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CAP. XXXVIII.

An Act to incorporate certain Perſons therein named, and their Succeſſors, with proper Powers for the Purpoſe of eſtabliſhing One or more Glaſs Manufactories within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*; and for the more effectually ſupporting and conducting the ſame upon an improved Plan, in a peculiar Manner, calculated for the caſting of large Plate Glaſs,

WHEREAS the Eſtabliſhment of a Glaſs Manufactory in Great Britain, upon an improved Plan, in a peculiar Manner, calculated for the caſting of Plate Glaſs, would be of great Benefit and Utility to this Kingdom, and may tend, as well to increaſe the publick Revenue ariſing from the Duties laid thereon, as to improve the preſent Method of making Plate Glaſs, which is not brought to a State of Perfection Preamble.

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Perfection equal to that in foreign Countries: And whereas such Manufactory cannot be established without great Risk in the Undertaking, and without a very large Expence, nor can be conveniently carried on, unless a considerable Joint Stock is raised for that Purpose: And whereas several Persons have already formed themselves into a Society, and subscribed considerable Sums, and purchased Materials, and engaged proper Persons, for the Purpose of establishing and carrying on the said Manufactory; but such Persons are apprehensive that Difficulties may arise, as well in recovering Debts which may grow due to the Proprietors of the said Manufactory, as also in defending Suits or Actions which may be commenced or brought against the said Proprietors for any Matter or Thing relative to the said Manufactory, as by Law all the several Proprietors and Subscribers to the said Manufactory must in such Cases both sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, by their several and distinct Names and Descriptions; and therefore, for the more easily carrying on the Manufacture, and avoiding the Difficulties aforesaid, are desirous of being incorporated, and having a Common Seal and Name, by which they may sue and be sued: And whereas many Persons who are not now liable to become Bankrupts, within the Intent and Meaning of any of the Laws now in Force concerning Bankrupts, are likewise fearful of subscribing Money to carry on the said Manufacture, as by becoming Subscribers to, and Part Owners thereof, they may be liable to have Commissions of Bankrupt issued against them as Traders; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 Right Honourable John Stuart, commonly called Lord Mountstuart, the Honourable Major General Charles Fitzroy, Herbert Mackworth, Peregrine Cust, Thomas Dundas, Robert Palk, John Mackay, Philip Affleck, James Mowbray, Robert Digby, Angus Mackay, Henry Dagge, Albany Wallis,

Wallis, Henry Haſtings, Ranald MacDonald, Thomas Davenport, Aſheton Curzon, John Dolben, Thomas Potter, Thomas Durell, Stephen Cæſar Lemaiſtre, and Henry Errington, Eſquires; and every other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall hereafter, either in their own Right, or as Executors, Adminiſtrators, Succeſſors, or Aſſigns, in Right of any other Perſon or Perſons become Proprietors of, or intereſted in any Part or Share of the Joint Capital Stock or Fund herein-after mentioned, ſhall be One diſtinct and ſeparate Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name and Stile of The Governor and Company of *Britiſh*-caſt Plate Glaſs Manufacturers, and that by the ſame Name they ſhall have Succeſſion and a Common Seal; and that they and their Succeſſors may, from Time to Time, break, alter, make new, or change ſuch Common Seal, as ſhall be found moſt expedient; and that ſuch Corporation ſhall be able and capable in Law, and ſhall have perfect and full Power and Ability in Law to have, purchaſe, receive, take, and enjoy, to them and their Succeſſors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of what Kind, Nature, or Quality ſoever, for the Uſe of the ſaid Manufactory, notwithſtanding the Statutes of Mortmain, ſo as the ſame do not exceed the yearly Value of Five hundred Pounds; and any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, may give, grant, bargain, ſell, or convey, to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Manufactory, ſo as the ſame do not exceed the annual Value aforeſaid, without Licenſe of Alienation in Mortmain; and that ſuch Corporation ſhall have Power and Ability in Law to grant, ſell, demiſe, alien, or diſpoſe of ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, at their free Will and Pleaſure; and, in their Corporate Name, ſhall and may be able and capable in Law to ſue and implead, be ſued and impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, in any Court of Record, or elſewhere, in all Cauſes and Actions whatſoever, for, touching, or concerning the ſaid Corporation, or the Manufactory by them carried on, as aforeſaid.

