charles the Second, against Transportation of Wooll, and other the things before mentioned.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Wooll shall be shipped from the Kingdom of Ireland, but from these Ports following, (viz.) Dublin, Waterford, Youghall, Kingsale, Cork, and Drogheda; And that no Wooll shall be imported from the Kingdom of Ireland, into any Ports but these following (viz.) Leverpoole, Chester, Bristol, Minehead, Barnstaple, Biddiford, and Exeter.

Ports of Import, and Export.

And for the better and more effectual Execution of this and other Acts made against Exportation of Wooll, Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Right Honourable Commisioners to execute the Act. Sir Thomas Pilkington Lord Mayor of the City of London, Sir Henry Goodrich Baronet, Sir Patience Ward Knight, Sir Matthew Andrews Knight, Sir Benjamin Newland Knight, Sir John Matthews Kt. Sir Peter Rich Knight, Sir Robert Dashwood, Sir William Portman Knight and Baronet, Sir Henry Ashburst, Baronet, Sir William Ashburst, Knight, Sir Richard Newdigate, Sir John Fleet, William Harbord, John Summers, John Sandford, Foot Onslow, John Pollexfen, Richard Bret, William Cranmore, Edward Mountague, Esquires; Samuel Hassel, William Hassel senior, John Parish, John Voyer, John Gibbon, Barnard Carter, Gentlemen; Mr. Mountague of Horton, Sir Thomas Samuel Baronet, William Dugdale Esq; John Afley of Woley Esq; Sir William Langham, Sir John Poley Knight, Sir Benjamin

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Benjamin Aylofffe Baronet, Sir Robert Jefferies Knight, Sir John Letbuellier Knight, Sir Gabriel Roberts Knight, Sir Samuel Dashwood Knight, Sir Thomas Vernon Kt. Nathaniel Tench, William Hufsey, Thomas Canham, William Gore, Hugh Strode, Samuel Meverell, John Smith, Thomas Firmin, Arthur Moore, William Crouch, Thomas Heatly, Thomas Sandys, William Jolly, Esquires, Paris Slaughter, Henry Cornish, John Devinck, Richard Scott, David Prole, Thomas Crandall, Philip Bickly, John Paris, Richard Harrison, John Bustfield, John Haines, Edward Bickly, Nicholas Broking, William Stanford, Benjamin Ivie, Daniel Ivie, Andrew Jeffery, Thomas Turner, Peter Parr, Henry Newcomb, Joseph Prince, Matthew Ferris, William Spry, John Keese senior, John Monkly junior, William Wrayford, John Youat, Robert Foster, John Lavington, Thomas Potter, Robert Burrige, John Upcott, John Smith, John Mudford, or any Five of them, be authorized for putting this and other the said Laws in execution; who are hereby impowered from time to time, by their Agents or Substitutes, to be deputed under the Hands and Seals of any Five or more of them, to seize all Wooll, Wooll-fells and other the things above mentioned, which shall be endeavoured to be transported contrary to this Act; and also to sue and prosecute all Persons offending against this or any the said Laws; Any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, That if any Owner of any Ship or Vessel, or any Master or Mariner, knowing of the Exportation of any

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any Sheeps-Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Ships, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, Fulling-clay, &c. discovering, their Reward. or Tobacco-pipe-clay, contrary to the true meaning of this and the other Acts above mentioned, shall within Three Months, next after the knowledge thereof, or after his return into the Kingdom of England or Ireland, or to the said Town of Berwick, or into the Dominion of Wales aforesaid, give the first Information bona fide, before any of the Barons for the time being of the Court of Exchequer in England, or the Court of Exchequer in Ireland, or before any Three of the Commissioners appointed by this Act, for the more effectual putting in execution this and other Laws made against the exportation of Wooll, or before the Head Officer of any Port where he shall first arrive, upon his or their oath of the number and quantity of such Sheepswooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, Fulling-clay, or Tobacco-pipe-clay, so carried, conveyed or exported, as aforesaid, and by whom, where, and in what Ship or Vessel, and afterwards shall be ready upon reasonable warning, by Process to justify and prove the same, That then such Owner and Owners, Master, Mariner and Mariners, shall not be liable or subject to any the Penalties or Forfeitures in this or any other Act contained or enacted, for the Offence aforesaid, but shall and is hereby enabled to recover and receive such Benefit and Advantages as is appointed to be allowed by the precedent Act or Acts.

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Persons authorized may seize, &c.

Provided nevertheless, That the Powers given to the said Commissioners shall not hinder any Person or Persons lawfully authorized, from seizing Wooll, or prosecuting any Person offending against this or any former Act made against the Transportation of Wooll, and other the things above mentioned.

Persons prosecuted may plead the general Issue.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Persons so sued shall and may file a common Bail, or enter into a common Appearance, and plead the general Issue, *Not guilty*; And upon Issue joyned, may give this Act in Evidence; And if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, or if upon a Demurrer Judgment pass against him, the Defendant shall recover treble Costs and Damages for his Molestation.

A Register of Wooll.

And for the better execution of the Powers granted by this Act, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Register be kept at the *Custom-house, London*, of all the Wooll from time to time imported from *Ireland*; And also of what Wooll shall be sent from one Port to another in this Kingdom; The particular Weights and Numbers, the Ship, Masters Name, Owners Name, and to whom consigned; To the end the said Commissioners appointed to put this Act in Execution, may have an inspection thereinto, or Copies thereof from time to time. This Act to continue for Three Years,

Continuance of the Act.

Years, and from thence to the end of the next Sessions of Parliament.

And for the better encouragement of Woollen the Manufacture, as well as the growth of Wooll, Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from hence forward it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to buy any Cloth, Stuffs, Stockings, or other Manufacture of Wooll made in the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, and the same freely, without any Molestation or Trouble whatsoever, to export into any parts beyond the Seas, paying the usual Customs.

Provided, That nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to avoid the charters and grants made to the *Levant Company*, to the *Eastland Company*, to the *Russia Company*, to the *African Company*, or to the privileges granted to them, or any of them.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to transport from the *Port of Southampton* only, for the use or behoof of the inhabitants of the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney* and *Sark*, and of the Woollen Manufactures there made, One thousand Tods of un-kembed Wooll for the island of *Guernsey*, Two thousand Tods of un-kembed Wooll for the Island of *Jersey*, Two hundred Tods of un-kembed Wooll for the Island of *Alderney*, and One hundred Tods of un-kembed Wooll for the Island of *Sark*, more than by the said Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles the Second* is directed and provided

vided for the same, to be done according to the same Rules, Orders and Directions, and under the like Penalties and Forfeitures as in the said Act is directed, ordained, appointed and inflicted, and on the further penalty of twenty pounds for every Tod of Wooll, and forfeiture of the Wooll it self (one half thereof to His Majesty, one quarter part thereof to the Informer, and the other quarter part to the Poor of the said Islands) in case any Person shall again transport, or attempt to transport any of the said Wooll, from the said Islands, for every offence therein: And also that every Person so offending, shall, from and after the first offence, be incapable of having or enjoying any grant of any Wooll from the said Port of *Southampton*, nor shall ever hereafter have any Warrant given or granted him for that purpose; the said Penalties to be recovered by such Person as shall sue for the same by any Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, Injunction, or Order of Restraint is to be allowed, or any more than one Impar lance.

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An Act for the more effectual preventing the exportation of Wooll, and for the encouraging the importation thereof from Ireland.

WHereas several Laws have been made to prevent the Exportation of Wooll, yet nevertheless, the said exportation is still continued, whereby daily mischiefs and evils do happen, and a correspondence with *France* is maintained, to the great prejudice of the Government, and discouragement of the Manufacture of this Kingdom.

And whereas in the first year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary* there passed an Act, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing the exportation of Wooll, and encouraging the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom*, which Act was continued by an Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for reviving, continuing and explaining several Laws therein mentioned, which are expired*

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pired and near expiring, and will now

The Act soon expire.

And whereas for preventing the said mischiefs, it is necessary the said Act should be continued, Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act, and every Clause, Matter and thing therein contained (except what is hereafter otherwise altered, explained, or repealed) shall continue and remain in full force, as if the same were herein and hereby particularly recited and mentioned.

So much of the Act 13 & 14 Car. 2. as makes Exporting Wooll Felony, repealed.

Ports of Import and Export.

