

in Being) and shall be convicted thereof in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, is to pay and suffer such Fine and Imprisonment as the Court shall think fit.

And all British Subjects who shall fail, go or repair to the East Indies, contrary to Law, shall be deemed and accounted to be a Trader, and to have traded and trafficked there; and all the Goods and Merchandize that shall be bartered or trafficked for in the East Indies, or purchased there, by any such Offenders, or that shall be found in his Custody, or in the Custody of any other Person by his Order or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with double the Value thereof; and His Majesty's Attorney-General, at the Relation of the Company, or by his own Authority, is empowered to exhibit Bills in the Exchequer against any Persons trading, dealing, trafficking or adventuring in, to or from the East Indies, contrary to Law, or against any Person concerned as Agent, Factor or Copartner with such illegal Traders, for Discovery thereof, and for Recovery of such Duties and Damages as after mentioned, waving Penalties; and such Person shall answer the said Bills, and not plead or demur to the Discovery thereby sought, and pay His Majesty's Customs and Duties of the Goods and Merchandizes arising, produced or purchased by the said unlawful Trade, and shall also answer and pay to the Company for the same Thirty per Cent. according to the Value thereof in England, as a Satisfaction for Damages, which Damages, by an Act of 10 Geo. III. cap. 47, are increased to One Hundred per Cent.

9 Geo. I. cap. 26.

By an Act passed in the Ninth Year of His Majesty King George the First, all British Subjects are prohibited from subscribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting the raising, establishing, or carrying on any Foreign Company, from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of June, 1723, to be raised, formed or erected for trading to the East Indies, and from being interested in or entitled to any Share in the Stock or Capital of such Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her or their Interest in the Capital, Principal, Stock or Actions of any such Foreign Company, together with treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney-General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery or Court of Exchequer against such Offenders, for the Discovery of such Offence; which Discovery such Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney-General's waving in such Bill the said Forfeiture of the treble Value, and insisting only on the single Value thereof; and in such Case the single Value is to be decreed to be paid by such Offender.

And that every British Subject accepting of any Trust, or knowing of any Interest, Share, Part, Proportion or Concern which any other British Subjects shall have or be entitled to in any such Foreign Company, and who shall not, within Six Months next after the accepting such Trust, or coming to the Knowledge of such Interest, Share, Proportion or Concern as aforesaid, truly discover the same, in Writing, to the East India Company, or their Court of Directors, shall forfeit treble the Value of the Interest so accepted in Trust, or so known, and not discovered as aforesaid; and any Person making such Discovery is entitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

And all British Subjects (other than such as are lawfully authorized thereunto) going to or found in the East Indies, are declared guilty of a high Crime and Misdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Punishment, Imprisonment or Fine for the same, at the Discretion of the Court where the Prosecution for such Offence shall be commenced.

And every Person so offending may be seized and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, until sufficient Security be given by natural-born Subjects or Denizens to appear in the Court, where such Prosecution shall be commenced, to answer the same, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3 Geo. II. cap. 14.

By an Act passed in the Third Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, it is enacted, That if any British Subjects (other than the East India Company, and those licensed by them) shall, directly or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure to or from the East Indies, every such Offender shall incur the Forfeiture and Loss of all the Ships and Vessels employed in such Voyage, Trade or Adventure, and also all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were sent to, acquired, traded or adventured within the East Indies, and all the Proceed and Effects of the same, and double the Value thereof.

21 Geo. III. cap. 65.

The Provisions of the last above Act are repeated in this Act, and it is further enacted, That British Subjects residing in India shall not lend Money to any Foreign Company, or to any Foreign European Merchant or Merchants, nor shall purchase any Goods in India for or on Account of any such Foreign Company, European Merchant or Merchants, or be concerned in lending such Money, or in purchasing such Goods, directly or indirectly, nor shall furnish such Foreign Company, European Merchant or Merchants, with the Credit of Bills drawn upon any Person or Persons in Europe.

And any British Subject in his own Name, or in the Name of any other, carrying on or being concerned in any Trade or Traffick in sending any Kind of Goods and Merchandizes, the Produce or Manufacture of the East Indies or China, to Europe, forfeits double the Value of the Goods so sent to Europe.

King's Sedgmoor Drainage and Division.—First Meeting.

WE, the Commissioners named and appointed in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for Draining and Dividing a certain Moor or Tract of Waste Land, called King's Sedgmoor, in the County of Somerset", do hereby give Notice, that we shall meet at the House of William Came, called the George Inn, situate in Bridgewater, in the said County of Somerset, on Monday the 20th Day of June next, and proceed to the Execution of the said Act. Dated May 18, 1791.

H. Hobhouse.
H. Somerville.
Jas. Bernard.
H. W. Sanford.
John Billingley.