Company may raise a Joint Stock.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Corporation to raise a Capital Joint Stock, to be applied for the carrying on the said Manufacture, not exceeding the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, at such Times, and in such Proportion, as at any General Court or Courts of such Corporation, to be holden in pursuance of this Act, shall be directed; and that the same be divided into such Number of Shares as herein-after mentioned, each Share not exceeding the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; and that no Person subscribing thereto, or becoming a Proprietor of such Manufactory, do become a Proprietor of less than One Share, or more than Twelve Shares, either in his or her own Name, or in the Name of any other Person or Persons in Trust for him or her, (except the same shall come to him or her by Devise, Bequest, Marriage, or Act of Law), upon Pain of forfeiting to the said Company of Proprietors all such Shares, exceeding Twelve Shares, as aforesaid; and the Money so to be raised, is hereby directed and appointed to be applied, in the first Place, for and towards the Payment, Discharge, and Satisfaction, of the Expences hitherto incurred on account of the establishing the said Manufactory, and preparatory to the passing of this Act, and also the Expences to be incurred in the passing thereof, and the Residue of such Monies shall be applied in and about the Business of the said Manufacture.

Joint Stock to be divided into Shares.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, or such Part thereof as shall be raised by the several Persons herein-before named, or by such other Person or Persons who shall or may hereafter become Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Manufacture, shall be divided into Eighty Shares, at a Price not exceeding the Sum of Five hundred Pounds for every such Share, and that the said Eighty Shares shall be, and are hereby vested in the several Persons herein-before described, and their several and respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to their and every of their proper Use and Benefit, proportionably to the Sum they and each of them shall severally subscribe and pay thereunto, and all and every

every the said Shares shall be deemed to be personal Estate, and transmissible as such, and not of the Nature of real Property; and all and every Person and Persons, their several and respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, who shall severally subscribe and pay in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, or such Sum or Sums as shall be demanded in Part thereof, towards the establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking, shall be intitled to, and receive the entire and neat Distribution of One-eightieth Part of the Profits and Advantages that shall and may arise and accrue by virtue of the Sum and Sums of Money to be raised, recovered, or received, by the Authority of this Act; and so in proportion for any greater Number of Shares, not exceeding Twelve Shares as aforesaid; and every Person or Persons, having such Property of One-eightieth Part or Share in the said Undertaking, and so in proportion as aforesaid, shall bear and pay a proportionable Sum of Money towards carrying on the said Undertaking, in Manner herein-after enacted, directed, and appointed.

Interest to be paid till the Profits can be divided.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, their Successors or Assigns, and they are hereby required, out of the Money to be raised as aforesaid, until the said Manufactory shall be so established, that the Profits arising therefrom are sufficient to make a Dividend equal to an Interest of Five Pounds per Centum on the Capital advanced, to pay unto all and every the said Proprietors, their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, who shall severally pay in or subscribe any Sum or Sums of Money, for and towards the carrying on and establishing the said Manufactory, an Interest for such Sum or Sums as they shall respectively pay in, after the Rate of Five Pounds for every One hundred Pounds for One Year, from the Time that each of such Sum or Sums shall be respectively advanced as aforesaid, and be paid and payable at such Place or Places as shall be agreed on and appointed for that Purpose, at the First General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors, to be held as herein-after is mentioned.

And,

Persons subscribing may vote at Meetings.

And, to the End that all Matters or Things touching or relating to the establishing and carrying on the said Manufactory may be managed and conducted in the most beneficial Manner, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person or Persons, who shall have subscribed for One or more Share or Shares of the said Manufactory, his and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, in every or any publick Meeting or Assembly, to be held as herein-after appointed for carrying on the Business of the said Manufactory, shall have Liberty by him, her, or themselves, to give One Vote, and no more, without any Regard being had to the Number of Shares he, she, or they, shall respectively be possessed of, and interested in, as aforesaid; and whatever Question, Election of Officers, or other Matter or Thing shall be proposed, discussed, or considered, in any publick Assembly or Meeting, to be held under and by virtue of this Act, shall be finally determined by the Majority of Votes then present, computing One Vote for every Member then present, and no more.