And whereas the Statute of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth of King Charles the Second, made against the exportation of Wooll, among other things in the said Act mentioned, doth enact the same to be deemed Felony; by the severity of which penalty the prosecution of Offenders hath not been so effectually put in execution: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of the said Act, which relates to the making the said Offence Felony, be repealed and made void.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better encouragement of the Importation of Wooll from Ireland, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, from the place or places in the said Act limited, to import into England from Ireland, any quantity or quantities of Wooll to any the Ports hereafter mentioned (that is to say) *Whitehaven*

Whitehaven in the County of Cumberland, Leverpoole, Chester, Bristol, Bridgewater, Minehead, Barnstaple and Biddiford, and to no other; Any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners or Farmers of the Customs in the Kingdom of Ireland for the time being, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, once every Six months, transmit or cause to be transmitted unto the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England, a true Account of all such Wooll, as shall be from time to time exported from any of the places within the said Kingdom of Ireland, from whence the same may be exported, the quantity and weight thereof, and by whom, and in what Ships exported, and where consigned, and the names of the Persons signing the Certificates of the landing the same in England, and the date of the said Certificates, and where the same was landed, as also the quantity and weight contained in the said Certificates; in order that the same may be compared with the Account by the said Act appointed to be kept by the Commissioners of the Customs of this Kingdom.

Commissioners of the Customs in Ireland, shall transmit particulars of all Wooll exported thence for England.

And for preventing the mischiefs of rasing, obliterating, or interlining such Certificates, as aforesaid, Be it further enacted, That all Certificates given for the landing of Wooll from Ireland, or from one Port to another in England, shall be written upon Paper, and not Parchment, and that the quantities therein expressed shall not be obliterated or interlined

Certificates on Paper.

interlined upon any pretence whatsoever.

Clause to prevent carrying Wooll to Scotland.

And whereas the several Inhabitants of the several Counties and Shires of this Realm, next adjoyning to the Kingdom of Scotland, and to the Sea-coasts, do reap great profit and advantage by the carrying out of Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, and Scouring-clay into the said Kingdom of Scotland, and exporting of them into France, and other parts beyond the Seas, to the great prejudice and decay of the Woollen

No Wooll &c. shall be carried by land near the Borders of Scotland, or within five miles of the Sea, but between Sun and Sun.

Manufacture of this Realm: Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First day of May, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety six, no Wooll, or any other of the Commodities aforesaid, shall be laid or loaden on any Horse, or other Carriage whatsoever, or shall be carried or conveyed by Land, to or from any place or places within the said Counties next adjoyning to the said Kingdom of Scotland, or within Five miles of the Sea-coast, as aforesaid, but between Sun-rising and Sun-setting, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of the said Commodities, and of the said Horses, and other Cattle and Carriages employed in carrying the same; and that no Ship or Vessel shall export or carry the same into any part beyond the Seas, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of the said Commodities, Ship and Vessel, and treble the Value thereof, with treble Costs of Suit; and the inhabitants of the respective Hundred, Port or Place exempt, next adjoyning to the said Kingdom of Scotland,

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land, or to the Sea-coasts out of, or through which any Wooll, or any other of the Commodities aforesaid, shall be so carried or exported, shall forfeit Twenty pounds, if the said Wooll, so carried out or exported, shall be under the Value of Ten pounds; but if it shall be of greater Value, then treble the Value thereof so exported, or carried out of the said Kingdom, as also treble Costs of Suit; all which said Penalties, Forfeitures, and Costs of Suit, are to be recovered and received by him or them that shall sue for the same, and to be prosecuted by any Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Plaint, or Information against the Inhabitants of such Hundred, Port, or Place exempt, out of or through which the said Wooll, or other Commodities shall be exported, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, where no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed, nor any more than one Impar lance.

The Penalty upon the Hundred or Port.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Execution for the Informer shall and may be had against Two or more of the said Inhabitants; and that, after Execution had by force of this Act, it shall and may be lawful (upon Complaint made by the Party or Parties so charged) to and for the Justices of the Peace of the same County or Place where any such Execution shall be had, at their General Quarter-Sessions to be held for the said County or Place, to assess and tax ratably and proportionably, according to their Discretions, all and every the Towns, Parishes, Villages, and Hamlets in

Execution for the Informer, shall be had on the Hundred, as in case of Robbery, by Stat. 27. Eliz. cap. 13.

in the said Hundred, Port, or Place exempt, in the same manner and form as any Hundred ought to be charged in case of Robbery committed, for the Persons against whom Execution shall be had for the Person so robbed, pursuant to an Act made in the Seven and twentieth year of Queen Elizabeth, intituled, *An Act for the following of the Hue and Cry*; And that the Justices of the Peace of the said County or Place where such Fact shall be committed, shall and are hereby empowered and required at their General Quarter-Sessions to be held for the said County or Place, to levy the Penalties hereby charged upon the said Inhabitants by an equal Assessment upon the said Inhabitants, and reimburse such Person or Persons, Inhabitants within the said Hundred, Port, or Place exempt, adjacent to the Kingdom of Scotland, or the Sea coasts, from whence the said Wooll, or other the said Commodities shall be transported, in the same manner as if there had been a Judgment at Law against the said Hundred, Port, or Place exempt.

Aiders or Abettors shall suffer Three Years Imprisonment.

Owners shall answer treble the value to the Inhabitants.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons, who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting in carrying or exporting any of the said Commodities out of this Realm, as aforesaid (being legally convicted thereof) shall suffer Three years Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize; and the Owner of the said Wooll, or of any other of the Commodities aforesaid, and all and every Person or Persons who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting in carrying or exporting of them, or any of

of them, out of this Kingdom, shall answer and satisfy treble the value of all such Forfeitures and Penalties, which such Inhabitants shall be so charged with, and liable to, as also treble Costs of Suit; which shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Complaint or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Waiver of Law shall be allowed, nor any more than one Imparlance, by and in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the time being, of or for every such County or Place, without naming the Christian Name, or Sirname of the said Clerk of the Peace; which treble Value and treble Costs of Suit shall be to the only use and behoof of the said Inhabitants; and that notwithstanding the Death or Removal of any such Clerk of the Peace after such Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Complaint or Information, sued, commenced, or preferred, the same shall be prosecuted and pursued to Judgment and Execution, in such manner and form, to all intents and purposes, as that Clerk of the Peace might have done which first commenced or preferred the said Action of Debt, Suit, Bill, Complaint or Information.

Treble costs of Suit; How recoverable.

And for the better and more impartial Tryals of all such Actions and Informations, which shall be commenced or prosecuted by virtue of this Act, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Actions and Informations shall be tried in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by a Jury of good and lawful Freeholders,

Jury shall be of any other County than that wherein the Fact was committed. to

The three first Aid-ers in-forming indemn-ed,
 to be summoned out of any other County than that wherein the fact shall be committed ; and to encourage persons to discover the said Crime, the first three persons who have been aiding, abetting, or assisting in carrying out or exporting of Wooll, or any other of the commodities, as aforesaid, that shall inform thereof any Justice of the Peace in either of the said several Counties aforesaid, whereby the Punishment and Penalties appointed by this Act may be inflicted and recovered, the Party or Parties so discovering (not being Owner or part Owners of the said Wooll or other Commodities aforesaid) shall not suffer any of the said Penalties or Punishment.

except the Owners.
 Action a- gainst Ju- stice of Peace, &c. shall be in the proper County.
 Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought and prosecuted by any person or persons against any Justice of Peace, or other person employed by them or any of them, in the execution of this Act, for any Matter, Cause or Thing by them, or either of them done, committed or executed by virtue or reason of this Act, for any Clause or Article therein contained, That then and in every such Case, the Action shall be levied in the proper County where the Fact was done and committed, and not elsewhere ; and the Defendant or Defendants may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence at the Tryal, That the same was done in pursuance, and by Authority of this Act ; And if upon examination it shall happen to be done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants ; and in such case,

case or if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuit, or discontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants hath or have appeared, the Defendant or Defendants shall have and recover their treble Costs, which he or they shall sustain, or be put unto by reason of his or their wrongful vexation in defence of the said Action or Suit ; and that every Action, Suit, Bill, Plaint or Information, by virtue of this Act, shall be commenced and prosecuted within one year after the Fact committed.

Penalty upon persons compounding.
 Provided always, That if any Person, who is intituled to the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act given, shall compound with any Hundred, Port, or Place, exempt, hereby liable to pay the same, for any lesser Sum than what is hereby given, That it shall at any time hereafter, be lawful for any other person to sue for and recover the same in manner and form as aforesaid, as if no such Composition had been made, and the person so compounding shall for such his offence suffer five years imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize ; and this Act to continue in force for three years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

Continu-ance of the Act.
 And for the better preventing the exportation of Wooll, and correspondence with France, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord High Admiral of England, or Commissioners ty shall appoint Cruizers.
 for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the time being, shall from time to time direct and appoint one Ship of the Fifth Rate, and two Ships of the Sixth

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Sixth Rate, and four armed Sloops, constantly to cruize from off the Northforeland to the Isle of Wight, with orders for taking and feizing all Ships, Vessels, or Boats, which shall export any Wooll, or carry or bring any prohibited Goods, or any suspected persons.

