A PROCLAMATION

Discharging Silk Lace, white Lace and Point to be imported or worn upon Apparel.

If A R L E S, by the grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To
Masters of Our Privy Council, or Measurers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constellate, Greeting; Fersumhow, as We, out of Our Privy care for the Wealth and Flourishing of this Our Kingdom, By the twelfth Article of Our present current Parliament, did give, and grant several privileges, liberties, and immunities to each of Our good Subjects, as would be good, and set up Manufactories for their encouragement, and made a stop to the import of divers expenive, and superfluous commodities, except in the first Article, which had exceedingly exerstished the money of this Kingdom, and lightened the exchange to foreign places, which is now much fallen; and did discharge the wearing of the said prohibited goods, and commodities within this Kingdom, after the first of April next, under the penalties, and certifications contained in the said Article of Parliament. And whereas the preceeding day discharging the wearing of the said prohibited commodities, is now approaching: We have thought fit, with advice of Our Privy Council, hereby to publish and declare Our firm resolution, for putting the said Article of Parliament to due and public execution. And do hereby require and charge all Judges, Magistrates and others, to whom the execution of the said Article is committed, to be careful so for the same put to due and vigorous execution: and to exact and uplift the penalties from the contraveners, without any favour or deflection: as they will be answerable in their several Offices and Trusts. And We being informed that to evade, and elude the foresaid Article, and to bring Our Subjects to greater expenses, some Merchants have taken upon them to import Silk Lace, White Lace, and Point Lace, of great value: Do therefore, with advice forefield, hereby disbar all Merchants, or other Persons of what quality soever, to import, into this Kingdom or any place to wear any Apparel or Clot has upon which there is any Silk Lace, White Lace of thread, or Point, after the first day of April next, under the penalty of five hundred marks Scots, rate per yard, and at the discretion of the Clothiers, upon which any of the said prohibited Lace, or Point shall be found, excepting always forth herein the having, and wearing of White Lace of thread, or Point upon Robes, Cravats, Bands, Handkerchiefs, and might Liberis only, but upon no other Clot has, or Liberis: and allowing Servants to wear their Masters or Mistresses old Clot has. And to shew how much We are resolved to discourage all new expensive inventions to disappoint the said Article, when they shall occur, We discharge a new invention called Graziaglia, or Seraching Silk Stuffs that shall be worn in Clot has, under the said penalties; and all We discharge all Noblemen, Gentlemen, or others, to have upon their Liberis any Lace made of Silk, after the first day, under the penalty foraided. And ordains all Sheriffs, Sewers, and other Judges, and Magistrates, to whom the execution of the late Article of Parliament upon Apparel is committed, to be careful, that this Article in execution be due and notify proceeded by the said Article of Parliament: as they will be answerable. And which to do, We commit to you conjunctly and severally, Our full power, by these Our Letters, delivering them, by you duly execute, and send back again to the bearer.

Gree under Our Seal, at Edinburgh, the sixteenth Day of March, One thousand six hundred and eighty two, and of Our Reigne the Sixt and fourth year.

Per Alttum Dominorum Secreti Custodis.

PAT, MENZIES, CI, Sii, Custodis.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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