Books to be provided for Subscriptions.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Book for Subscriptions shall be provided within One Month after the passing of this Act, in which said Book the said joint Stock, which shall not be less than the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, shall be subscribed by the Proprietors of the said Manufactory; and that each of the said Proprietors shall not subscribe less than the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, nor more than the Sum of Six thousand Pounds; and that all and every the said Proprietors shall pay his, her, or their Shares and Proportions of the Monies subscribed at such Time and Place as shall be appointed for the Receipt of such Sums of Money as shall, from Time to Time, be ordered to be paid, in pursuance of any Call or Calls to be made by the Order of any General Meeting, in Manner and Form as is herein-after directed; of which several Calls, Three Calendar Months Notice at the least shall be given, by publishing the same in the London Gazette, and One or more of the publick News-papers, at the Discretion of the General Meeting of the said Proprietors: And if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her,

or their rateable or proportionable Part or Share, Parts or Shares, of such Monies to be called for, as aforesaid, within One Calendar Month after the Time appointed for Payment thereof; and after personal Notice given to him or her, or Notice in Writing left at his or her usual or last Place of Abode, then he, she, or they, so neglecting or refusing, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every One hundred Pounds of his, her, or their respective Share or Shares in the said Manufacture.

Proprietors' not making their Payments to forfeit their Property in the Manufactory.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever any Proprietor shall have incurred the Penalty aforesaid of Twenty Shillings for every One Hundred Pounds of such Share or Shares as he or she may be possessed of in the said Manufactory, for Nonpayment in due Time as aforesaid of his or her rateable Proportion of Money called for, and such Forfeiture shall have been declared at some General Meeting of the Proprietors, it shall and may be lawful at the same, or at any subsequent General Meeting, for any Five or more of the Proprietors then present to order and direct a further Notice to be given to such Proprietor; and in case he or she shall not, within Six Months after such Notice served personally, or left at his or her most usual or last Place of Abode, pay, or cause to be paid, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be then due and owing upon any Call or Calls as aforesaid, and for Nonpayment of which such former Forfeiture shall have been incurred, and shall also pay, or cause to be paid, an additional Sum of Five Pounds for every One hundred Pounds which such Proprietor shall have subscribed towards the said Manufactory, then such Proprietor, in case the Nonpayment of such Sum or Sums of Money shall have been declared at some General Meeting of the said Proprietors, shall forfeit all his Interest, Share, and Property, in the said Manufactory, together with all such Sums as shall have been paid in, or shall be then due and owing from any Call or Calls as aforesaid; which last-mentioned Sum or Sums due and owing from any Call or Calls as aforesaid, and the respective Penalties of Twenty Shillings, and Five Pounds, herein-before mentioned,

shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster: Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Proprietors, at any General Meeting to be held after such Forfeiture shall have been incurred, to postpone, mitigate, or remit the same.

Governor, Deputy-governor, and Committee to be chosen.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That within the Space of Twenty Days after passing this Act, any Five or more of them, the said Persons herein-before named, shall summon and call together a General Meeting of all the Proprietors in the said Joint Stock, who shall and may quietly and freely assemble themselves, and meet together at the Time and Place so appointed; and then and there, at their Will and Pleasure, name, chuse, and elect, One of the said Proprietors to be Governor of the said Company, and One other Proprietor to be Deputy-governor of the said Company, and also Five or more other fit Persons to be Committee-men of the said Company; the said Governor, Deputy-governor, and Committee-men, to continue in their respective Offices and Places, until a new Election shall be had and made of a Governor, Deputy-governor, and Committee-men, in pursuance and according to the Directions of this Act.

Governor and Deputy-governor to take an Oath.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Governor and Deputy-governor of the said Company so to be elected as aforesaid, before they be admitted to the Execution of their respective Offices or Places of Governor and Deputy-governor, shall take the following Oath before any Two or more of the said Proprietors, who are hereby impowered to administer the same:

The Oath.

YOU swear that you will assist, and with all your Power support and maintain the Company of *British*-cast Plate Glass Manufacturers, and the Privileges of the same, having no Respect to yourself in Derogation, Hinderance, or Prejudice of the good Government, Order, and Commonweal thereof; the Bye-laws and Ordinances which

which shall be made by Authority of this Company, and which are not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom, you shall uprightly and duly execute according to your Knowledge, and to the utmost of your Power endeavour to favour and maintain the true Interest and Welfare of the said Company.

