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CAP. LX.

An Act to regulate the making and vending of Metal Buttons; and to prevent the Purchaſers thereof from being deceived in the real Quality of ſuch Buttons. [26th *April* 1796.]



WHEREAS the manufacturing and vending of Gilt and Plated Buttons has for many Years been a great, and till of late an increaſing Branch of Trade in this Kingdom; and great Quantities of ſuch Goods have been ſent to Foreign Markets: And whereas it hath been diſcovered that certain deceitful and fraudulent Practices have been and may be uſed in the making and vending of ſuch Buttons, particularly by the ſtamping or marking of Metal Buttons, being neither gilt or plated, with the Word Gilt or Plated, or with other Words or Marks intimating that the ſame were gilt or plated, to the Intent that the ſame might paſs for, and be ſold as and for Gilt and Plated Buttons; or by marking Metal Buttons of an inferior Quality, or being ſlightly gilt, with Words or Marks intimating that the ſame were Strongly Gilt, or Extra Strongly Gilt, to the great Injury of the Purchaſers thereof, and of the fair Trader; and by which the Uſe and Wear of Gilt and Plated Buttons is greatly diminiſhed, both at Home and Abroad, and this valuable Manufacture may ultimately be loſt to this Country: Therefore, for preventing and puniſhing ſuch fraudulent and pernicious Practices; be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice Preamble.

and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by and with the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, no Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall order or apply for any Metal Buttons of or from any Manufacturer or Maker of Buttons, ſhall order or direct the Words Gilt or Plated, or any other Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating the Quality, to be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part of ſuch Buttons, or order or direct any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, whether the ſame do or do not indicate the Quality, to be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon the Underſide of ſuch Buttons, unleſs ſuch Perſon or Perſons do and ſhall at the ſame Time order and direct ſuch Buttons to be gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver reſpectively; and that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall procure or purchaſe, or cauſe to be procured or purchaſed, any Metal Buttons, not being gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver reſpectively, having the Words Gilt or Plated, or any other Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating the Quality, printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked thereon, or having any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, whether the ſame do or do not indicate the Quality, printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, on the Underſide thereof, knowing the ſame not to be gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver reſpectively, on Pain of forfeiting, in every of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſuch Buttons, together with the Sum of Five Pounds for any Quantity of ſuch Buttons not exceeding Twelve Dozen; and for any Quantity of ſuch Buttons exceeding Twelve Dozen, at and after the Rate of One Pound for every Twelve Dozen; to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Penalty on putting falſe Marks on Gilt Buttons.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, no Perſon or Perſons ſhall print, caſt, ſtamp, or mark, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part of any Metal Button or Buttons, the Words Gilt or Plated, or any other Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating the Quality, or any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, on the Underſide thereof, whether the ſame do or do not indicate the Quality, unleſs the ſame be reſpectively really and *bona fide* plated with Silver, before the ſame ſhall be ſo printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked as aforeſaid, or afterwards gilt with Gold, or deſtroyed before being ſold; and that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall put, place, or affix, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be put, placed, or affixed, upon any Metal Button or Buttons, having the Words Gilt or Plated, or any other Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating the Quality, on any Part of ſuch Button or Buttons, or any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, on the Underſide thereof, whether the ſame do or do not indicate the Quality, any Ornament or Ornaments whatſoever, unleſs thoſe Parts of ſuch Button or Buttons which ſhall not be covered by ſuch Ornament or Ornaments, be reſpectively really and *bona fide* plated with Silver, or gilt with Gold, before ſuch Ornament or Ornaments ſhall be put, placed, or affixed upon ſuch Button or Buttons; and that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall put, place, or pack, or cauſe, direct, or procure, to be put, placed, or packed for Sale, in or upon any Card or Cards, Paper or Papers, or other Subſtance, or ſell, or expoſe or offer to Sale, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be ſold or expoſed, or offered to

No Marks to be uſed but ſuch as truly expreſs the real Quality of the Buttons.

