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CAP. LXVII.

An Act for laying an additional Duty on Paper printed, painted, or ſtained, in foreign Parts, imported into this Kingdom.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made in the Third Year of the Reign of King Edward the Fourth, (intituled, Certain Merchandiſes not lawful to be brought ready-wrought into this Realm), amongſt ſeveral other Articles therein mentioned, any painted Wares are prohibited to be brought into this Realm, to be uttered and ſold within the ſame; and by another Act made in the Firſt Year Preamble. Act 3 Edw. IV.

Act 1 *Ric.* III. year of the Reign of King Richard the Third, (intituled, Certain Merchandises prohibited to be brought ready-wrought into this Realm); it is, amongst other Things, ordained and provided, That no Merchant Stranger shall bring into this Realm to be sold any Manner of painted Papers: And whereas notwithstanding the said recited Acts, great Quanties of Paper painted in foreign Parts have been clandestinely brought and imported into this Kingdom, and privately run on Shore and sold here; and there is great Reason to believe that several Parcels of such painted Paper, which, upon Importation, have been entered for private Use, and paid the Duties imposed by Law upon painted Paper so imported, have nevertheless afterwards been sold and disposed of in this Kingdom, to the great Prejudice of the Paper Stainers and Artificers in that Branch of Business here: And whereas all Paper, printed, painted, or stained, in Great Britain, is liable to an additional Duty of One Penny Halfpenny for every Yard Square, which Duty is not chargeable upon the Importation of Paper, printed, painted, or stained, in foreign Parts; and it may tend to discourage the clandestine and illegal Importation and Sale of Foreign painted Paper, and to encourage the Manufacture of painted Paper in this Kingdom, if the Importation of such Paper to be sold here was permitted, subject to the like additional Duty as is charged upon such Paper, printed, painted, or stained, in this Kingdom; 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 from and after the First

Day of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-three, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to import into this Kingdom, by way of Merchandiſe, and to utter and ſell the ſame here, any Sort of Paper, printed, painted, or ſtained, in foreign Parts; any Thing in the before-recited Acts, or any other Act or Acts to the Contrary notwithſtanding. After *Auguſt*, 1773, no Paper printed or ſtained to be imported or ſold.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of Auguſt, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-three, all Paper, printed, painted, or ſtained, in foreign Parts, and imported into this Kingdom, over and above the Cuſtoms, Subſidies, and Duties, already impoſed thereupon, ſhall be charged with and liable to pay a further Duty of One Penny Half-penny for every Yard Square thereof, and in that Proportion for any greater or leſs Quantity of ſuch Paper; which ſaid additional Duty ſhall be raiſed, levied, and recovered, and paid by the ſame Rules and Regulations, and under ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, as the former Duties payable upon the Importation of ſuch Paper are by any Law now in Force, raiſed, levied, recovered, and paid; and the ſame ſhall be applied and appropriated to the ſame Uſes and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Proportions, as the new Duties impoſed upon painted Paper imported into this Kingdom, by Two Acts of Parliament, made in the Tenth and Twelfth Years of the Reign of Queen Anne, are applied and appropriated. Duty of One Penny Half-penny to be impoſed *per* Yard on all Paper imported.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to Not to extend to affect the *Eaſt India Company*.

charge any Paper with the additional Duty by this Act granted, which shall be printed, painted, or stained, in the East Indies, and imported from thence by the United Company of Merchants of England trading thither, or Persons licensed by them; any Thing herein-before contained to the Contrary notwithstanding.

FINIS.