So help you GOD.

Committee-men to take an Oath.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every One of the said Committee-men of the said Company for the Time being, before they be admitted to the Execution of their said respective Offices or Places of Committee-men, shall take the following Oath before any Two or more of the said Proprietors, who are hereby impowered to administer the same:

The Oath.

YOU swear to be faithful and true during the Time of your Place of Trust, as One of the Committee-men of the Company of *British*-cast Plate Glass Manufacturers, and their Successors; the good Estate of the Adventurers in this present Joint Stock you shall, as far as you are able, favour and preserve, and the Privileges granted to them to the utmost of your Power endeavour to maintain.

So help you GOD.

General Meeting to be held annually.

And, to the End that all Matters and Things to be done and carried on by virtue and Authority of this Act may be the more regularly carried into Execution, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be One annual General Meeting of all the said Proprietors on the Second Wednesday **in March in every Year for the future, at some convenient Place for that Purpose to be appointed, at or after the Hour of Eleven in the Forenoon, at which said annual General Meeting the Proprietors assembled shall chuse a Governor and Deputy-governor of the said Company, and also Five or more Persons, each of whom shall be for the Time being**

being a Proprietor of One or more Shares in the said Manufactory, to be a Committee or Committees, to assist in managing the Affairs of the said Company of Proprietors, in such Manner as is herein directed, and as shall, from Time to Time, be ordered by any such annual General Meeting, or by any Special General Meeting, to be held as herein-after mentioned, the said Governor and Deputy-governor always to be Members of such Committee or Committees; and the said Governor and Deputy, and Committee-men, shall serve and continue in their respective Offices and Places for One whole Year next ensuing their respective Elections, or until others shall be elected and appointed in their Room.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if at any Time it shall appear to any Five or more Proprietors, that, for the more effectually putting this Act in Execution, an occasional General Meeting of Proprietors shall be necessary to be held, the Governor, Deputy-governor, or any Three or more of the said Committee, on Request made in Writing by the said Five Proprietors to the said Governor, Deputy-governor, or Committee-men, shall cause Notice to be given thereof in the London Gazette, or in such other Manner as the said Proprietors, their Successors or Assigns, shall at any General Meeting direct or appoint, declaring in such Notice the Place where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, the same to be held within One Month from and after such Notice given; and likewise specifying in every such Notice the Reason for and Intention of such Meetings respectively; and the Proprietors are hereby authorised to meet pursuant to such Notice, and proceed to the Execution of the Powers by this Act given them; and every Act of the Proprietors, or the major Part of them, at such Meetings assembled, shall be as valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been done at an annual General Meeting, held in Manner herein-before appointed.

And

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Committee so to be chosen as aforesaid, shall, from Time to Time, be subject to the Examination and Controul of the said annual or occasional General Meetings of the said Proprietors as aforesaid, and shall pay due Obedience to all such Orders and Directions, in and about the Premises, as they shall from Time to Time receive from the said Proprietors, at any such General Meetings; such Orders and Directions not being contrary to any express Directions or Provisions in this Act contained.

Governors, &c. dying, others to be chosen.

And it is hereby further enacted, That in case the Governor, Deputy-governor, or any of the Committee-men for the Time being, shall happen to die, or resign his Office or Offices, before the Expiration of the said Year for which he or they shall be so elected; that then, and from thenceforth, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor, or Deputy-governor, or any Three of the Committee, to summon and call together a General Meeting of the Proprietors aforesaid, and then and there to chuse into the Place or Places of him or them so dying or resigning One or more other fit Person or Persons, as the Case may happen, to continue in their respective Offices or Places, during the Remainder of such Year.

Meetings to be called by Governors, &c. and Committee-men.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First General Meeting hereby appointed as aforesaid, all and every the General Meetings of the said Company, hereby established, shall be, from Time to Time, called and summoned by the Order of the said Governor or Deputy-governor, or any Three or more of the Committee for the Time being; at all which General Meetings before-mentioned the Governor for the Time being shall be present, or, in his Absence, the Deputy-governor for the Time being, and in case of Equality of Votes or Voices, shall have a casting Voice.

