

C A P. XXXV.

An Act for appointing Commissioners further to enquire EXP. into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquisites and Emoluments, which are or have been lately received in the several Publick Offices therein mentioned; to examine into any Abuses which may exist in the same; and to report such Observations as shall occur to them, for the better conducting and managing the Business transacted in the said Offices.

C A P. XXXVI.

An Act to continue several Laws, relating to the free Importation of certain Raw Hides and Skins from *Ireland* and the *British* Plantations in *America*; to the allowing the Exportation of certain Quantities of Wheat and other Articles to His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in *America*; to the prohibiting the Exportation of Tools and Utensils made use of in the Iron and Steel Manufactures of this Kingdom, and to prevent the seducing of Artificers and Workmen employed in those Manufactures to go into Parts beyond the Seas; and to the granting a Bounty on the Exportation of certain Species of *British* and *Irish* Linens exported, and taking off the Duties on Foreign Raw Linen Yarns made of Flax imported.

“ So much of 9 G. 3. c. 39. as relates to free Importation of
 “ Raw Hides and Skins from *Ireland*, and *British American*
 “ Plantations, continued to June 1, 1791, &c. § 1. 16 G. 3.
 “ c. 37. § 1. and 25 G. 3. c. 69. § 4. continued to May 1, 1788.
 “ —§ 2. 26 G. 3. c. 89. continued to the End of the next
 “ Session. § 3. 29 G. 2. c. 15. continued to June 24, 1788.
 “ &c. § 4.

C A P. XXXVII.

An Act for further regulating the Trade and Business of Pawnbrokers.

[Continued and amended, 28 G. 3. c. 50. Now expired.]

C A P. XXXVIII.

An Act for the Encouragement of the Arts of designing and printing Linens, Cottons, Calicoes and Muslins, by vesting the Properties thereof in the Designers, Printers and Proprietors, for a limited time.

WHEREAS it may be expedient, for the Encouragement of the Arts of designing original Patterns for printing Linens, Calicoes, Cottons and Muslins, to vest the Property thereof in the Designers, Printers or Proprietors, for a limited time; for which Purpose May it please Your 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,

Rights of Proprietors of original Patterns for printing Linens.

Persons printing same liable to Action for Damages.

Action.

Proviso for Persons purchasing Plates from Proprietors.

Mode of prosecuting Offences.

assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, every Person who shall invent, design and print, or cause to be invented, designed and printed, and become the Proprietor of any new and original Pattern or Patterns for printing Linens, Cottons, Callicoes, or Muslins shall have the sole Right and Liberty of printing and reprinting the same for the Term of Two Months (a), to commence from the Day of the first publishing thereof, which shall be truly printed with the Name of the Printer or Proprietors at each End of every such Piece of Linen, Cotton, Callicoe or Muslin; and that if any Callicoe Printer, Linen Draper or other Person whatsoever, from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, within the time limited by this Act, shall print, work or copy, such original Pattern or Patterns, or cause to be printed, worked or copied, such original Pattern or Patterns, or shall print or reprint, or cause to be printed or reprinted, any such Pattern or Patterns, and shall publish, sell or expose to Sale, or in any other manner dispose of, or cause to be published, sold or exposed to Sale, or in any other manner disposed of, any Linen, Cotton, Callicoe or Muslin, so printed without the Consent of the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, first had and obtained in Writing, signed by him or them respectively, in the Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses, knowing the same to be so printed or reprinted without the Consent of the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Pattern, then every such Proprietor or Proprietors shall and may, if the Offence be committed in *England*, by and in a special Action upon the Case, to be brought against the Person or Persons so offending, recover such Damages as a Jury on the Trial of such Action, or on the Execution of a Writ of Enquiry thereon, shall give or assess, together with Costs of Suit, in which no Wager of Law, Essoin, Privilege or Protection, or more than One Imparance, shall be allowed; and if the Offence be committed in *Scotland*, every such Proprietor or Proprietors shall and may, by an Action to be brought before the Court of Session, or any Judge competent to try Civil Causes within his Bounds, recover such Damages as the said Court of Session, or the said Judge, shall give or assess, and for Payment whereof Decree shall be issued, with full Costs of Suit, on which all such Execution shall pass as is competent by the Laws and Practice of *Scotland* in the like cases: Provided nevertheless, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall hereafter purchase any Plate or Plates, Block or Blocks, for printing, from the original Proprietors thereof, to print, reprint and expose for Sale, or cause to be printed, reprinted and exposed for Sale, from the said Plates or Blocks, without being liable to any Action on that Account. (a) [*Three Months, 34 G. 3. c. 23.*]

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person or Persons whatsoever, for any Offence committed against this Act, the same shall be brought within the Space of Six Months after so doing, and the Defendant and Defendants, in such Action or Suit, if brought in *England*, shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if, upon such Action or Suit, a Verdict shall be

given for the Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her or their Action or Actions, then the Defendant or Defendants shall have and receive full Costs; for the Recovery whereof he shall have the same Remedy as any other Defendant or Defendants in any other case hath or have by Law; and if such Action be brought in *Scotland*, and not insisted in, or if the Defender be assolizied, then the Defender shall be entitled to full Costs, for the Recovery whereof he shall have the same Remedy as hereinbefore is given to the Pursuer.

III And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, Continuance.
That this Act shall continue in force for One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and shall be deemed, adjudged and taken to be a Publick Act; and be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices and other Persons whatsoever without specially pleading the same.

[Continued, 29 G. 3. c. 19. Made perpetual, 34 G. 3. c. 23. See Note to § 1. ante.]

C A P. XXXIX.

An Act for appointing Commissioners further to enquire EXP.
into the Losses and Services of all such Persons who have suffered in their Rights, Properties and Professions, during the late unhappy Dissensions in *America*, in consequence of their Loyalty to His Majesty, and Attachment to the *British* Government.

C A P. XL.

An Act to indemnify such Persons as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments; and to indemnify Justices of the Peace, or others, who have omitted to register or deliver in their Qualifications within the time limited by Law, and for giving further time for those Purposes; and to indemnify Members and Officers, in Cities, Corporations and Borough Towns, whose Admissions have been omitted to be stamped according to Law, or, having been stamped, have been lost or mislaid; and for allowing them time to provide Admissions duly stamped; and to give further time to such Persons as have omitted to make and file Affidavits of the Execution of Indentures of Clerks to Attornies and Solicitors.
EXP.

C A P. XLI.

An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain Sum of Money, to be raised by a Lottery. [756,875 l.]

[For Appropriation of the Money granted by this Act, see c. 33. § 13. ante.]