Sale, any Metal Buttons, not being gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver reſpectively, if the Words Gilt or Plated, or any other Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating the Quality of ſuch Buttons, be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part of ſuch Buttons, or upon ſuch Card or Cards, (not being the Pattern Card or Pattern Cards), Paper or Papers, or other Subſtance; or if any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, on the Underſide of ſuch Buttons, whether the ſame do or not indicate the Quality, knowing the ſame not to be gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver reſpectively; upon Pain of forfeiting, in every of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſuch Buttons, together with the Sum of Five Pounds for any Quantity of ſuch Buttons exceeding One Dozen, and not exceeding Twelve Dozen; and for any Quantity of ſuch Buttons exceeding Twelve Dozen, at and after the Rate of One Pound for every Twelve Dozen; to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

To reſtrain Perſons from marking any other than the Words "Gilt" or "Plated" upon Metal Buttons.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt* no Perſon or Perſons ſhall print, caſt, ſtamp, or mark, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part of any Metal Button or Buttons, any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating or purporting to indicate the Quality thereof, ſave and except the Words "Gilt" or "Plated" reſpectively; and that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall put, place, or pack, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be put, placed, or packed for Sale, in or upon any Card or Cards, (except the Pattern Card or Pattern Cards), Paper or Papers, or other Subſtance or Parcel, or expoſe or offer to Sale, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be ſold, or expoſed or offered to Sale, any Metal Buttons having any Word, Letter, Figure, Mark, or Device, indicating or purporting to indicate the Quality thereof, other than and except the Words "Gilt" or "Plated" reſpectively, printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part thereof, upon Pain of forfeiting in every of the Caſes aforeſaid ſuch Buttons, together with the Sum of Five Pounds for any Quantity of ſuch Buttons exceeding One Dozen, and not exceeding Twelve Dozen; and for any Quantity of ſuch Buttons exceeding Twelve Dozen, at and after the Rate of One Pound for every Twelve Dozen, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Where Perſons may mark the Words "Double Gilt," and "Treble Gilt," upon Metal Buttons.

IV. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to inflict any Fine, Penalty, Forfeiture, or Puniſhment, upon any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall print, caſt, ſtamp, or mark, or cauſe or procure to be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, the Words "Double Gilt" in or upon any Metal Buttons, or put, place, or pack, or cauſe, direct, or procure, to be put, placed, or packed, for Sale, in or upon any Card or Cards, (except the Pattern Card or Pattern Cards), Paper or Papers, or other Subſtance or Parcel, or expoſe or offer to Sale, or cauſe, direct, or procure, to be ſold, or expoſed or offered to Sale, any Metal Buttons having the Words "Double Gilt" printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part thereof; provided continually, from the Time of gilding thereof, Gold ſhall remain put, placed, and equally ſpread upon the upper Surface of the ſaid Buttons, excluſive of the Edges, in the Proportion of Ten Grains to ſuch Quantity of the ſaid Buttons, the upper Surfaces of which, excluſive of the Edges, ſhall meaſure or be equal to the Superficies of a Circle Twelve