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GULIELMI III. Regis.

An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made against Transportation of Wooll, Fullers-earth, and Scouring-clay.

Whereas several Laws have been made to prevent the Exportation of Wooll and Fullers-earth out of this Kingdom, yet nevertheless the said Exportation is still notoriously continued, to the great Prejudice and Discouragement of the Woollen Trade and Manufacture of England: And whereas in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King William, and the late Queen Mary, there passed an Act, intituled, An Act for the better preventing the Exportation of Wooll, and encouraging the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom; which Act was continued by one other Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of Their said Majesties Reign, intituled, An Act for Reviving, Continuing, and Explaining several Laws therein mentioned, which were Expired and near Expiring, which

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After 24 June, 1698. no Fullers-earth or Scouring-clay shall be exported.

said Act was further continued in the Seventh year of His present Majesty's Reign, with some Alterations, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wooll from Ireland*; which Act is now near expiring: And whereas for preventing the said Mischiefs it is necessary the said last mentioned Act, with some convenient Alterations, should be continued, and also that there should be some more effectual Remedies than hath been hitherto provided, Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said last mentioned Act, made in the Seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wooll, and for encouraging the Importation of Wooll from Ireland*, and every Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, except what is hereby otherwise altered, explained, enlarged, or repealed, shall continue and be in full Force, as if the same were herein and hereby particularly recited and mentioned.

And whereas under a Pretension of carrying Fullers-earth and Scouring-clay into *Ireland*, the same is conveyed into *Scotland* and other Foreign Parts, to the further Prejudice of the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, be it further enacted, That from and after the Four and twentieth Day of *June*, One thousand six hundred ninety eight, no Fullers-earth or Scouring-clay shall be exported out of this Kingdom, Dominion of *Wales*,

or Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, into *Ireland*, *Scotland*, or into any other Foreign Parts, upon any pretence whatsoever, but that the Exporters, being legally convicted, shall be liable to the Penalty. Forfeitures of One shilling for every pound weight.

And whereas it is a common practice *Romney-marsh*, and other places adjacent, for evil-disposed Persons to shear their Sheep, and lodge Wooll near the Sea-side, and sometime to bring Wooll out of the Country more remote, and lodge it, as aforesaid, where by fraud and force, in the night-time, the said Persons do cause the same to be transported to *France*, to the Increase of the Trade of that Kingdom, and the Destruction of the Trade of *England*: To prevent these practices for the future, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Owner and Owners of Wooll shorn or housed, laid up or lodged within Ten Miles of the Sea-side, within the Counties of *Kent* and *Sussex*, shall be obliged to give an exact account in writing, within three days after the shearing thereof, of his, her, or their number of Fleeces, and where lodged or housed, to the next adjoining Port, or Officer of His Majesty's Customs; and the like notice before he, she, or they shall presume to remove any part or parcel thereof, of the said number of Fleeces and Weight; and the Name and Abode of the person or persons to whom it is disposed; and the place to which it is intended to be carried; and to take a Certificate from the Officer who first entred the same, upon the penalty of forfeiting all such Wooll

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as shall not be so entred, or otherwise disposed of, and the Owner or Owners also to be liable to the further Penalties of Three Shillings for every Pound weight of all such Wooll, as if the same had been actually transported; which said Account the Officers respectively are hereby required to take gratis, and to give such Certificate or Certificates without delay, to the party or parties demanding the same, and shall therein specify the Name or Names of the Owners and Buyers thereof, and limit it to such Times and Places to be removed; for which Duty and Service the said Officer or Officers shall take and demand the Sum of Six pence, and no more, for each Certificate, upon any account or pretence whatsoever.

6 d. for every Certificate.

And whereas it is a common practice in the said Marsh, for divers persons not resident upon the place, to buy up great quantities of Wooll, and transport, or cause the same to be transported out of this Kingdom: for preventing such practices for the future be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons residing within Fifteen Miles of the Sea in the said Counties of Kent and Sussex, shall presume to buy any Wooll, before they do enter into Bond to the King's Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, with Sureties, that all the Wooll they buy shall not be sold by them to any person or persons within Fifteen Miles of the Sea; and in case any Wooll be found carrying towards the Sea-side in the Counties aforesaid, unless such Wooll be first entred, and Security given, the same shall be forfeited, and the person

Persons buying Wooll within 15 Miles of the Sea in Kent and Sussex, shall give Bond to the King.

Wooll carried toward the Sea, not entred, &c. forfeited.

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or persons offending therein, shall also and 3s. per forfeit Three shillings for every Pound weight of all such Wooll. ^{ound} _{Weight.}

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Wooll removed from the place where it was first housed, lodged, or laid after Shearing, within Ten Miles, as aforesaid, shall be lodged after the first removing within Fifteen Miles of the Sea, in the Counties aforesaid, upon pain of forfeiting all such Wooll, if found; but if carried away, then every person or persons, who were the Owners of the said Wooll, to forfeit for every Pound weight the Sum of Three Shillings.

Forfeitures upon removing Wooll.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every person or persons that shall lay, or cause to be laid or hid any Wooll within Fifteen Miles of the Sea, and not entred, as aforesaid, all such Wooll shall be seized and forfeited, That upon any Seizure of such Wooll, every person laying claim to the same, shall give sufficient Security in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer (if cast upon Tryal) to pay Treble Costs, over and above the Penalties and Forfeitures aforesaid.

Distance of Miles on Forfeitures.

Persons laying Claim to Wooll seized, shall give Security.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought and prosecuted by any person or persons, against any person imployed in the execution of this Act, for any matter, clause, or thing by them or either of them done, committed, or executed by virtue of this Act, or any clause or article therein contained, that then and in every such case, the Defendant or Defendants may plead

Persons sued may plead the general Issue.

the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence at the Tryal, that the same was done in pursuance and by Authority of this Act; And if upon Examination it shall so happen to be done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants: And in such case, or if the Plaintiff shall be Nonsuit, or discontinue his Action, the Defendant or Defendants shall have and recover treble Costs, which he or they shall sustain or be put unto, by reason of his or their wrongful Vexation in Defence of the said Action or Suit.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Forfeitures and Penalties before in this Act mentioned, shall be distributed in manner and form following, viz. One third part to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Two thirds to the Use of such person or persons as shall seize or sue for the same, by Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, it is enacted, That no person or persons whatsoever should, at any time thereafter, be impeached for any Offence against the said Act, unless such person be prosecuted within One year next ensuing such Offence committed: And whereas a great many persons, who have been guilty of transporting Wooll, but Discovery thereof hath not been made till the Expiration of Twelve Months after the Offence committed, to the great Encouragement of several notorious Offenders; For the prevention

The Forfeitures be 1 third to His Majesty, and 2 thirds to the Seizer.

12 Car. 2. cap. 32.

vention whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, to cause such person or persons as are or shall be guilty of transporting, or causing to be transported, any Wooll, Woollfells, Fullers-earth, or Scouring-clay, to be sued and prosecuted at any time within Three years after the Offence committed, in the same manner as Informations, or other Penal Statutes, have been usually, and may lawfully be prosecuted.

And for the better preventing the carrying of Wooll into Scotland from England, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Four and twentieth day of June, all and every Owner or Owners of Wooll shorn, laid up, or lodged within Fifteen Miles of the Borders of Scotland, shall and are hereby required to give an exact account of his, her, or their Number of Fleeces, and where lodged or housed, to such person or persons as shall be appointed and impowered for that purpose, pursuant to the Direction or true Meaning of the aforesaid Act of Parliament, made in the first year of His present Majesty and the late Queen; which person or persons shall give attendance for that purpose, at the severall Ports and Market-Towns, within the aforesaid distance of Fifteen Miles; and shall and are hereby required to make a true Entry of such Wooll, in a Book to be kept for that purpose; and in case any Owner or Owners of such Wooll, shall neglect or refuse to give such Account to such person or persons, as shall after such notice given remove such Wooll, or any part of it, with-

porters of Wooll may be sued at any time within 3 years after Offence committed.

Clause to prevent Wooll being carried into Scotland.

Registering pursuant to 1 W. & M. cap. 32.

Penalty upon removing without Licence.

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out Licence from such person or persons as shall have made such Entry, he, she, or they so neglecting or refusing, or removing afterwards his, her, or their Wooll, or any part of it, without Licence, as aforesaid, shall forfeit Three Shillings for every Pound weight of such Wooll; And all the Wooll that shall be found within the distance aforesaid, of the Borders of Scotland, not entred, as aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby forfeited, One third part to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Two third parts to him or them who shall sue for the same, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, in which no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

7 & 8 W. 3. cap. 28. And whereas by an Act made in the Parliament held in the Seventh and Eighth Years of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wooll, and for the encouraging the Importation thereof from Ireland*, amongst other things it is enacted, That the Hundred out of which any Wooll shall be exported, be liable to such Penalties and Forfeitures as is mentioned in the said Act: But the Hundred of *Winchelsea* in the Cinque-Ports, being divided by a navigable Arm of the Sea, so that the Inhabitants on the one side thereof cannot be privy to, or prevent what is done by those of the other; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Hundred of *Winchelsea* shall be deemed and taken, in respect to the said Act, as Two distinct Hundreds (that is to say) the part of the one side of the said Arm of the Sea

Winchelsea Hundred.

