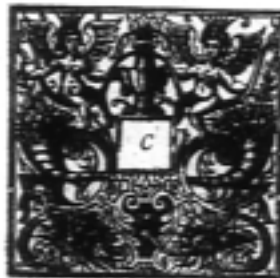




# A PROCLAMATION,

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



**C** H 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 Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as We, out of Our Princely care for the Wealth and Flourishing of this Our Kingdom, By the twelfth *Act* of Our present current *Parliament*, did give, and grant several privileges, liberties, and immunities to such of Our good Subjects, as would erect, and set up Manufactories for their encouragement; and made a stop to the import of divers expensive, and superfluous commodities, export in the said *Act*: which had exceedingly exhausted the money of this Kingdom; and lightned the exchange to forraign 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 *Aprill* next, under the penalties, and certifications contained in the said *Act* of *Parliament*. And whereas the prefixed 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~~ declare Our firm resolution, for putting the said *Act* of *Parliament* to due and punctual execution. And do hereby require and charge all Judges, Magistrates and others, to whom the execution of the said *Act* is committed, to be careful to see the same put to due and vigorous execution: and to exact and uplift the penalties from the contravenors, without any favour, or dilacion: as they will be answerable in their several Offices and Trusts: And We being informed that to evacuate, and evade the foresaid *Act*, and to bring Our Subjects to greater expenses; Some Merchants have taken upon them to import Silk Laces, White Laces, and Point Laces, of great value: Do therefore, with advice foresaid, hereby discharge all Merchants, or other Persons of what quality soever, to import, into this Kingdom; or any person to wear any Apparel, or Cloaths upon which there is any Silk Lace, White Lace of threeed, or Point, after the first day of *Aprill* next, under the penalty of five hundred merks Scots, *solus quoties*, by and at our Contiscation of the Cloaths, upon which any of the said prohibited Laces, or Point shall be found, excepting always forth hereof, the having, and wearing of White Lace of threeed, or Point upon Ruffles, Cravats, Bands, Handkerchiefs, and night Linens only, but upon no other Cloaths, or Linens; and allowing Servants to wear their Masters or Mistresses old Cloaths. And to shew how much, We are resolv'd to discourage all new expensive inventions to disappoint the said *Act*, when they shal occurre, We discharge a new Invention called Gratigning, or Scratching Silk Stuffs that shall be worn in Cloaths, under the said penaltie: As also We discharge all Noblemen, Gentlemen, or others, to have upon their Liveries any Lace made of Silk, after the said day, under the penaltie foresaid. And ordains all Sheriffs, Servants, and other Judges, and Magistrates, to whom the execution of the late *Act* of *Parliament* ancient Apparel is committed, to see that this *Act* in execution in the way and manner prescribed by the said *Act* of *Parliament*: as they will be answerable. The which to do, We commit to you conjunctly and severally, Our full power, by these Our Letters, delivering them, by you duely execute, and indorse again to the bearer.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the fiftenth day of March, One thousand six hundred and eighty two, and of Our Kings Majesty the thirty fourth year.

Per *Jam* Domicellum Secreti Concilij.  
P. A. T. MENZIES, Cl. Sui. Concilij.

## GOD SAVE THE KING.

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