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ON Saturday the 13th Instant, Edward Finch, Esq; his Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to this Court, arrived here, and had Yesterday his Audiences of their Swedish Majesties.

Hague, Dec. 11, N. S. There was a Debate in the Assembly of the States of Holland on Saturday last, relating to the Person who is to officiate as Grand Pensionary during the Interim. The Town of Dort pretended to have the Right of naming that Person, and the College of Nobles declared the Right of nominating to be only in them, and cited several Examples to prove their Claim. It was at last concluded in Favour of the said College, and M. Obdam, as first of the Nobles, is to supply that Place till there shall be a new Pensionary chosen. The said States resumed their Assembly this Day, and have under Consideration, whether the present Juncture requires an extraordinary Assembly to be called for the chusing a Grand Pensionary, or whether that Point should be deferred till the ordinary Meeting in March next. His Excellency Mr. Walpole arrived here on Saturday last. This Day about Noon the Royal Yachts, with their Convoy commanded by the Right Honourable Sir Charles Wager, arrived at Helvoetsluys, and a Messenger who came over with them is gone on to Hanover with Letters for his Majesty.

It is thought proper to give this publick Notice, That by an Act passed in the 5th Year of the late King, entitled, An Act to prevent the Inconveniencies arising from seducing Artificers in the Manufactures of Great Britain into Foreign Parts, it is enacted, That, Whereas by the Practice of inveigling the Manufacturers of Great Britain into foreign Countries, there is great Danger, that many great and profitable Branches of the Trades, and Manufacturies of this Kingdom, may be transplanted into those Parts; if therefore any Person or Persons, shall, at any Time thereafter, contract with, entice, endeavour to persuade, or solicit any Manufacturer or Artificer of, or in Wool, Iron, Steel, Brass, or any other Metal, Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer or Manufacturer of Great Britain, to go out of this Kingdom into any foreign Country out of his Majesty's Dominions, and shall be lawfully convicted thereof, the Person or Persons so convicted shall be fined any Sum not exceeding 100 l. and be imprisoned for three Months, and until the said Fine be paid, for the first Offence; and for the Second, be fined at the Discretion of the Court where he or they shall be convicted, and imprisoned twelve Months, and till the said Fine be paid.

And it is farther enacted, that any Artificer, or Manufacturer, so going abroad, and there using, exercising, or teaching any Trade or Manufactory to Foreigners, if he does not return into this Realm within six Months next after warning shall be given to him by the Ambassador, Envoy, Resident, Minister, or Consul of the Crown of Great Britain, in the Country in which such Artificer shall be, or by any Person authorized by such Ambassador, Envoy, Resident, Minister, or Consul, or by one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State for the Time being, and from thenceforth continually inhabit, and dwell within this Realm, then, and in such Case, every such Person or Persons shall be from thenceforth incapable of taking any Legacy that shall be devised to him within this Kingdom, or of being an Executor or Administrator to any Person or Persons within this Kingdom, and shall be incapable of taking any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within this Kingdom, by Descent, Devise, or Purchase; and also forfeit all his Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, within this Kingdom, to his Majesty's Use, and shall from thenceforth be, and be deemed and taken to be, an Alien, and shall be out of his Majesty's Protection.

And it is likewise enacted, that any Justice of Peace, having Notice upon Oath that any Person or Persons is so seducing and drawing away any of the said Artificers or Manufacturers into foreign Parts, or of any such Artificer or Manufacturer having contracted, promised, or being preparing to go out of his Majesty's Dominions for the Purposes above-mentioned, may bring the said Person or Persons before him by Warrant, and upon Proof or Confession of the Fact, may bind him or them over to appear and answer the Premises at the next Assizes, general Goal Delivery, or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County, City, Riding, or Division, where such Offence shall be committed; and in Case of refusal or neglect to give proper Security for such Appearance, may commit the said Person or Persons to the County Goal, there to be kept until the next Assizes, or next Quarter Sessions of the County, City, Riding, or Division, where such Commitment shall be, at the Election of such Justice of the Peace, and until he, she, or they shall be delivered by due Course of Law; and that in Case any such Artificer or Manufacturer shall be convicted of any such Promise or Contract, or Preparation to go abroad beyond the Seas, for any of the Purposes aforesaid, then, and in such Case, the Person so convicted shall give such Security to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, not to depart out of his Majesty's Dominions for any the Purposes aforesaid, as such Court shall think reasonable, and shall be