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as one Hundred, and the part on the other side as one other intire Hundred; and the Penalties which may be forfeited for suffering such Exportation, shall affect, charge, and be levied on that part only of the said Hundred which lies on the same side of the said Arm of the Sea, out of which such Exportation was made and permitted; any thing in this or any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to divide the said Hundred in any other particular, but in this only.

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CAROLI II. Regis.

*An Act to restrain the Exportation
of Leather and Raw Hides out of
the Realm of England.*

WHereas notwithstanding the many good Laws before this time made, and still in force, prohibiting the Exportation of Leather out of this Realm, and the Penalty by those Acts imposed, by the Cunning and Subtily of some Persons, and the Neglect of others, who ought to take care thereof, there are such quantities of Leather daily exported to Foreign Parts, that the Price of Leather is grown to those excessive Rates, that many Artificers working Leather, cannot furnish themselves with sufficient store thereof for the carrying on of their Trades; and the poor sort of people are not able to buy those things made of Leather, which of necessity they must make use of:

For redress of which Grievs, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament

What Skins or Hides tanned, may not be transported.

ment assembled, That from and after the First day of *May* now next ensuing, no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall carry or transport, or cause to be carried or transported out of *England* into *Scotland*, *Ireland*, or into any the Isles belonging to this Kingdom, or to any parts beyond the Seas, the Skins or Hides tanned or untanned of any Ox, Steer, Bull, Cow, or Calf, otherwise or in any other manner than is by this present Act directed.

The Penalty.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That none of the Skins or Hides aforesaid, which shall happen to be taken from any of the Beasts aforesaid, within any Island whatsoever, belonging to the Kingdom of *England*, (except *Ireland*) shall be transported out of that Island, into any other place but into the Kingdom of *England*, upon pain of Forfeiture for every such Offence, double the value of the Skins or Hides so to be transported out of the said Island, or any of them, to any other place than into the Kingdom of *England*; the same Forfeiture to be sued for, and disposed, as hereafter in this Act is directed.

What Leather must be bought only in open Fairs or Markets for selling Leather.

And for the better preventing of such Mischiefs as are intended to be remedied by this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all red tanned Leather made of the Hides or Skins of any the Beasts aforesaid, of what kind or nature soever, shall be bought only in the open and common Fair or Market used for the putting of Leather to sale, and not in any House, Tanner's Yard, Shop, or other Place whatsoever, on pain that such person or persons that shall not accordingly do the same, shall for every such

such Offence forfeit the same Leather, or The Penalty. the Value thereof, and the Contract for the Sale thereof shall be void; and all such Leather shall be searched and sealed by the Searchers and Sealers thereunto appointed, before the same be put to Sale, and upon such Sale shall be registered, and a true Entry thereof made both by the Buyer and Seller, who are both to be present at such Registering thereof, and both their Names and Places of Abode entred into the Book of the said Register, on pain that every such Buyer or Seller, that shall not accordingly do the same, shall for every such Offence forfeit the same Leather, or the Value thereof; and the Forfeiture shall be recovered and employed in such manner as hereafter in this Act is directed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall be found guilty of the Transportation of any Leather, or raw Hides of any the Beasts aforesaid (excepting such Calves-skins and Sheep-skins, dressed without the Wooll, as by Law may be transported) contrary to the provision of this Act, he shall from thenceforth be disabled to trade or deal in Leather for the future, and shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be sued for, and disposed as hereafter in this Act is directed.

Provided nevertheless, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the prohibiting the Transportation of any Leather made into Boots, Shoes, or Slippers, but that the same may be transported; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Who may search and seize Leather or Hides intended to be transported.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the respective Masters and Wardens of the Cordwainers, Sadlers, Girdlers, and Curriers of the City of London, and their Deputies, and all Customers, Comptrollers, Farmers of Customs, Supervisors, Searchers, and other Officers belonging to the Customs, and to and for all Justices of the Peace, Mayors, and Chief Officers of Corporations within this Realm, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, from time to time, as well by Land as by Water, to search for and seize any Leather, or raw Hides wrought or unwrought, cut or uncut, packed up or unpacked, intended or purposed to be transported by any Person or Persons into any parts beyond the Seas, or into Scotland, other than Calves skins and Sheep-skins, as aforesaid.

Shaving of Leather by Tanners;

And whereas divers Tanners do shave, cut and rake their Upper-leather Hides all over, and the Necks of their Backs and Buts, to the great impairing thereof, and the extreme prejudice of the Kingdom; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Tanner, who after the Nine and twentieth Day of September, in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred sixty and two, shall commit any such Offence, as aforesaid, shall forfeit all the said Leather, Backs, Buts, or Calves-skins so shaved, cut, or raked, or the Value thereof, and it shall be lawful for the Searchers and Sealers of Leather to seize the same.

The Penalty.

Leaden-Hall, London.

And be it further enacted, That the Market for Leather in Leaden-Hall in London,

London, shall be kept on the Tuesday as now it is; Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Penalties and Forfeitures, and every Sum or Sums of Money for any Offence or Offences herein before mentioned, shall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, to be brought for the same in any Court or Courts at Westminster, or in any Court or Courts of Record in the City, Town, County or Place where the said Offence shall be committed, wherein no Wager of Law, Protection or Essoign shall be admitted, neither shall the same be removed out of the said County, City, or Town-corporate; the one half of the said Forfeitures to be to the Use of the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other half thereof to the Use of the Informer or Informers that shall sue for the same.

How the Penalties shall be recovered.

Provided also, and be it enacted, That Transportation of all such exportation, or transportation of any Hides or Leather, contrary to this Act, is hereby adjudged and declared to be a common and publick Nuisance.

Leather declared a common Nuisance.

Provided nevertheless, That this Act shall not extend, or be construed to prohibit the carrying or conveying of any such Hides or Leather, which shall be used or employed for the necessary use or provision of any Ship or Vessel in any Voyage beyond the Seas, and which shall not be sold in any Foreign parts, so as the number do not exceed six raw Hides, and three tanned Hides.

Leather for necessary use of Ships in Voyages excepted.

Provided

Artificers dealing in cutting of Leather in London, or within 3 miles thereof.

Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Artificer dealing in cutting of Leather, or other Person or Persons whatsoever, which shall hereafter buy any red tanned Leather within the City of London, or three miles thereof, shall before the next Market-day, within the said place for sale of Leather, give notice thereof to one or more of the Company of Curriers then exercising and using the Art and Mystery of a Currier within the said City of London, and Three miles thereof, and within Three weeks after such notice, shall deliver, or cause to be delivered the said Leather so bought, except such part thereof as shall be used for Soles, without being curried, tallow-ed, or dressed, unto the said Currier or Curriers, to whom such notice was given, to the intent that the same may be curried, tallow-ed, or otherwise dressed, as is directed and appointed by one Act made in the First year of King James, Chapter twenty second, touching the duty of Tanners, Curriers, Shoemakers, and others, upon penalty of the forfeiture of six shillings eight pence for every Back, But, Hide or Calves-skin so bought, and not delivered, as aforesaid, for the Uses, and to be recovered, as aforesaid.

Leather used in London, or within three miles, to be searched and allowed by the Wardens of the Curriers there.

And whereas it is enacted amongst other things, by the said Act made in the First year of King James, That no Person or Persons shall by any means occupy, or put in any made wares within the City of London, or Three miles of the same City, any curried Leather before the same shall be searched and allowed by the Wardens of the Curriers of London for

for the time being, or such Person as they shall thereto assign, and be sealed with a Seal therefore to be prepared, upon pain that every Shoemaker, and other Artificer, Cutter of Leather, offending against that Article, should forfeit for every Hide or Skin otherwise curried or employed, as is aforesaid, Six Shillings eight pence, and the value of every such Hide or Skin: Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Master and Wardens of the Company of Curriers for the time being, or such Persons as they shall thereto assign, shall from time to time, and at all seasonable times in the day-time, enter into any Ware-house, Shop, Cellar, or other place within the said City of London, or Three miles of the same City, belonging unto any of the said Cordwainers, Sadlers, Girdlers, or other Person or Persons, being Artificers dealing in cutting Leather, and in the presence of any two or more of them, to search for, and seize all such Leather intended to be prohibited to be used by the said Clause, Branch, or Article, as aforesaid, as also for all Wares made of such Leather: And if any such Person or Persons, Artificers or Dealers, as aforesaid, shall oppose or refuse to permit the said Master and Wardens of the Company of Curriers, or such Persons as they shall thereto assign, to make any such search or seizure, as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty pounds, for the Uses, and to be recovered, as aforesaid; and if any of the said Artificers and Dealers in cutting of Leather, do refuse to be present with the said Searchers, whensoever

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ever the same shall be desired by the said Master and Wardens of the Company of Carriers, or such Persons thereto assigned by them, as aforesaid, then for every such Default, the Persons so refusing, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten pounds for the Uses, and to be recovered, as aforesaid.

