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*Abstract of an Act for employing the Manufacturers, and encouraging the Consumption of Raw Silk and Mohair Tarn, by prohibiting the wearing of Buttons and Button-holes made of Cloth, Serge, or other Stuffs.*

**F**ROM and after the nine and twentieth Day of September which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty two, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, within the Kingdom of Great Britain, to use or wear on any Clothes, Garments, or Apparel whatsoever, any Buttons or Button holes made of or bound with Cloth, Serge, Drugget, Frize, Camblet, or any Stuff, whereof Clothes or wearing Garments are usually made; and if any Person or Persons whatsoever, within the Kingdom of Great Britain, shall use or wear any Buttons or Button-holes, made of or bound with Cloth, Serge, Drugget, Frize, Camblet, or other Stuffs, as aforesaid, such Person or Persons, being thereof lawfully convicted by the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, or by Confession of the Party, shall forfeit for every Dozen of such Buttons or Button-holes, so used or worn, the Sum of Forty Shillings, or in Proportion for every lesser Quantity of such Buttons and Button-holes.

For the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, and for the more easy Recovery of the Penalties and Forfeitures aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful, to and for any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, where any Offence shall be committed against this Act, or where such Offender shall inhabit, to summon the Party or Parties accused, and upon his, her, or their Appearance or Contempt, to proceed to the Examination of the Matter of Fact, and upon due Proof made, either by Confession of the Party, or the Oath

or Oaths of one or more credible Person or Persons, of any Offence committed contrary to this Act, to determine the same, and convict the Offender or Offenders thereof; and upon Conviction to cause the said Penalties or Forfeitures, upon the Offender or Offenders refusing to pay the same on Demand, at such Time or Times as the said Justice or Justices shall appoint, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hands and Seals, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender or Offenders, rendering to him, her, or them, the Overplus, if any shall be, the Charges of such Distress and Sale being thereout first deducted; and all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures under this Act, shall be distributed and paid in manner following, (that is to say) one Moiety thereof to him, her, or them, on whose Oath or Oaths any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence or Offences shall be committed.

Provided, that it shall and may be lawful to or for any Party or Parties aggrieved by the Order, Determination, or Warrant of such Justice or Justices, as aforesaid, to appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter-Sessions, to be holden for the County, Riding, City, or Place where the said Offence or Offences shall have been committed, giving eight Days Notice at the least, of such Appeal to the Prosecutor or Prosecutors.

All Offences against this Act to be prosecuted within one Month after such Offence committed, and not after.

Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Clothes or Wearing Apparel made of Velvet.

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