No Choice of Governor, &c. or Committee, but by Members possessed of 20 Shares.

Provided always, That if at any General Meeting the Number of Persons present shall be less than Nine, and the Members present shall not be possessed of Twenty

Shares in the said Manufactory at the least, no Choice of a Governor, Deputy-governor, or Committee, shall be made at that Time; but in such Case there shall be an adjourned Meeting of the said Company, at the same Place, within One Month, of which Notice shall be given in the London Gazette, and such other publick News-papers as shall be then agreed upon, or in such other Manner as at any General Meeting shall be directed for that Purpose, and so from Time to Time as Occasion shall require, until such Choice shall be made of the Governor, Deputy-governor, and Committee, as ought to have been made at the first Day herein-before appointed, had there been a sufficient Number of Votes present, and the Persons so chosen shall have the same Power which they would have had, and continue in such Office until such Time as they would have done, had they been chosen on the said Day herein-before first appointed.

Company may make Bye-laws, &c.

And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors, their Successors and Assigns for the Time being, shall have Power and Authority at any General Meeting, to be held as aforesaid, in case Nine or more Proprietors are present at such General Meeting, possessed of Twenty Shares at least, but not otherwise, to make such Rules, Bye-laws, and Constitutions, for the said Government of the said Company, and for the good and orderly carrying on the Business of the said Manufacture; and also for the well-governing of the Officers, Servants, Workmen, and others who shall be employed in and about the Business and carrying on of the said Manufacture, or any Part thereof; and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines or Forfeitures upon all Persons offending against the same, as to the major Part of such General Meeting shall seem meet, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence; such Fines and Forfeitures to be levied and recovered by such Ways and Means as are herein-after mentioned.

And

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, their Successors and Assigns, at any General Meeting to be held as aforesaid, in case Thirteen or more Proprietors are present at such General Meeting, possessed of Forty Shares at least, but not otherwise, to alter or repeal any Rules, Bye-laws, or Constitutions, made by the said Company, at any former General Meeting or General Meetings: And all such Rules, Bye-laws, and Constitutions, so to be made by the said Company, at any General Meeting or Meetings, being fairly wrote and entered in the Books of the said Company of Proprietors, shall be binding to and observed by all the Parties, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same. Bye laws may be altered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Book and Books in which the Accounts relating to the said Undertaking shall be stated and settled, and all other Matters and Things relating thereunto, shall be deposited under the Care and Custody of such Person or Persons as the said Company of Proprietors, their Successors and Assigns, shall, from Time to Time, direct and appoint, and every Proprietor or Proprietors, at reasonable Times, shall have free Access to such Book and Books, for his, her, or their Inspection. Books to be under the Care of such Persons as the Company shall appoint.

And be it further enacted, That at every such annual General Meeting as aforesaid, the Proprietors shall call for, audit, and settle all Accounts of Money which shall hereafter be received or paid in, for, about, or concerning the said Manufactory, and shall settle and declare what Dividend or Dividends shall be made to the Proprietors thereof: Provided always, That no Dividend shall at any Time be made amongst the said Proprietors, out of the Profits arising from the said Manufactory, over and above Five Pounds per Centum, upon the Capital Stock actually advanced, during such Time as there shall be due and owing from the said Company any Sum or Sums of Money borrowed upon the Credit of their Capital Stock, or upon the Profits and Produce arising from the said Manufactory. Proprietors at General Meetings may settle Accounts.

And

Proprietors at General Meetings have Power to make Calls of Money.

And be it further enacted, That at any such General Meeting as aforesaid, the Proprietors shall have Power to make such Call or Calls of Money, for the Purposes of this Act, as they shall find wanting and necessary, not exceeding Ten Pounds per Centum on each Share at any One Call, under such Conditions, Penalties, and Forfeitures as herein-before mentioned, such Notice or Notices of such Call or Calls having first been duly given as aforesaid; which Money, so called for, shall be paid to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as the said General Meetings shall, from Time to Time, appoint and direct, for the Use of the said Manufactory.

General Meetings may be adjourned.

And be it further enacted, That for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid, every such General Meeting shall have Power to adjourn themselves, from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as shall be thought convenient, and be agreed upon by the Majority of Votes then present: And in case there shall not be a sufficient Number of Persons present to form such General Meeting before Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, on the Day on which such General Meeting shall have been called, then any One of the said Proprietors present, or their Clerk for the Time being, shall adjourn the said Meeting to the same Day Fortnight, and shall give Notice of such Adjournment in Manner before mentioned.