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GULIELMI III. Regis.

An Act to prevent the Exportation of Woollout of the Kingdoms of Ireland and England into Foreign Parts; and for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures in the Kingdom of England.

Forasmuch as Wooll and the Woollen Preamble; Manufactures of Cloth, Serge, Bays, Kerseys, and other Stuffs made or mixed with Wooll, are the greatest and most profitable Commodities of this Kingdom, on which the Value of Lands, and the Trade of the Nation do chiefly depend: And whereas great Quantities of the like Manufactures have of late been made, and are daily increasing in the Kingdom of Ireland, and in the English Plantations in America, and are exported from thence to Foreign Markets, heretofore supplied from England, which will inevitably sink the Value of Lands, and tend to the ruin of the Trade, and the Woollen Manufactures of this Realm: For the Prevention whereof, and for the Encouragement of the Woollen Manufactures within this Kingdom, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the
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Noperson after 24 June, 1699 shall export Wooll, &c. from Ireland, for Foreign parts;

Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the Four and twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety nine, shall directly or indirectly export, transport, ship off, carry or convey, or cause or procure to be exported, transported, shipped off, carried or conveyed out of, or from the said Kingdom of Ireland, into any Foreign Realm, States or Dominions, or into any parts or places whatsoever, other than the parts within the Kingdom of England, or the Dominion of Wales, any the Wooll, Wooll-fels, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen Yarn, Cloth, Serge, Bays, Kerseys, Says, Frizes, Druggets, Cloth-Serges, Shalloons, or any other Drapery Stuffs or Woollen Manufactures whatsoever, made up or mixed with Wooll or Wooll-flocks; or shall directly or indirectly load or cause to be loaden upon any Horse, Cart, or other Carriage, or load or lay on Board, or cause to be laden or laid on Board in any Ship or Vessel, in any place or parts within, or belonging to the said Kingdom of Ireland, any such Wooll, Wooll-fells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen-yarn, Cloth, Bays, Kerseys, Serges, Says, Frizes, Druggets, Cloth Serges, Shalloons, or any other Drapery or Woollen Manufactures, to the intent or purpose to export, transport, ship off, carry or convey the same, or cause the same to be exported, transported, shipped off, carried,

Nor carry, load or board any Wooll, &c.

ried or conveyed out of the said Kingdom of Ireland, or out of any Port or Place belonging to the same, or with intent or purpose, that any person or persons whatsoever should so export, transport, ship off carry or convey the same out of the said Kingdom of Ireland, into any Ports or Places, except as aforesaid.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every of the Offender and Offenders, Offence and Offences aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to the respective pains and penalties, and forfeitures hereafter following (that is to say) The said Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen-yarn, Cloth, Serge, Bays, Kerseys, Says, Frizes, Druggets, Cloth-Serges, Shalloons, or any other Draperies, Stuffs or any other Manufactures, made or mixed with Wooll, or Wooll-flocks so exported, transported, shipped off or carried, conveyed or loaden, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall be forfeited; and that every of the Offender and Offenders therein shall likewise forfeit the sum of Five hundred pounds for every such Offence; and all and every Ship, Vessel, Barge, Boat, or other Bottom whatsoever, wherein any of the said Commodities are or shall be shipped or laid on Board, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall be forfeited, with all her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture to them and every of them belonging; and the Masters, Master and Mariners thereof, or any Porters, Carriers, Waggoners, Boat-men, or other persons whatsoever, knowing such Offence, and wittingly aiding and assisting

Penalty, Forfeiture of the Wooll &c.

and 500 l.

Ship, &c.

forfeited with all her Tackle

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the Masters,

Mariners,

Porters,

&c.

assisting,

forfeit 40 l.

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Forfeiture how to be disposed of. assisting therein, shall forfeit forty Pounds; of which one moiety shall be to him or them that shall sue for the same, by Bill, Plaint or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *England* or *Ireland*, and the other moiety thereof to the Encouragement of setting up the linen Manufactures in *Ireland*, to be disposed of by the Court of Exchequer there for that use only; In which Suit no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Acquittals in *Ireland* no Bar to Prosecutions here. And to prevent evading the Penalties of this Act, by pretension of Prosecution or Acquittals in *Ireland*, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Acquittal, nor any Indictment, Information or Suit (unless the Offender be thereupon convicted) in *Ireland*, for any Offence provided against in this Act, shall be pleaded or allowed in Bar or Delay of any Indictment, Information, Suit or Prosecution within the Kingdom of *England*.

Lawful to seize and convey to His Majesty's next Warehouse such Wool, &c. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons to seize, take, secure and convey to His Majesty's next Warehouse all such Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Woollflocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen-yarn, Cloth, Serges, Bays, Kerseys, Says, Frizes, Druggets, Cloth Serges, Shalloons, Stuffs, and other Draperies and Woollen Manufactures, or mixed with Wooll or Woollflocks, as he or they shall happen to see, find, know or discover to be laid on Board in any Ship, Vessel or Boat, or to be brought, carried or laid on Shore, at or near the Sea, or any navigable River or Water, to the intent or purpose to be exported

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exported or conveyed out of the said Kingdom of *Ireland*, contrary to the true meaning of this Act, or to be laden upon any Horse, Cart or other Carriage, to the intent or purpose to be exported, conveyed or carried into any Foreign parts or places, contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof; and also that it shall and may be lawful to and for any person and persons to seize, and secure all and every such Ship, Hulk, Vessel, Barge or Boat, of what kind soever, or where-soever found or discovered, wherein any of the aforesaid Commodities shall happen to be shipped or put on Board, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act; and that such Person or Persons that shall happen so to seize, take or secure any of the Commodities aforesaid, or any such Ship, Vessel, Hulk, Barge or Boat, as aforesaid, shall be indemnified for so doing, to all intents and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for every Ship or Vessel, which from and after the said Four and twentieth day of *June*, shall set out and sail from the said Kingdom of *Ireland*, in order to export or carry off any of the Commodities aforesaid to this Kingdom, Bond shall be given by two sufficient Persons, known Inhabitants of, and residing in or near the place where the Bond is or shall be given, to the Chief Officers of the Customs, belonging to the said Port or Place in the said Kingdom of *Ireland*, from whence the said Ship or Vessel shall set Sail, in double the value of any the aforesaid Goods, intended to be transported, as aforesaid, before the said Ship or Vessel shall be permitted to lade on Board

any of the Commodities aforesaid, with condition that if the said Ship or Vessel shall lade or take on Board, any of the said Goods, in the Kingdom of Ireland, that then and in such case all the said Goods shall be brought, by the same Ship or Vessel, to some Port or Ports within the Kingdom of England, or the Dominion of Wales, as aforesaid, and shall there unlade or put on Shore the same, and pay the Custom and Duties thereof (the danger of the Seas only excepted) And that every Ship or Vessel, which shall lade or take on Board any of the said Goods, until such Bond be given, shall be forfeited, to be recovered and imployed in manner as aforesaid.

Register to be kept at the Custom-house, London.

And for the more effectual Execution of the powers granted by this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Register be kept at the Custom House in London, of all the aforesaid Goods, from time to time, imported from Ireland, into any of the Ports within this Kingdom, or Dominion of Wales, with the particular Qualities and Quantities thereof, the Master and Owners Names, and to whom consigned.

Cockets, Warrants, and Certificates, how to be written and signed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Cockets and Warrants for the carrying or transporting of any of the aforesaid Goods, from the Kingdom of Ireland to any Port or Ports aforesaid, within this Kingdom, shall be written upon Paper, and not Parchment, and signed by three of the Chief Officers of such respective Port at least; and all Certificates of landing the same in any the Ports aforesaid, within this Kingdom, or Dominion of Wales, shall be signed in like manner;

manner; and that all the goods aforesaid, both at Shipping and Landing, shall be viewed and examined by the Surveyor or Searcher, or Land-waiter, attending the shipping or Discharge of any the said Goods; and that the exact Quantities and Qualities, Marks and Numbers of the Goods aforesaid, so shipped in Ireland, shall be particularly expressed and indorsed upon the Cocket, by which the said Goods are or were to be shipped, and likewise upon the Warrant for landing the same in England, and also upon the Certificate or Certificates, given or to be given, for discharging the Bond or Bonds taken in Ireland, for the same.

