

and private men, and where quartered. Clause for relief of persons hastily listing themselves. As often as it shall be necessary, officers of the marine and land forces may sit in conjunction upon courts martial; taking rank according to the seniority of their commissions. Marine forces being borne as part of the complement of any ships of war, are liable to be governed by the rules established by act 22 Geo. 2.

C A P. XI.

An act to repeal an act made in the last session of parliament, intituled, An act for granting and applying certain stamp duties, and other duties, in the British colonies and plantations in America, towards further defraying the expences of defending, protecting, and securing the same; and for amending such parts of the several acts of parliament relating to the trade and revenues of the said colonies and plantations, as direct the manner of determining and recovering the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned.

WHEREAS *an act was passed in the last session of parliament, intituled, An act for granting and applying certain stamp duties, and other duties, in the British colonies and plantations in America, towards further defraying the expences of defending, protecting, and securing the same; and for amending such parts of the several acts of parliament relating to the trade and revenues of the said colonies and plantations, as direct the manner of determining and recovering the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned; and whereas the continuance of the said act would be attended with many inconveniences, and may be productive of consequences greatly detrimental to the commercial interests of these kingdoms; may it therefore please your most excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 from and after the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, the above-mentioned act, and the several matters and things therein contained, shall be, and is and are hereby repealed and made void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.*

Preamble.

The recited act repealed, to take place from and after 1 May, 1766.

C A P. XII.

An act for the better securing the dependency of his Majesty's dominions in America upon the crown and parliament of Great Britain.

WHEREAS *several of the houses of representatives in his Majesty's colonies and plantations in America, have of late, against law, claimed to themselves, or to the general assemblies of the same, the sole and exclusive right of imposing duties and taxes upon his Majesty's subjects in the said colonies and plantations; and have, in pursuance of such claim, passed certain votes, resolutions, and orders,*

Preamble.

ders, derogatory to the legislative authority of parliament, and inconsistent with the dependency of the said colonies and plantations upon the crown of Great Britain: may it therefore please your most excellent Majesty, that it may be declared; and be it declared by the King'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 the said colonies and plantations in America have been, are, and of right ought to be, subordinate unto, and dependent upon the imperial crown and parliament of Great Britain; and that the King's majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons of Great Britain, in parliament assembled, had, hath, and of right ought to have, full power and authority to make laws and statutes of sufficient force and validity to bind the colonies and people of America, subjects of the crown of Great Britain, in all cases whatsoever.

The colonies and plantations in America declared to be subordinate unto, and dependent upon the imperial crown and parliament of Great Britain; and the legislative authority of Great Britain declared to extend to, and bind the colonies and people of America, as subjects, in all cases whatsoever.

All resolutions and proceedings of the said colonies denying, or calling in question the said power, declared null and void.

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II. And be it further declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all resolutions, votes, orders, and proceedings, in any of the said colonies or plantations, whereby the power and authority of the parliament of *Great Britain*, to make laws and statutes as aforesaid, is denied, or drawn into question, are, and are hereby declared to be, utterly null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

C A P. XIII.

An act to remove a doubt concerning such part of an act made in the last session of parliament, as relates to the ascertaining of the duties upon the importation of certain linen cloth of the manufacture of Russia; and to obviate all doubts with respect to the importation of tea, under certain licences authorized to be granted by an act made in the eighteenth year of the reign of his late Majesty.

Preamble, reciting clause in an act of the last session.

WHEREAS by an act made in the last session of parliament, intituled, An act for the better securing and further improvement of the revenues of customs, excise, inland, and salt duties; and for encouraging the linen manufacture of the isle of *Man*; and for allowing the importation of several goods; the produce and manufacture of the said island, under certain restrictions and regulations; it is amongst other things enacted, That from and after the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, the duties payable upon the importation of unrated linen cloth, of the manufacture of Russia, shall cease and determine; and that all the provisions and clauses contained in any former act or acts of parliament, so far as the same relate to the ascertaining the value of such unrated linens, according to the oaths or affirmations of the importers, shall be repealed and made void; and that in lieu of the said duties thereby repealed, from and after the said first day