Owners of Shares dying before Calls made for the full Sums to be advanced on each Share,

And be it further enacted, That if any Owner or Owners of any Share or Shares in the said Manufactory shall die before such Call or Calls shall be made for the full Sum to be advanced on each Share, which he, she, or they, shall have been possessed of, or intitled unto, without having made Provision by Will, or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and the Money paid in upon Calls for the future; then, and in such Case, the Executors or Administrators of any such Owner so dying, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians, of any Infant, or other Person or Persons whatsoever, intitled to the Estate and Effects of such Owner deceased, shall be indemnified against all such Infant or Infants, or other Persons whatsoever, for paying any

Trustees, &c. indemnified for making Payment.

Sum or Sums of Money, when called for, as aforesaid, to compleat every such Subscription: And if such Owner deceased shall not have left Assets sufficient, or in case the Executors or Administrators, Trustee or Guardian, Trustees or Guardians, shall refuse or neglect to answer such Calls and Payments within the Space of Six Calendar Months next after personal Notice served on, or Notice left at the usual or last Place of Abode of such Executors or Administrators, or some or One of them, or such Trustee or Guardian, Trustees or Guardians, then such Share or Shares of such deceased Owner or Owners, as also his, her, or their personal Estate, (in case they shall die leaving Assets), shall be subject and liable to the same Penalties and Forfeitures as are herein-before directed, in respect of the Share or Shares of such Person or Persons as shall neglect or refuse to pay in his, her, or their rateable or proportionable Part or Share of such Monies as shall be called for, in Manner herein-before mentioned.

Trustees neglecting Payment after Six Months, such Shares of Owners to be liable to the Forfeitures as before directed.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the several Proprietors of the said Manufactory to sell and dispose of any Share or Shares he, she, or they, shall or may be intitled to therein, subject to the Rules and Conditions herein mentioned; and any Purchaser or Purchasers shall, for his, her, or their Security, as well as that of such Proprietor or Proprietors, have a Duplicate of the Deed of Assignment or Conveyance made unto him, her, or them, and executed by such Person or Persons, of whom he, she, or they, shall purchase the same, and also by the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, One Part whereof, duly executed, both by the Seller and Purchaser, shall be delivered to the Company's Clerk for the Time being, to be filed and kept for the Use of the said Company; and an Entry thereof shall be made in a Book or Books to be kept by the said Clerk for that Purpose, for which no more than One Shilling shall be paid; and the said Clerk is hereby required to make such Entry accordingly; and until such Duplicate of such Deed shall be so delivered in to the

Proprietors may sell and dispose of their Shares.

said Clerk, and filed and entered, as above directed, such Purchaser or Purchasers shall have no Part or Share of the Profits of the said Manufactory, nor any Interest for his said Share paid to him, her, or them, or any Vote as a Proprietor or Proprietors.

Notice to be given of Sales.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no such Sale or Sales, except to a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company, shall be made of any such Share or Shares, by any Proprietor or Proprietors, unless Three Months Notice in Writing shall be given to the Governor, Deputy-governor, or any Three of the Committee, of such his, her, or their Intentions to sell the same; and unless Consent shall be given by a Majority of the whole Number of Proprietors, signified by Ballot at some General Meeting, which shall be held within Four Months after such Notice given.

Proprietors reduced to 15, a Majority may exercise the Powers of this Act in all Cases where more than Five are to be present at a Meeting.

And be it further enacted, That in case the Number of Proprietors of the said Manufactory shall at any future Time be reduced to the Number of Fifteen or under, then all the Powers of this Act, shall be fully exercised and enforced, in like Manner as is herein-before directed, by a Majority of such Number, in all Cases where more than Five Proprietors are herein-before required to be present at any Meeting.