Goods to be searched both at Shipping and Landing. The quantities, qualities, &c. to be expressed upon the Cockets, Warrants and Certificates.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Revenue, or Farmers of the Customs, or of the Revenue of the Kingdom of Ireland for the time being, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, once within every six months, or within Thirty days after the end thereof, transmit or cause to be transmitted unto the Commissioners or Farmers of His Majesty's Customs in England, of all such Goods as aforesaid, as shall from time to time be exported from the said Kingdom of Ireland, the Qualities and Quantities thereof, and Duplicates of the Bonds taken for lading the same, and by whom and in what Ships exported, and where and in what Port in the Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales, consigned, and the Names of the persons signing the Certificates of the landing the same in England, and the Date of the said Certificates, and where the same are or were laden, and also of the Qualities and

The quantities and quantities of such Goods, and Duplicates of the Bonds, &c. to be transmitted from Ireland to England.

Quantities

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Quantities, Marks and Numbers contained in the said Certificates, in order that the same may be compared with the registered Account, appointed by this Act to be kept by the Commissioners or Farmers of the Customs of this Kingdom.

Certificates on Paper.

And for preventing the mischief of rasing, obliterating or interlining such Certificates, as aforesaid, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Certificates shall be written upon Paper, and not Parchment, and that the Quantities and Qualities, Marks and Numbers therein exprest, shall not be obliterated or interlined, upon any pretence whatsoever.

Ports of export and import.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Goods, as aforesaid, as shall from time to time be exported from the said Kingdom of Ireland, into the Ports of this Kingdom, or Dominion of Wales, in manner as aforesaid, shall be shipped off, and entred at the Ports of Dublin, Waterford, Youghall, Kingsale, Cork and Drogheda, in the said Kingdom of Ireland, and at or from no other Port or Place within the said Kingdom; nor shall the same be imported into any parts of the Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales, other than the Ports of Biddeford, Barnstable, Minehead, Bridgewater, Bristol, Milford Haven, Chester and Liverpool; any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the intent and purpose that this Act may more effectually be put in execution, for preventing the growing mischiefs that daily do or may arise to this Kingdom, from the exportation of such Goods, as aforesaid, or any of them, out of the Kingdom of Ireland, should the same still be suffered

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suffered to be sent from thence to supply the Foreign Markets, that are or have been supplied from England, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Commissioner or Commissioners, Farmer or Farmers of the Revenue of Ireland, or Officer or Officers employed under them in the Management of the said Revenue there, shall, from and after the said Four and twentieth day of June, take, or suffer to be taken any Entry outward, or sign any Cocket, Warrant or Sufferance, for the shipping and exporting any such Goods, as aforesaid, into any Kingdom, State or Dominion whatsoever (except as aforesaid) or shall wittingly or willingly permit, contrive, or suffer the same to be done, directly or indirectly, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that then, and in every such case, such Commissioner or Commissioners, Farmer or Farmers, Officer or Officers, so offending in the signing such Cocket, Warrant or Sufferance for the shipping or exporting any of the said Goods into any other Kingdom, State or Dominion, or Place whatsoever (except as aforesaid) or passing such Entry for the same, or any wise conniving thereat, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, or shall otherwise fail or neglect to perform all other Duties required by this present Act, shall, for every such Offence or Neglect, forfeit his Office, and shall moreover for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered and employed in manner and form, as aforesaid.

Commissioners of sending against this Act forfeit Office and 500 l.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Offence which shall be done or committed, contrary to this

Where Offences shall be tried.

this Act, shall and may be enquired of, tried, heard and determined in the County where any such Goods, as aforesaid, shall be so laden or put on board, as aforesaid, or else in the County, either in *England* or *Ireland*, where such Offender shall happen to be apprehended or arrested for such Offence, or where any such of the Goods aforesaid, or the said Ship or Ships, Vessels, Hulks, Barks or Boats shall happen to be seized, or taken or brought in; and that the said Tryal shall be in such manner and form, and in such effect to all intents and purposes, as if the same Offence had been wholly done and committed in the same County.

Persons sued how to plead.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person for what he shall do in pursuance of this Act, such Person so sued shall and may file a common Bail, or enter into a common appearance, and plead the General Issue, Not Guilty, and upon Issue joyned, may give this Act, and the special matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become nonsuit, or suffer Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, or if upon Demurrer, Judgment pass against him, the Defendant shall recover treble Coſts and Damages for the Molestation.

How Wooll, &c. shall beimported from Ireland into England.

And for the further Encouragement of the Woollea Manufactures of *England*, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, from and after the said Four and twentieth day of *June*, to import from the said Ports of *Dublin, Waterford, Youghall, Kingsale, Cork,*

Cork and *Drogheda*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, any Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen Yarn, Cloth, Serges, Bays, Kerseys, Frizes, Druggets, Shalloons, Stuffs, Cloth-Serges, or any other Drapery made of or mixed with Wooll, or Wooll-flocks, and manufactured in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, into such Ports of this Kingdom or Dominion of *Wales* only, as aforesaid, so as Notice be first given to the Commissioners, or chief Managers of His Majesty's Customs in this Kingdom, or to the Chief Customer or Collector in the Port to which the same is intended to be brought, of the Quantity, Quality and Package, together with the Marks and Numbers thereof, with the Name of the Ship and Master or Commander, on which the said Goods are to be laden, and the Place or Port into which they are intended to be imported, and so as Bond be first entred into, to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with one or more sufficient Sureties, in Treble the Value of the Goods so intended to be imported, that the same shall (the Dangers of the Seas excepted) be landed accordingly, and so as a Licence be also first taken, under the Hands of the Commissioners, or Chief Managers of the Customs for the time being, or Three of them, or from the Chief Customer or Collector where such Bond is given, for the landing and importing thereof, as aforesaid; which Licence they are hereby authorized and required to grant, without any Fee or Reward, or any other Charge, to the person demanding the same; any Law, Statute,

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Statute, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And for the more effectual preventing the Transporting of Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings or Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen Yarn. or any Manufactures of Wooll or Wooll-flocks, or mixed with the same, into Foreign Parts; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid,

Forfeiture of Bonds not Assignable.

That the Penalties and Forfeitures of the Bonds, which by this Act or any other former Law or Usage are to be given, or have been given in the Kingdom of Ireland, for any Wooll, or any of the Commodities aforesaid, intended to be exported from that Kingdom, to be brought into the Ports of this Kingdom, or Dominion of Wales, as aforesaid, shall not, on any Consideration whatsoever, be granted or assigned over to any Person whatsoever; and that all such Grants and Assignments are and shall be void to all intents and purposes; any Law, Usage or Statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Admiralty shall appoint Cruizers to seize all Ships exporting Wooll.

And for the better preventing the exportation of Wooll out of this Kingdom or Ireland, into Foreign Parts, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Lord High Admiral of England, or Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral for the time being, shall direct and appoint two Ships of the Fifth Rate, and two Ships of the Sixth Rate, and eight Armed Sloops, constantly to cruize on the Coasts of England and Ireland, particularly between the North of Ireland and Scotland, with Orders to take and seize all Ships, Vessels and Boats, which shall export any Wooll, with intent to carry it into Foreign Parts; and that the Lord High Admiral,

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Admiral, or Commissioners, as aforesaid, shall send a List of all such Ships and Sloops, and the Names of the Commanders, together with true Copies of their several Instructions that are or shall be given to the Commissioners of the Customs in London, within Ten days after such Orders, as aforesaid, are or shall be given.

And for the Encouragement of the Com. Wooll, manders and Mariners belonging to the Ships, &c. Ships and Sloops aforesaid, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Wooll, Ships, Vessels or Boats, that shall be so seized or taken, shall be forfeited, and all such Wooll shall be lodged in the King's Ware-house in such Port where it is or shall be taken or seized, or into which it shall be brought, until it shall be condemned according to Law; and being so condemned, shall be exposed publickly to Sale, after One and twenty days, publick Notice being given in Writing at the Custom-house of the said Port, and on the Royal Exchange at London, by Inch of Candle, to the last and best Bidder; and

seized, to be condemned, and sold by Inch of Candle.

all Ships, Vessels or Boats, that shall be so seized and condemned, as aforesaid, shall, together with all their Guns, Tackle, Furniture or Apparel, be exposed to Sale in like manner; and that one fourth part of the Produce of the Wooll, Ships, Vessels and Boats so sold, as aforesaid, shall be to the Commander, one other fourth part to the Officers of the Ship or Ships, Sloop or Sloops, that took the same, one other fourth part to the Mariners belonging to such Ship, Vessel or Sloop, to be equally divided and paid amongst the said Mariners by the Collectors of the said Port, or such Person or Persons as shall

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shall be authorized to pay the same, and the other fourth part thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, after a Deduction made out of the last fourth part of all the Charges of Prosecution and Condemnation.

