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Boston, January 15. 1752.

FOR the Encouragement of the raising and well-curing and dressing of FLAX within this Province, A Premium of Twenty-two DOLLARS is hereby offered to the Person who shall this Year produce the greatest Quantity of well-cured and well-dressed Flax, raised from Ground under his own actual Improvement, and within this Province. And a further Premium of Fifteen DOLLARS to the Person who shall raise the second greatest Quantity: And a further Premium of Seven DOLLARS to the Person who shall raise the third greatest Quantity: The two last Premiums to be understood to be under the same Restrictions as the first.

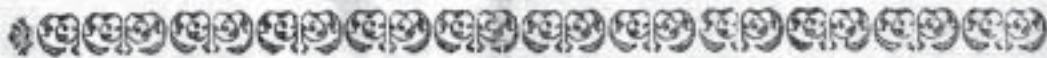
WHOSOEVER lays Claim to either of the above-mentioned Præmiums, shall weigh the Quantity of Flax by him raised, cured and dressed, in the Presence of two of the Select-Men, or other substantial Freeholders of the same Town where the Flax was raised; from whom he shall have a Certificate of the Quantity by him raised, cured and dressed; and shall produce the said Certificate before a Justice of the Peace of the same Town; or if there shall be no Justice of the Peace living in the Town where the Flax was raised, before a Justice of the Peace living in the nearest Town; and shall swear before him, That the Weight of Flax mentioned in the said Certificate, was the true Weight of the Flax raised under his own actual Improvement, within one or more Heads of the said Town, as the Certificate is as well cured and dressed as a Specimen for Examination, & that he presented the same on or before the first Thursday in March 1753, in the said Town, and the Præmiums will be determined and adjudged by Persons appointed for that purpose, and the Præmiums paid by the Treasurer to the SOCIETY for Encouraging Industry and Employing the Poor, for the Time being.

AND for encouraging a greater Perfection in Spinning, A Premium of Seven DOLLARS is hereby offered to the Person, that shall this Year spin the greatest Quantity and finest Thread for Linnen-Cloth within this Province; and a further Premium of Three DOLLARS and a Half to the Person, that shall this Year spin the next greatest Quantity and finest Thread within this Province.

AND for encouraging a greater Perfection in Weaving, A Premium of Seven DOLLARS is hereby offered to the Weaver, who shall this Year weave, within this Province, the best and finest Piece of Linnen-Cloth; and a further Premium of Three DOLLARS and a Half to the Weaver, who shall this Year weave, within this Province, the next best and finest Piece of Linnen-Cloth.

THE Claims of the several Persons to the Four last Præmiums to be determined at the Manufactory-House in Boston, on the First Thursday in April 1753; and the Præmiums paid by the Treasurer to the SOCIETY for Encouraging Industry and Employing the Poor, for the Time being.

N. B. It is proposed to enlarge the Præmiums for the next Year.



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