Inches in Diameter; or who ſhall print, caſt, ſtamp, or mark, or cauſe or procure to be printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, the Words "Treble Gilt" in or upon any Metal Buttons, or put, place, or pack, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be put, placed, or packed for Sale, in or upon any Card or Cards, (except the Pattern Card or Pattern Cards), Paper or Papers, or other Subſtance or Parcel, or expoſe or offer to Sale, or cauſe, direct, or procure to be ſold, or expoſed or offered to Sale, any Metal Buttons having the Words "Treble Gilt" printed, caſt, ſtamped, or marked, in or upon any Part thereof; provided continually, from the Time of gilding thereof, Gold ſhall remain put, placed, and equally ſpread upon the upper Surface of the ſaid Buttons, excluſive of the Edges, in the Proportion of Fifteen Grains to ſuch Quantity of the ſaid Buttons, the upper Surfaces of which, excluſive of the Edges, ſhall meaſure or be equal to the Superficies of a Circle Twelve Inches in Diameter; any Thing herein-before ſaid to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Penalty on making falſe Invoices.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, if any Perſon ſhall make out, ſend, or deliver, for, with, or in relation to any Metal Buttons, any Liſt, Bill of Parcels, or Invoice, expreſſing therein any other than the real Quality of ſuch Buttons, and ſhall at the Time of making out, ſending, or delivering ſuch Liſt, Bill of Parcels, or Invoice, know that ſuch Liſt, Bill of Parcels, or Invoice, expreſs therein any other than the real Quality of ſuch Buttons, ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Penalty on mixing Buttons of different Qualities.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly put, place, or intermix, or cauſe, order, direct, or procure to be put, placed, or intermixed, any Metal Button or Buttons, that ſhall not be reſpectively really and *bona fide* gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver, upon any Card or Cards, (except Pattern Cards), or upon any Paper or Papers, or other Subſtance whereon or wherein any Metal Button or Buttons gilt with Gold, or plated with Silver, ſhall be put or placed, nor intermix the ſame in any other Manner, upon Pain of forfeiting the Buttons ſo put, placed, or intermixed, together with the Sum of Five Pounds for any Quantity of Buttons ſo put, placed, or intermixed, exceeding One Dozen, and not exceeding Twelve Dozen; and for any Quantity of Buttons ſo put, placed, or intermixed, exceeding Twelve Dozen, at and after the Rate of One Pound for every Twelve Dozen; to be levied, recovered, and applied, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

For aſcertaining what ſhall be deemed to be a Gilt Button.

VII. And, for the more eaſy and better aſcertaining what ſhall be deemed or taken to be a Gilt or Plated Button or Buttons, be it enacted, That no Metal Buttons ſhall be deemed or taken to be Gilt Buttons, unleſs continually, from the Time of gilding thereof, Gold ſhall remain put, placed, and equally ſpread upon the upper Surface of the ſaid Buttons, excluſive of the Edges, in the Proportion of Five Grains to ſuch Quantity of the ſaid Buttons, the upper Surfaces of which, excluſive of the Edges, ſhall meaſure or be equal to the Area or Superficies of a Circle Twelve Inches in Diameter; and that no Metal Buttons ſhall be deemed or taken to be plated Buttons, unleſs the Area or Superficies

of the upper Surface thereof be made of a Plate of Silver, put, placed, or fixed upon Copper, or a Mixture of Copper with other Metals, previous to such Plate of Silver and Copper, or Mixture of Copper with other Metals, being rolled into Sheets or Fillets.

Recovery of Penalties.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County, City, or Place where the Offender or Offenders shall reside, or where the Offence shall be committed, to hear and determine any Offence against this Act; and such Justices are hereby authorised and required, upon any Information exhibited or Complaint made in that Behalf, to summon the Party accused, and the Witnesses on each Side, and shall examine into the Matter of Fact, and upon due Proof thereof, either by Confession of the Party, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, to give Judgement or Sentence for the pecuniary Penalty, with Costs to be allowed by such Justices; and to award and issue out their Warrant, under their Hands and Seals, for the levying such Penalty and Costs on the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, and to cause Sale to be made thereof, in case they shall not be redeemed within Five Days, inclusive of the Day of the Seizure, rendering the Surplus, if any, to the Person or Persons whose Goods or Chattels shall be distrained; and for Want of a sufficient Distress, such Justices shall and may commit such Offender or Offenders to His Majesty's Gaol for the County, City, or Place, where such Information shall be laid as aforesaid, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless Payment shall be sooner made of the said Penalty and Costs.

Appeal.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by the Judgement of such Justices, he, she, or they may (upon giving Security, with a sufficient Surety, to the Amount of the Value of such Penalty or Penalties, and Costs, together with such further Costs as shall be awarded in case such Judgement shall be affirmed) appeal to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, or Place, where such Conviction shall be made; and the Justices at such Sessions are hereby empowered to summon and examine Witnesses on Oath, and to hear and finally determine the Matter of the said Appeal, and to award such Costs as the said Court shall think reasonable, to the Party in whose Favour such Appeal shall be determined.