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And for preventing of all Composition or Confederacy by any Commander of any Ship, Vessel or Sloop, with any person whatsoever concerned in such Wooll or Ship, Vessel or Boat, as aforesaid, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Commander of such Ship or Sloop, neglecting his Duty by this Act required, or compounding for any Wooll, Ship, Vessel or Boat, as aforesaid, or conniving at the exportation of any Wooll, shall lose and forfeit all Pay and Wages due to him or them, and suffer Six Months Imprisonment, and be for ever incapable of serving His Majesty in any Office in the Navy.

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And for the more effectual Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First day of December, in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety nine, no Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen Yarn, Cloth, Serge, Bays, Kerseys, Says, Frizes, Druggets, Cloth-ferges, Shalloons, or any other Drapery Stuffs or Woollen Manufactures whatsoever, made or mixed with Wooll or Wooll-flocks, being of the Product or Manufacture of any of the English Plantations in America, shall be loaden or laid on Board in any Ship or Vessel, in any Place or Parts within any of the said English Planta-

Plantations, upon any pretence whatsoever; As likewise that no such Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay, or Woollen-yarn, Cloth, Nor to be Serge, Bays, Kerseys, Says, Frizes, Drug-loaden on gets, Cloth-Serges, Shalloons, or any o- any Horse, ther Drapery Stuffs, or Woollen Manufac- Cart, &c. tures whatsoever, made up or mixt with to be ex-ported out of the said Wooll or Wooll-flocks, being of the Pro- of the said duct or Manufacture of any of the Eng- Plantati-lish Plantations in America, as aforesaid, ons to any shall be loaden upon any Horse, Cart, or other other Carriage, to the intent and purpose place to be exported, transported, carried or whatsoe- ver. conveyed out of the said English Plantati- ons, to any other of the said Plantations, or to any other Place whatsoever, upon the same and like Pains, Penalties and For- The Pe- nalties. feitures, to and upon all and every the Of- fender and Offenders herein, within all and every of the said English Plantations respectively, as are prescribed and provid- ed by this Act for the like Offences com- mitted within the Kingdom of Ireland; And all Governors or Commanders in Govern- chief of the said respective Plantations, nors, &c. as also all Officers imployed in the Cu- of the stom, or other Branches of His Majesty's Plantati- ons to put Revenue there, are hereby authorized, this Act in care, That the true intent and meaning of Executi- on. this Act, so far forth as it relates to the said respective Plantations, be duly put in Execution.

And be it further enacted by the Autho- Persons rity aforesaid, That all and every Person offending and Persons, who after the said Four against and twentieth day of June, shall be guilty of this Act how to be any Offence or Offences, contrary to the prosecut- ed. true intent or meaning of this or any o- ther

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ther Act of Parliament made for the preventing the Exportation of Wooll, shall and may be prosecuted for any such Offence or Offences by Action, Suit or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, and thereupon a *Capias* shall and may issue the first Process, specifying the Sum of the Penalty sued for; and such Person or Persons shall be obliged to give good and sufficient Bail and Security, by Natural born Subjects or Denizens, to the Officer serving or executing such Process against him or them, to appear in the Court out of which such *Capias* shall issue, at the day of the Return of such Writ, to answer such Suit or Prosecution, and shall likewise at the time of such Appearance, give sufficient Bail or Security by such Persons, as aforesaid, in the said Court, to answer and pay the Forfeitures and Penalties incurred for such Offence or Offences, in case, he, she or they shall be convict thereof, or to yield his, her, or their bodies to Prison.

Ireland.

Provided also, and it is hereby further enacted, That after the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred ninety nine, the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Deputy, or Lords Justices for the time being for the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or any of them, are hereby required to give Direction in Council, that this Act shall be given in Charge by the several Judges of the Kingdom of *Ireland*, at all the Assizes that shall be held in that Kingdom, to the end that this Act may be strictly put in Execution, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; Which said Judges are hereby impowered and required, from time

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time to time, to take particular Accounts throughout their respective Circuits, of the due Execution of this Act, and at their Returns to *Dublin*, at the end of every Circuit, shall acquaint the said Lord Lieutenant, Lord Deputy, or Lords Justices of that Kingdom for the time being in Council, with all Accounts or Informations they shall have so received of any Breach of the said Act, or Negligence or Faults in any of the Officers, to whom the Execution of this Act is committed, to the end that the said chief Governors, or any of them for the time being, may be the better informed and enabled to look to and provide for the strict and punctual observation of this Act, throughout that Kingdom; of which the said chief Governors, or any of them, for the time being, shall once every year, lay a particular Account in Writing, under his or their Hands, before the King, His Heirs and Successors in Council.

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Statutes now in Force against exporting Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth and Fulling-clay out of this Kingdom : *referring to the Pages in the preceding Collection of those Statutes.*

Anno 12 Car. II. Regis.

NO Person to export Sheeps Wooll, &c. out of *England, Ireland,* or any Isles thereunto belonging, into *Scotland,* or any Foreign Parts.
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Penalties for Sheep exporting, or intended to be exported, 20 s. Forfeiture for each, and 3 s. for every Pound of Wooll, Woollfells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll-flocks, Fullers-earth, and Fulling-clay. *p. 10*

Owners forfeit the Ship and Furniture; Master and Sailers willingly aiding forfeit all Goods and Chattels, and Three Years Imprisonment without Bail, one Moiety of *ditto* to the King, and the other to the Prosecutors. *ibid.*

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Merchants Offenders disabled from recovering their Debts from their Factors.

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Greater Penalties in former Acts not hereby taken away.

ibid.

Offences triable in the County where the Seizures made, or Offenders apprehended.

ibid.

Prosecution to be within one Year after the Offence committed.

ibid. Rep. 9,

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Any Persons may seize the Forfeitures, and have one Moiety.

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No Seizer may be an Evidence against the Offender.

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Ship forfeited, if the Owner an Alien, or not dwelling in England.

ibid.

Proviso's, Lambs Skins ready drest, Woollfells, or Fells with Wooll upon them, Beds stuffed with flocks, used in any Vessel, Sheep carried for victualling excepted, Pag. 13, 14. and 2000 Tods of unkembed Wooll to Jersey, 1000 to Guernsey, 200 to Alderney, and 100 to Sark in one Year, for their own use; but the Parties exporting hereof are to give Bond to the King, and have Licences under the Hand and Seal of the respective Governors of those Islands, who shall forfeit their Places, and 100 l. if they permit any greater quantity than before specified, and such Governors or their Officers to receive 12 d. for every Licence, and no more, under the Penalty of 5 s. for every Licence.

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Anno 14 Caroli II. Regis.

NO Person to export Sheep, Wooll, &c. out of England or Ireland into Scotland, or any Foreign Parts. pag. 19, 20, 21 Penalties, all Offenders adjudged Felons, p. 21. Repealed 7 and 8 W 3. p. 35, 36

Offences triable in the County where Seizures are made, or Offenders apprehended.

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Peers offending to be tryed by Peers.

ibid.

Prosecution within One Year after the Offence committed.

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No Person to use Screws, Presses, or Engines wherewith to press Wooll close in any Vessel, or Wrapper, to conceal and export it: All found so press'd and packed up, forfeited.

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No Tobacco-pipe Clay to be exported under the Penalty of 3 s. per Pound.

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No Packs of Wooll to be carried or conveyed in England or Ireland, from one Place to another, but in the Day-time, viz. from the 1st of March to the 29th of September, between 4 in the Morning and 8 at Night: and from the 29th of September to the first of March, between 7 in the Morning and 5 in the Evening, under Penalty of Forfeiting one Moiety to the King, and the other Moiety to the Profecutor, of the Value of all such Wooll carried at any other times.

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Proviso's, This Act not to be construed to repeal any Penalty, or Proviso's made in the former Act. 12 Car. 2.

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Owners of Vessels, Master, and Mariner discovering within three Months after their Knowledge of any Offences against this and the former Act, shall be acquitted of Felony, but not of the other Penalties.

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Justices of Assize, of Gaol-Delivery, and of the Peace at Quarter Sessions, and Mayors, and Head Officers of Towns, may hear and determine all Offences within this Act, not made Felony.

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All owners of Wooll, or their Agents intending to convey Wooll from Port to Port within England, shall enter the Weight, Marks, and number of the same, before they load or carry such Wooll within five Miles of the Sea Coast.

