

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Tuesday June 24 to Thursday June 26. 1712.

Anno Regni decimo Annæ Reginae.

By the Act for laying Duties upon all Gilt and Silver Wire,

IT is enacted, That for all Gilt and Silver Wire which shall be imported into Great Britain, after the first of July, 1712. (over and above all former Duties) there must be paid as followeth, viz.

For all Imported gilt Wire, after the rate of 1 s. for every Ounce Troy; and for all Imported silver Wire 9 d. for every such Ounce, and proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, to be paid by the Importer in ready Money before landing.

And for all gilt and silver Wire, after the said first of July, made in Great Britain, the Duties following, viz.

For all gilt Wire so made, after the rate of 8 d. for every Ounce Troy; and for all silver Wire so made, after the rate of 6 d. for every Ounce Troy, and proportionably for greater or lesser Quantities: To be paid by the Makers respectively.

That all Persons who shall draw, or cause to be drawn, any Gold or Silver into big Wire, shall give Notice in Writing at the next Office for the said Duties on Wire, of their respective Names, Places of Abode, and Places of drawing or making such Wire, on pain to forfeit 2 l. for every Offence in drawing such Wire, &c. without such Notice first given.

No Gold or Silver to be drawn into Wire, called big Wire, at any Place, other than some common Barr-house, to be approved by the Commissioners for the said Duties, on pain to forfeit 20 l. for every Offence.

All Refiners and other Persons who, after the said first of July, 1712. shall draw, or cause to be drawn, any gilt or silver Wire called big Wire, shall every Month, make a true Entry in Writing, at the next Wire-Office, of all the gilt and silver Wire by them drawn in such Month: The said Entries to contain the Weight and Kinds of all Wire, and how much thereof was made in each Week, on pain to forfeit 100 l. for every Neglect. Such Entries to be upon the Oath of the Refiner or chief Workman, (unless they be Quakers, and then upon Solemn Affirmation) to the best of their Knowledge and Belief, the said Oaths and Affirmations to be administered by the Officers to be appointed by the Commissioners for the said Duties.

Every Refiner or other Person drawing, or causing to be drawn, any Gold or Silver Wire, every six Weeks after they have or should have made their Entries, must pay and clear off all the said Duties due from them respectively, on pain to forfeit double Duty.

Officers are to be permitted by Day or by Night (if by Night, with a Constable or other Officer of the Peace) to enter the Barr-house, Work-house, or other Place used for drawing or making gilt or silver Wire, called big Wire; and to take Accounts of the just Weights of such Wire, which from time to time shall have been so drawn or made, and shall thereof make return to the Commissioners, or to such as they shall appoint, leaving a true Copy, if de-

manded, with the Maker, which return shall be a Charge, and if the Officer refuse such Copy he forfeits 40 s.

If the Charge be made by taking the Weight in big Wire, then an Allowance shall be made of a 5th Part, in consideration of wast in reducing the same to small Wire.

All Persons chargeable with the said Duties on Wire, must keep sufficient Scales and Weights at their Places of working, and must permit and assist the Officers to use the same on Penalty of 10 l.

Obstrusting or hindring any Officer, in execution of any of the Powers given by the said Act for ascertaining or securing the said Duties, is a forfeiture of 20 l. for every Offence.

Removing, carrying or sending away, or suffering to be removed, &c. any gilt or silver Wire, before Account taken thereof by the proper Officers from the Place where made, without 24 Hours notice to the Officers, of Intention to remove, &c. is a forfeiture of 40 l. for every Offence.

Wire which had not been Survey'd and taken an Account of, must be kept separate and apart from other gilt and silver Wire which has been Survey'd and taken an Account of by the proper Officers, on Penalty of 10 l. for every Offence.

Fraudulently hiding or concealing any Wire, chargeable by the said Act, or any Bars of Silver prepared for making the same, with intent to defraud Her Majesty is a forfeiture of 20 l. for every Offence.

All gilt and silver Wire, and Bars for making thereof, found in any private Work-house; and all private Utensils for barring or drawing such Wire, of which no Notice shall have been given, according to the direction of the said Act, or the value thereof, shall be forfeited, and they or the value thereof may be seiz'd and recovered by any Officer for the said Duties.

All gilt and silver Wire, and all Materials and Utensils for making thereof in the Custody of Makers, or of any other to their Use, or in Trust for them, are liable to and chargeable with all Debts and Duties for Wire in Arrear, and to all Penalties and Forfeitures for any Offence against the said Act,

Stock in Hand.

For all gilt and silver Wire, called big Wire, which any Wire-drawers, Refiners, or other Traders or Dealers in any such Wire, or any in Trust for them, or for their Use, shall be possessed of or interested in upon the said first of July, 1712. for Sale, there must be paid one half of the respective Rates and Duties before-mentioned, upon Imported or British made Wire.

All Refiners, Wire-drawers, or other Traders or Dealers in gilt or silver Wire, and others who in Trust for them, or for their Use, shall be possessed of, or have in their Custody or Possession on the said first of July, 1712. any Stock or Parcel of such big Wire for Sale, must, on or before the said first of July, 1712. make a true and particular Entry thereof at the next Office for the said Duties, on forfeiture of 50 l. and the gilt and silver Wire for which such Entry is omitted.

And