Mitigation of Penalties.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for, and in the Power of the said Justices of the Peace, and also of the said Quarter Sessions, to modify and mitigate the said Penalties, in such Manner as to them shall seem expedient, provided that such Penalties shall in no Case be reduced below One Half, or, where such Penalties shall be less than the Sum of Forty Pounds, below Twenty Pounds.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form only.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Conviction made upon any Offence or Offences in this Act mentioned or created shall be set aside in or by any Court whatsoever, for Want of Form, or through the Mistake of any Fact, Circumstance, or other Matter whatsoever, provided the material Facts alledged in such Conviction, and upon which the same shall be grounded, be proved to the Satisfaction of the said Court; any Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XII. And be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following (*mutatis mutandis*) as the Caſe ſhall happen to be, ſhall be good and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, without ſtating the Caſe, or the Facts or Evidence in any particular Manner; (that is to ſay),

Form of Conviction.

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord at in the County of *A. B.* came before us, *C. D.* and *E. F.* Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, [City, *or* Place, *as the Caſe may be*], and informed us, that *G. H.* of on the Day of now laſt paſt, at in the ſaid County, [City, *or* Place, *as the Caſe may be*]; *here ſet forth the Fact for which the Information is laid*], whereupon the ſaid *G. H.* after being duly ſummoned to anſwer the ſaid Charge, appeared before us on the Day of at in the ſaid County, [City, *or* Place], and having heard the Charge contained in the ſaid Information, declared he was not guilty of the ſaid Offence [*or, as the Caſe may happen to be*], did not appear before us purſuant to the ſaid Summons; [*or*, did neglect and refuſe to make any Defence againſt the ſaid Charge], but the ſame being fully proved before us upon the Oath of *J. K.* a credible Witneſs, [*or, as the Caſe may happen to be*], acknowledged and voluntarily confeſſed the ſame to be true; and it manifeſtly appeared to us that the ſaid *G. H.* is guilty of the Offence charged upon him in the ſaid Information; we do therefore hereby convict him of the Offence aforeſaid, and do declare and adjudge that he the ſaid *G. H.* hath forfeited the ſaid Buttons, together with the Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for the Offence aforeſaid, to be diſtributed as the Law directs, according to the Form of the Statute in that Caſe made and provided. Given under our Hands and Seals, the Day of

For compelling the Attendance of Witneſſes.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall be ſummoned as a Witneſs to give Evidence before ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, touching any of the Matters relative to this Act, either on the Part of the Informer, or the Perſon or Perſons accuſed, and ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpoſe appointed, without a reaſonable Excuſe for ſuch his, her, or their Neglect or Refuſal, to be allowed of by ſuch Juſtices of the Peace, or appearing ſhall refuſe to be examined on Oath, and give Evidence before ſuch Juſtices, then every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied and paid in ſuch Manner and by ſuch Means as are herein-before directed as to other Penalties.

Penalties may be recovered by Action.

XIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to recover any of the pecuniary Penalties aforeſaid by Action or Suit in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, with full Coſts of Suit, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, City, or Place, where the Offence is committed, or where the Offender or Offenders reſide, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe any ſuch Metal Buttons as ſhall be liable to be forfeited by virtue

of this Act, to be ſeized, and the ſame, when ſeized, to keep in ſafe Cuſtody, for the Purpoſe of producing the ſame in Evidence upon any Proſecution or Action to be inſtituted or commenced for the pecuniary Penalties incurred in reſpect thereof; and when and as ſoon as the further Production thereof in Evidence ſhall become unneceſſary, then the ſame ſhall, by Order of ſuch Juſtices, be defaced and deſtroyed.

Limitation of Time for Informations under the Act.