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Penalties, The Wooll not entered, as aforesaid, the Carriages and Horses, &c. wherewith conveyed, to be forfeited, and the Persons driving, aiding, and assisting, to suffer the Penalties in the former Acts provided, as Forfeiture of Goods and Chattels, and three Years Imprisonment.

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Owners may carry Home their Wooll from Places where shorn, provided they certify within ten Days the Officer of the Customs in the nearest Port, of the Number of the Fleeces, and where housed:

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fed: But may not remove Wooll without certifying such Officer Three Days before; which Officers are obliged to keep a Register of such Certificates; and if such Certificate be not made in manner aforesaid, the Penalties forementioned are incurred.

p. 30, 31

Cockets for Wooll to be carried from Port to Port, to be written on Paper, and signed by the three chief Officers of the Port; which Officers neglecting their Duty, in this Act expressed, adjudged Aiders; and to suffer as such, Forfeiture of Goods and Chattels, and three Years Imprisonment, without Bail.

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Ports of export and import.

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Commissioners appointed to see this and all other Laws relating to the Wooll, &c. duly executed.

p. 29, 30

Owners of Ships, Master, or Mariner, discovering within three Months upon Oath before the Barons of the Exchequer, three of the Commissioners for Wooll, or the chief Officer of any Port, and proving the same, pardoned, and entitled to the Forfeitures.

p. 31

A Register to be kept at the Custom-house, London, of Wooll imported from Ireland, and of Wooll sent to and from any Port of England, of which the Commissioners for Wooll may have Inspection and Copies.

p. 32

Proviso's, Woollen Manufactures may be exported; and from Southampton only such Quantities of unkembed Wooll to Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, as are specified in an Act, 12 Car. 2 under further Penalties.

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ACT 1 W. & M. continued, saving a Clause, that makes Exporting Wooll Felony, repealed. p. 35, 36

Other Ports of Import of Wooll from Ireland to England, besides those named 1 W. & M. p. 29, 36, 37

Commissioners of Customs in Ireland to send every Six Months to the Commissioners of Customs in England, an Account of Wooll exported from the Places aforesaid. p. 37

Certificates to be on Paper, and not rased or interlined. See p. 32. of former Act. *ibid.*

No Wooll, Woollfells, &c. to be laden or carried within Five Miles of the Borders of Scotland; but between Sun-rising and Sun-setting, and no Ships to export them. p. 38

Penalties, Horses, Carriages and Commodities forfeited, the Ship and such Goods, with treble the Value thereof, and treble the costs of Suit. And further Penalty upon the Hundred and Port where carried or exported, of 20 l. if the Wooll be under the Value of 10 l. but if of greater Value, then treble that Value to be forfeited. p. 38, 39

Execution to be had against two or more Persons inhabiting any Hundred or Port aforesaid. p. 39, 40

Aiders and Abettors shall suffer three Years Imprisonment without Bail p. 40

Owners and their Aiders to answer treble the value of the Penalties charged on the Inhabitants within the Hundred or Port

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Port aforesaid; and treble costs of Suit. p. 40, 41

Jury to be of any other County than that wherein the Fact was committed. p. 41

The three First Aiders informing, indemnified. p. 42

Penalty of Five Years Imprisonment upon Persons compounding with Hundreds or Ports; who may be sued for the same Forfeitures, as if no Composition had been made. p. 43

Admiralty to appoint Cruizers, who may seize all Vessels exporting Wooll, &c. p. 43, 44

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ACT of 7 W. 3. continued. p. 45
No Fullers-earth, or Scouring-clay to be exported out of England into Scotland, Ireland, or any Foreign parts. p. 45, 46

Penalty of One Shilling for every Pound exported. p. 46, 47

All Owners of Wooll, shorn or housed in Kent and Sussex, within Ten Miles of the Sea, shall give notice Three Days before removal of it, to the Custom-Officers of the next Port, and take a Certificate from them. p. 47

Penalty, all Wooll not so entred, or removed without Certificate, to be forfeited, and 3 s. per pound besides. p. 48

All Owners of Wooll, residing within Fifteen Miles of the Sea in Kent and Sussex, shall First give Bond to the King, that they will not sell the same within Fifteen Miles of the Sea. *ibid.*

Penalties,

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Penalties, such Wooll not entred may be seized, and 3 s. in the Pound forfeited besides. p. 48, 49

Wooll removed a Second time in the Counties aforesaid, after housed, shall be seized, and 3 s. for every Pound forfeited. p. 49

Persons, who claim unentred Wooll, to give good Security to pay treble Costs and Damages above the Penalties and Forfeitures aforesaid. ibid.

Agents and Supervisors, how to defend themselves, if sued for putting this Act in execution. p. 49, 50

Forfeitures by this Act One Third to the King, and Two Thirds to the Suer or Prosecutor. p. 50

Prosecution may be in Three Years after the Offence committed. p. 50, 51

All Owners of Wooll within 15 Miles of Scotland, to give the Number of their Fleeces, where housed, to Persons appointed to receive the Account, by the 1st of W. & M. and not remove any Wooll without their Licence. p. 51, 52

Penalties, all unentred and unlicensed Wooll Forfeited, and 3 s. besides for every Pound. p. 52

Winchelsea Hundred in respect of this Act to be deemed Two Hundreds. p. 52, 53

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NO Person to export out of Ireland, but only into England or Wales, any Wooll, Woollfells, Shorlings, Mortlings, Wooll-flocks, Worsted, Bay or Woollen-Yarn, Cloth, Serge, Bays, Kerseys, Says, Frizes,

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Frizes, Druggets, Cloth-Serges, Shalloons, or other Drapery Stuffs, or Woollen Manufactures. p. 63, 64

Penalties, the Wooll, &c. so exported, &c. to be forfeited, and Five Hundred Pounds for each Offence. The Ship, &c. to be forfeited with all her Tackle. The Masters, Mariners, Porters, &c. assisting, to forfeit 40 l. one Moiety to the Prosecutor in England or Ireland, the other to the Linen Manufacture in Ireland. p. 65, 66

Acquittals or Indictments in Ireland, no Bar to Prosecutions here. p. 66

Any Persons may seize and convey to the King's next Warehouse all such Wooll, &c. and the Ship may also be seized. p. 66, 67

Bond to be given for Wooll, &c. from Ireland, under penalty of forfeiting the Ship. p. 67, 68

A Register to be kept at the Custom-House, London, of the Wooll, &c. so imported. p. 68

Cockets and Warrants for transporting such Goods from Ireland shall be written on Paper, and signed, and the Certificates of landing, signed also by three of the Port Officers. The Goods to be searcht both at shipping and landing: And the Quantities, Qualities, &c. indorsed on the Cockets, Warrants, and Certificates. p. 68, 69

The Quantities and Qualities of such Goods and Duplicates of the Bonds, &c. to be transmitted from Ireland to England. p. 69

The Certificates to be written on Paper, and not obliterated or interlined p. 70 Such

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Such Goods shall be exported only from *Dublin, Waterford, Youghall, King'sale, Cork and Drogheda*, and imported only at *Biddiford, Barnstaple, Minehead, Bridgewater, Bristol, Milford-Haven, Chester and Liverpool*.

p. 70

Commissioners and Officers in *Ireland* offending against this Act, forfeit Office and 50*l.*

p. 70, 71

The Offences upon this Act to be tried where the Goods are shipped, or where the Offender or Ships are seized.

p. 71, 72

Persons sued to plead the general Issue, &c. and to have treble Costs.

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Lawful to import Wooll, &c. from *Dublin*, &c. to *Biddiford*, &c. Notice being given thereof, and Bond in treble the Value, and a Licence taken for landing thereof.

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Forfeiture of the Bonds for Wooll, &c. so exported, not assignable.

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The Admiralty to appoint Cruizers to seize all Ships exporting Wooll to Foreign Parts.

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Wooll, Ships, &c. so seized, to be condemned and sold by Inch of Candle, with the Guns, Tackle &c. One fourth Part to the Commander, another to the Officers, another to the Mariners, the other to the King.

p. 75

Commander of Ships offending herein to forfeit their Pay, suffer Six Months Imprisonment, and incapable of serving in the Navy.

p. 76

After the First of *December*, 1699. Wooll, &c. of the *English* Plantations in *America*, not to be laid on board any Ship there, or loaden on any Horse, Cart, &c. to be exported thence to any place what-

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whatsoever, under the Penalties and Forfeitures for the like Offences in *Ireland*: And the Governors, &c. of the Plantations are to put this Act in Execution.

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Persons offending against this Act, or any other for preventing the exportation of Wooll, to be prosecuted in any the Courts at *Westminster*.

p. 77, 78

The Lords Justices of *Ireland* to direct, That the Judges in *Ireland* give this Act in Charge at the Assizes, which Judges are to take account of the Execution thereof, and acquaint the Lords Justices therewith, who shall lay an account thereof yearly before the King in Council.

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