Anno tricesimo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for the Importation of Fine Organzined *Italian* Thrown Silk.



WHEREAS by an Act made in the Second Year of the Reign of Their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, intituled, An Act for the discouraging the Importation of Thrown Silk; amongst other Things in the said Act contained, the bringing in of Thrown Silk of the Growth or Production of Italy is prohibited, unless imported in such Ships or Vessels, and navigated in such Manner, as in and by an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation, is directed and allowed, and brought from some of the Ports of those Countries or Places, whereof the same is the Growth or Production, and which shall come directly by Sea, and not otherwise: And whereas there is at present very great and immediate Want of Organzined Thrown Silk from Italy, for the Use and Purpose of Warp in the Silk Manufacture, without which the Manufacture cannot be carried on, and many thousands of Manufacturers must be unemployed; 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to import or bring into this Kingdom, from any Port or Place, or in any Ship or Vessel

Preamble, reciting the Acts of 2 *W.* & *M.* & 12 *Car.* II.

Liberty given to import Organzined Thrown Silk from *Italy* for a limited Time.

Vessel whatsoever, until the First Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, Organzined Thrown Silk, of the Growth or Production of Italy; any thing contained in the said recited Acts, or any other Act, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Silks of a particular Sort prohibited to be imported under this Act, under Penalty of Forfeiture.

Provided always, That this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall extend to give Liberty to import any Italian Thrown Silk, that shall be coarser than a Sort thereof, known and distinguished by the Name of Third Bolonia, nor any Sorts of Silks commonly called Tram, of the Growth of Italy, nor any other Thrown Silk of the Growth or Production of Turkey, Persia, East India, or China, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silks, as shall be brought over and imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; One Moiety whereof to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

All Organzined Thrown Silk whereseever landed, to be brought up to the Custom-house at *London*, under Penalty of Forfeiture.

And for the better and more effectual Execution of this Act, and to prevent the Importation of any Sort of Thrown Silk not Organzined; be it further enacted and declared, That all such Organzined Thrown Silk, as is allowed to be imported by this Act, wheresoever landed, shall be brought to His Majesty's Custom-house at London; to the Intent that no other Sort of Thrown Silk may be imported, than that allowed by this Act, under the Penalty of forfeiting all such Thrown Silk, as shall be imported contrary to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; One Moiety whereof shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to such Person or Persons who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same; to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record; wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed; any thing to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

FINIS.