A further Sum may be raised by the Company if original Sum not sufficient.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, herein-before authorised to be raised, shall be found insufficient for the Establishment and carrying on of the said Manufacture; then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, by and with the Consent, Assent, and Approbation of not less than Three-fourths in Number of the said Proprietors, and not otherwise, to raise and contribute amongst themselves, in Manner and Form aforesaid, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, upon such Terms as they shall think proper, any further or other Sum or Sums of Money, for establishing and carrying on the said Manufactory, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds; and every Contributor or Subscriber towards raising

raiſing ſuch further or other Sum or Sums of Money, ſhall have a like Vote in reſpect of every ſuch Share in the ſaid additional Sum ſo to be raiſed, and ſhall alſo be liable to ſuch Forfeitures, and ſtand intereſted in the Profits and Produce of the ſaid Manufactory, for ſuch Share or Shares as he, ſhe, or they, may ſubſcribe thereto, as generally and extenſively, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch further Share or Shares ſo ſubſcribed had originally been Part of the ſaid Stock of the ſaid Company; any Thing herein-before contained to the Contrary in any-wiſe notwithſtanding.

Forging the Seal of the Company made Felony.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall forge or counterfeit the Seal of the Corporation, or any Deed or Writing under the common Seal, or ſhall demand any Money in purſuance of any ſuch forged or counterfeited Deed or Writing, either from the Corporation or any Members or Servants thereof, knowing ſuch Writing to be forged, with Intent to defraud the ſame Corporation, or their Succeſſors, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, every Perſon ſo offending, and being convicted thereof in due Form of Law, ſhall be judged guilty of Felony, and ſhall be tranſported to One of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in America for a Term not exceeding Seven Years.

Stealing or deſtroying the Works, Felony.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, by Day or Night, break into any Houſe, Shop, Cellar, Vault, or other Place or Building, or by Force enter into any Houſe, Shop, Cellar, Vault, or other Place or Building belonging to the ſaid Manufactory, or wherein the ſame ſhall be then carrying on, with Intent to ſteal, cut, break, or otherwiſe deſtroy any Glaſs or Plate Glaſs, wrought or unwrought, or any Materials, Tools, or Implements, uſed in, for, or about the making thereof, or any Goods and Wares belonging to the ſaid Manufactory, or ſhall ſteal, or wilfully or maliciouſly cut, break, or otherwiſe deſtroy, any ſuch Glaſs Materials, Tools, or Implements, every ſuch Offender, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be

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judged guilty of Felony, and shall be transported to One of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America for a Term not exceeding Seven Years.

Writings to be without Stamps.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Contract, Agreement, Transfer, or Assignment of any Share or Shares, or other Writing whatsoever, made in pursuance of the Powers given in and by this present Act, shall be charged or chargeable with any Stamp-duty whatsoever; and that no Proceedings to be had or taken in pursuance of this Act shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only.

Fines and Forfeitures how to be recovered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, inflicted by this Act, or by any Rules, Bye-laws, or Constitutions, made by the said Company of Proprietors, their Successors or Assigns, by the Authority thereof, the levying and recovering of which said Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, are not herein before particularly directed, shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County wherein the said Manufacture shall be carried on, as aforesaid; which said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorised to hear and examine a Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, and determine the same, and may, according to his or their Discretion, mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, to be inflicted on any Offender or Offenders by virtue of the Powers in this Act contained; save and except such Forfeitures and Penalties as are herein-before directed for Nonpayment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for from the said Proprietors, as aforesaid; and all such respective Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, by this Act imposed and inflicted, the Application whereof is not herein-before particularly directed, shall be paid, and shall be applied and disposed of, to, and for the Use of the said Manufacture, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever. 8

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action, Suit, or Information, shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities, or the Orders and Directions herein-before given or granted, every such Action, Suit, or Information, shall be brought and commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Suit shall be commenced, and not afterwards, and shall be brought, laid, and tried, in the County where the said Manufacture shall be carried on as aforesaid, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in all such Actions or Suits may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, at any Trial or Trials to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act: And if it shall appear to have been so done, or if any Action, Suit, or Information, shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought or laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, that then, and in every such Case, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if a Verdict or Verdicts shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action, Suit, or Information, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if, upon Demurrer, or otherwise, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; the Defendant or Defendants, in every such Case, shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for Recovery of the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law. Limitation of Actions. General Issue. Treble Costs.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall take Place and have Continuance, from and after the passing thereof, for and during the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Commencement and Continuance of this Act.

Publick Act. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to b a Publick Act; and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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