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Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. IX.

An Act to reſtrain the *Eaſt India Company*, for a limited Time, from making any Appointment of Commiſſioners for ſuperintending and regulating the Company's Affairs, at their Preſidencies in the *Eaſt Indies*.

WHEREAS the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies have named Commiſſioners, to be appointed with extraordinary Powers for ſuperintending and regulating the Company's Affairs at their Preſidencies in the Eaſt Indies: And whereas, in the preſent Situation of the ſaid Company, and while their Affairs are actually, at this Time, under the immediate Conſideration of Parliament, it is highly inexpedient that any great and important Alteration ſhould be made, and that at a very great Expence, in the Method of conducting and managing the Buſineſs and Affairs of the ſaid Company in India: Be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent Preamble.

of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, during the Space of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Seventh Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, it shall not be lawful for the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or for any Person or Persons on their Behalf, to make any Appointment of Commissioners, or for superintending and regulating the Business and Affairs of the said Company in India, or to make any Commission or Grant whatsoever, whereby any extraordinary and unusual Powers may be vested in any Person or Persons, for the Purpose of managing the Business and Affairs aforesaid; but that, if any such Appointment, Commission, or Grant, shall be made within the Time aforesaid, the same shall be absolutely null and void, unless by some Act of Parliament, to be made in this present Session, Permission shall be given to the said Company to make such Appointment, Commission, or Grant, within the Time aforesaid; in which Case, from and immediately after the Expiration of the Time which shall be limited by such Act, it shall be lawful for the said Company to proceed in such Manner, with Relation to the Appointment of their Officers, Agents, and Servants, in all Respects, as they might have done if this Act had never passed.

After *Dec.* 7. 1772, the *East India Company* not to grant Commission for superintending their Business in *India*,

unless some Act be made for that Purpose.

FINIS.