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*AS several Artificers and Manufacturers, Subjects of Great Britain, have from Time to Time gone into Foreign Countries to exercise their several Callings, contrary to the Laws of these Kingdoms; the following Abstracts of Acts of Parliament of their late Majesties, King George the First and Second, and of His present Majesty, for preventing such Practices, are published for the Information of all Persons who may be ignorant of the Penalties they may incur by Disobedience to them.—And it will be observed, that such Penalties likewise extend to those who are any ways concerned or instrumental in the Sending or Enticing Artificers or Manufacturers out of these Kingdoms, or in the Exportation of the Tools and Instruments used by them, as well as to the Artificers or Manufacturers themselves.*

*Statute 5 George I. Chap. 27.*

**I**F any Person shall contract with, entice, or solicit, any Artificer in Wool, Iron, Steel, Brasses, or other Metal, Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer of Great Britain, to go into Foreign Countries, out of the King's Dominions, and shall be convicted thereof upon Indictment or Information, in any of the Courts at Westminster, or at the Assizes or Quarter-Sessions, he shall be fined any Sum not exceeding **ONE HUNDRED POUNDS** for the first Offence, and shall be imprisoned Three Months, and till the Fine be paid. And if any Person having been once convicted, shall offend again, he shall be fined at the Discretion of the Court, and imprisoned Twelve Months, and till the Fine be paid.

If any of the King's Subjects, being such Artificers, shall go into any Country, out of His Majesty's Dominions, to exercise or teach the said Trades to Foreigners; and if any of the King's Subjects in any such Foreign Country, exercising any of the said Trades, shall not return into this Realm within Six Months after Warning given by the Ambassador, Minister or Consul of Great Britain, in the Country where such Artificers shall be, or by any Person authorised by such Ambassador, &c. or by one of the Secretaries of State, and from henceforth inhabit within this Realm; such Persons shall be incapable of taking any Legacy, or of being an Executor or Administrator, or of taking any Lands, &c. within this Kingdom, by Descent, Devise or Purchase; and shall forfeit all Lands, Goods, &c. within this Kingdom, to His Majesty's Use, and shall be deemed Alien, and out of His Majesty's Protection.

Upon Complaint made upon Oath before any Justice of Peace that any Person is endeavouring to seduce any such Artificer, or that any such Artificer hath contracted, or is preparing to go out of His Majesty's Dominions, for the Purposes aforesaid; such Justice may send his Warrant to bring the Person complained of before him, or before some other Justice; and if it shall appear by the Oath of one Witness, or by Confession, that he was guilty of any of the said Offences, such Justice may bind him to appear at the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions: And if such Person shall refuse to give Security, the Justice may commit him to Goal till the next Assizes or Quarter Sessions, and until he shall

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