XV. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That no Information ſhall be exhibited, or Action brought, for any of the Offences aforeſaid, unleſs within the Space of Three Calendar Months after the Commiſſion of ſuch Offences reſpectively.

Application of the Penalties.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That One Moiety of the pecuniary Penalties ſo to be recovered as aforeſaid ſhall be paid and payable to the Poor of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, where the Offence ſhall be committed, and the other Moiety to him, her, or them, who ſhall inform or ſue for the ſame.

To enable Pariſhioners to be Witneſſes.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Suits, Informations, Trials, and other Proceedings in purſuance of this Act, or in relation to any Matter or Thing herein contained, any Inhabitant of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place in which any Offence or Offences ſhall be committed contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ſhall be admitted to give Evidence, and ſhall be deemed competent Witneſſes, notwithſtanding his, her, or their being an Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, wherein any ſuch Offence or Offences ſhall be ſuppoſed to have been committed.

Perſons diſcloſing by whoſe Order any Thing puniſhable under this Act was done, ſhall not be liable to any Penalty for doing it.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be liable to any of the Penalties aforeſaid, by Reaſon of any Thing done by him, her, or them, under the Order, Direction, or Procurement of any other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall, before any Information or Complaint ſhall be laid or made againſt him, her, or them, diſcover to any Two or more Juſtices the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons by whoſe Order, Direction, or Procurement he, ſhe, or they ſhall have done ſuch Act which ſhall have made himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves liable to any of the Penalties, ſo that ſuch Perſon or Perſons by whoſe Order, Direction, or Procurement he, ſhe, or they ſhall have done ſuch Act, ſhall be proſecuted to Conviction for the ſame, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall give ſuch Information, or make ſuch Complaint, ſhall not be liable to the Pains and Penalties aforeſaid, but ſhall be entitled to a Moiety of the Penalty as other Informers.

Manufacturers not to be liable to Penalties in certain Caſes.

XIX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Manufacturer or Maker of Buttons, who ſhall have ordered any Metal Buttons to be gilt with Gold by any Gilder or Gilders, or other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, ſhall, before the burniſhing of the ſaid Buttons, appear before Two or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace of the County, City, or Place, where ſuch Gilder or Gilders, or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall reſide, or where the Offence of ſuch Gilder or Gilders, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall have been committed, and prove before the ſaid Juſtices, by One or more credible Witneſſes,

Witneſſes, that he ordered and directed the ſaid Buttons to be gilt in the Manner required by this Act, and delivered a Quantity of Gold ſufficient for that Purpoſe, or paid or contracted to pay a proper Sum of Money in that Behalf, and ſhall afterwards proſecute ſuch Gilder or Gilders, or other Perſon or Perſons, to Conviction, then and in any of the Caſes the ſaid Manufacturer or Maker of Buttons ſhall not be liable to any of the Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Puniſhments in and by this Act inflicted, for or on Account of the ſaid Buttons not being gilt with Gold; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

What Buttons the Act ſhall not extend to.

XX. Provided alſo, and be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend or relate, to any Button or Buttons made of Gold, Silver, Tin, Pewter, Lead, or Mixtures of Tin and Lead, or Iron tinned, or of the mixt Metals called *Bath Metal* or *White Metal*, or of either or any of theſe Metals inlaid with Steel, or Buttons plated upon Shell or Shells; any Thing herein-before ſaid to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Limitation of Actions.

XXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Suit or Action ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for what he or ſhe may do in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Suit or Action ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and ſhall be laid, brought, and tried in the County, City, or Place, where the Offence was committed, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Suit or Action, Suits or Actions, ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if any Suit or Action ſhall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought in any other County, City, or Place, that then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Proſecutor ſhall become Nonſuit or ſuffer Diſcontinuance, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt him or her, or if upon Demurrer Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may recover Treble Coſts.

Publick Act.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall be deemed and allowed in all Courts within this Kingdom as a Publick Act; and all Judges, Juſtices, and all other Perſons herein concerned, are hereby required as ſuch to take Notice hereof without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

FINIS.