

continue, and remain in full Force and Virtue. And that all Persons that at the time of the Decease of the said late King were duly and Lawfully Possessed of, or Invested in any Office or Place of Authority or Government, either Civil or Military, within this Realm of England, or in the Realm of Ireland, or in any other Her Majesty's Dominions, by Virtue of any Commission or Commissions, Letters Patents, or other Appointment of the said late King, shall be and continue in the said Places and Offices, until Her Majesty's Pleasure be further Declared and Known. And in the mean while, for the Preservation of the Peace, and necessary Proceedings in Matters of Justice, and for the Safety and Service of the State, Her Majesty doth hereby Will and Command, That all the said Persons in Office, as aforesaid, do not fail, every one severally, according to his Place, Office, or Charge, to proceed in the Performance and Execution of all Duties thereunto belonging, as formerly appertained unto them, and every of them respectively, while His said late Majesty was living. And further, Her Majesty doth hereby Will and Command all and singular Her Subjects, of what Estate, Dignity, or Degree they or any of them be, to be Aiding, Helping, and Assisting, and at the Commandment of the said Officers and Ministers, in the Performance and Execution of their respective Offices and Places, as they, and every of them tender Her Majesty's utmost Displeasure, and will answer the Contrary at their Perils. And Her Majesty's further Will and Pleasure, and Express Commandment is, That all Orders or Directions made or given by the Lords of the Privy Council of the said late King in his Life-time, shall be Obeyed and Performed by all and every Person and Persons as fully and amply as they might and ought to have been in the Life of the said late King.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Eighth Day of March, 1701. in the First Year of Our Reign.

God Save the Queen

Her Majesty's Gracious Declaration at Her First Sitting in the Privy Council at St. James's, the Eighth of March, 1701.

My Lords,

I Am extremely Sensible of the General Misfortune of these Kingdoms, in the unspeakable Loss of the King, and of the great Weight and Burthen it brings in particular upon My Self, which nothing could Encourage me to undergo, but the great Concern I have for the Preservation of Our Religion, the Laws and Liberties of My Country; all these being as Dear to Me as they can be to any Person whatsoever. You may depend upon it, That no Pains nor Diligence shall ever be wanting on My Part to Preserve and Support them, to Maintain the Succession in the Protestant Line, and the Government in Church and State, as it is by Law Established.

I think it proper upon this Occasion of My first Speaking to you, to declare My Own Opinion of the Importance of Carrying on all the Preparations we are making to Oppose the great Power of France, and I shall lose no Time in giving Our Allies all Assurances, That nothing shall be wanting on My Part to pursue the True Interest of England, together with theirs for the Support of the Common Cause.

In order to these Ends, I shall always be ready to ask the Advice of My Council, and of both Houses in Parliament, and desirous to Countenance and Employ all those who shall heartily concur and join with Me, in Supporting and Maintaining the present Establishment and Constitution, against all Enemies and Opposers whatsoever.

And the Lords of the Council did humbly pray Her Majesty, That this Her Gracious Declaration might be made Publick; Which her Majesty was pleased to Order accordingly.

By the QUEEN,
A PROCLAMATION,
For the better Observance of the Act for laying Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry.
ANNE R.

Whereas in and by an Act made in this present Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for laying Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, it is amongst other Things, Enacted, That all Maltsters, or Makers of Malt for Sale Sellers, and Retailers of Malt, Brewers, Distillers, Imkeepers, Victuallers, and Vintner-Makers, and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, who in Trust for them, or any of them, or for the Use of them, or any of them, shall be Possessed of, or have, in his, her, or their Custody, or Possession, or in his, her, or their House, Outward Barns, Granaries, or in any other Place or Places whatsoever, upon the Ninth Day of this present Month of March, any Part or Quantity of Malt whatsoever, shall, on or before the Tenth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and two, make a True and Particular Entry thereof, at the Office of Excise, within the Limits of which they shall then respectively inhabit, upon Pain to Forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and the Malt for which no such Entry shall have been made, and that, within Six Days after the said Entry, or they shall have made, or ought to have made such Entry, as aforesaid, shall pay down the Duties thereby Due, or Payable, for such Malt, to the proper Officer or Officers for receiving the same; or within the said Six Days shall give Security to the said respective Officers for Paying the said Duties to our Use within Six Months then next ensuing. And it is thereby further Enacted, That from and after the said Ninth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and two, during the Continuance of the said Act, every Maltster, or other Person making Malt for Sale, or not for Sale, shall, Monthly, and every Month, make a True Entry at the next Office of Excise of all Malt made by him in such Month respectively, on Pain to Forfeit for every such Neglect the Sum of Ten Pounds. And it is thereby further Enacted, That every such Maltster, or other Maker of Malt, shall, within Three Months after he shall make, or ought to have made such Entry, as aforesaid, pay and Clear-off all the said Duties, which shall be due from him or them respectively; And that every such Maltster, or other Person Chargeable with the said Duties, who shall neglect or refuse to make such Payment, as aforesaid, shall Forfeit and Lose for every such Offence double the Sum of the said Duty, whereof the Payment shall be so refused or neglected; and that no Maltster, or other Person, after such Default made, shall Sell, Deliver, or Carry-cut any Malt, until he hath Paid and Cleared-off his Duty, as aforesaid, on Pain to Forfeit double the Value of such Malt so Delivered or Carried-cut. And it is thereby further Enacted, That on or before the Tenth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and two, all Maltsters, and Makers of Malt for Sale, shall give Notice in Writing at the next Excise-Office, of the Number and Situation of all Cisterns, Utensils, Vessels, or other Vessels, Kells, Floors, Rooms, and Places by them made use of for the Wetting or Steeping of Corn, or Making or Keeping of Malt, or Keeping of Corn or Grain making into Malt, upon Pain of Forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds for every Cistern, Utensil, Vessel, or other Vessel, Kell, Floor, Room, or other Place by him or them made use of for the Wetting or Steeping of Corn, or Making or Keeping of Malt, without such Notice as aforesaid. And that from and after the said Tenth Day of April, during the Continuance of the said Act, no Maltster, or other Person making Malt for Sale, or not for Sale, shall Erect or Set-up, Alter or Enlarge, or make Use of any Cistern, Utensil, Vessel, or other Vessel for the Wetting or Steeping any Barley, or other Corn or Grain for the making of Malt, or of a Kell, Floor, Room, or other Place for the Making or Keeping of Malt, or Keeping of Corn or Grain making into Malt, without first giving Notice thereof in Writing at the next Office of Excise, or shall keep or make Use of a Private Cistern, Utensil, Vessel, or other Vessel for the Wetting his Barley, or other Corn or Grain to make Malt, other than such as are openly known, and made use of in his Common Malt-House, on Pain to Forfeit for every such Cistern, Utensil, Vessel, or other Vessel, Kell, Floor, Room, or other Place so Erected or Set-up, Altered, or Enlarged, kept Private, or Conceal'd, or made Use of without such Notice as aforesaid, the Sum of Fifty Pounds. And it is thereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Maltster, or Maker of Malt for Sale, shall or Re-