

same, the other half for the poor of the parish where the offence is committed.

VI. Provided always, That all linen cloth which shall be made in *Scotland* at any time before the said nine and twentieth day of *September*, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twelve, shall and may be sold, exported, or transported, as the owner or owners of the said linen cloth shall judge proper, at any time or times before the fifteenth day of *May*, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirteen; any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Linen cloth made before 29 Sept. 1712. may be sold or exported before 15 May, 1713.

VII. Provided always, That all retailers, or reputed retailers, and pedlars, may retail any sort of linen cloth, being made of the breadths, well sorted yarn, and equally wrought and fine in each piece, and having always the stamp affixed thereunto; any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pedlars may retail linen, made of breadths, and stamped, &c.

### C A P. XXII.

*An act for the relief of merchants importing prize goods from America.*

**W**HEREAS by an act of parliament made in the ninth year of her present Majesty's reign, intituled, An act for the encouragement of the trade to *America*, it is among other things enacted, That all prize goods and commodities which, after the first day of *June*, one thousand seven hundred and eleven, shall be imported into any of the ports of *Great Britain*, shall be subject and liable to the payment of the same duties as those goods and commodities would have paid in case they had not been prize: and whereas before the making the said act, prize goods, being of the growth and produce of foreign plantations not belonging to her Majesty or her subjects, were subject upon their importation into *Great Britain*, to pay only such duties and customs as were payable on the seventeenth day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and three, for the like goods of the produce of her Majesty's plantations imported by *English* shipping: and whereas several considerable quantities of prize cocoa, sugars, indigo, and other prize goods, of the growth and produce of such foreign plantations, have been already imported into this kingdom, and are now in several warehouses under the *Queen's* locks, and other quantities of the like goods are on board divers ships or vessels, now imported, and more are daily expected, and if the same should pay the duties they were to pay in case they had not been prize, the same will not be worth freight, custom, and charges; which will be not only a great loss and detriment to the importers thereof, but also a great prejudice to the trade of this kingdom: for remedy whereof, be it enacted by the *Queen's* most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all cocoa, sugars, indigo, and other goods, taken and condemned as prize goods, of the growth and produce of such foreign plantations, which are already imported into this kingdom of *Great Britain*, or shall at any time hereafter, before

9 Ann. c. 27.

Prize goods of the growth of foreign plantations, brought into the *Great Britain*

before 29 May, the twenty ninth day of *May*, one thousand seven hundred and 1712. shall pay twelve, be imported into the said kingdom, or which now are only such duties in any warehouses under the Queen's locks, or on board any ship as those of in any warehouses under the Queen's locks, or on board any ship or ships, vessel or vessels, now imported, having certificates to prove the same prize goods, shall be subject and liable to pay only such duties and customs as the same would have paid if the said goods had been of the growth and produce of the plantations, islands, or colonies in *America*, belonging to the crown of *Great Britain*.

Prize goods of the growth of such foreign plantations, imported after 29 May, 1712. from any of the plantations in *America*, on producing a certificate, &c. shall pay such duties only as if they had been of the growth of *British* plantations.

*Prize cocoa from the plantations, how to be charged, 10 Annæ, c. 26. l. 113.*

II. And be it further enacted, That all prize goods, being of the growth and produce of such foreign plantations, which shall at any time after the twenty ninth day of *May*, one thousand seven hundred and twelve, be imported into any part of *Great Britain*, from any of the plantations, islands, or colonies in *America* aforesaid, upon producing a certificate under the hand and seal of the collector, comptroller, or other chief officer at the port or place where such goods were embarked or put on board in *America*, are the same goods as were condemned in the high court of admiralty within such plantation, island, or colony in *America* aforesaid, as shall appear to the said collector, comptroller, or other chief officer there, by affidavit made by the person or persons exporting such prize goods, and also an affidavit made before the proper officer of the customs of such port or place in this kingdom where the said goods shall be imported, by the master, or purser, or other person commanding the ship or vessel importing the same, that the goods so imported are the same goods for which the said certificate was made by the collector, comptroller, or other chief officer in *America*, as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable to, and shall pay such duties only in *Great Britain*, as in case they had been of the growth and produce of the plantations, islands, or colonies in *America*, belonging to the crown of *Great Britain*; any thing in the said recited act, or any other act, or any usage or custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

### C A P. XXIII.

*An act for the more effectual preventing fraudulent conveyances, in order to multiply votes for electing knights of shires to serve in parliament.*

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**W**HEREAS by an act of parliament made in the seventh year of the reign of his late majesty King William the Third, intituled, An act for the further regulating elections of members to serve in parliament, and for the preventing irregular proceedings of sheriffs and other officers in the electing and returning such members, it is, amongst other things, enacted, That all conveyances of any messuages, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, in any county, city, borough, town corporate, port, or place, in order to multiply voices, or to split and divide the interest in any houses or lands amongst several persons, to enable them to vote at elections of members to serve in parliament, shall be void and of none effect; and that no more than

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