

# A AHARMint TOUCHSTONE F 0 R <br> Gold and Silver. Wares. 

Directing how to know Adulterated and unlawful GOLDSMITHS Works, and the greatnefs of the Cheat therein; and how to punifh the Offenders, and recover Recompence to the party wronged.

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A Treatife of great Ule for every Buyer of PLATE, and all Buyers and Wearers of Silver-Hilts, and Silver-Buckles, and all other kind of GOLDS MIT,HS Works.

The fecond Edition with Additions,
Comprifing the principal matters relating to the golvimitys and "tlexs Trades, and material thing erning all other Mant

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## To the Reader.

THere having not heretofore (that ever I could hear of) been expofed to publick view any Treatife of this kind: This therefore may occafion more than ordinary Cu riofity in infpecting the particulars thereof, and perhaps difpofe the Reader to the Confiderations following.

Firlt, whether the mattcr of it touching the Goldfmiths Craft be true?

Secondly, What foould incite me to this attempt?

Thirdly, Whether it be not againft the Rules of a Myftery thus publickly to difcover them?

Fourthly, Whether it may not (infead of the good propo(ed) become a difparagement to the ManufoCture, and Jo a prejudice to the Traders thercin?

Fifthly, whether this may not reflect upon the Wardens of the Company, by fuppofing that they do not perform thoir Duty in fupprefleng thefe defects?

As to the Firft, I refer the Reader to the Statutes and other Laws (for Regulating the Goldimiths Craft) herein cited, and his own obfervation, ffrom what is here intimated) how the fame have been purfued.

To the Second I have been moved hereunto not from particular interent, but from a defire of the Publick good, every honeft mans pri-
te benefit, and of detecting deceit and fallhood.
To the Third. What I have here difcovered,

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is not the honeft Myftery or Craft in Working and Fafhioning the Wares, (which in all Trades is to be conceal'd) but the publick Rules of our Laws, and good intentions of our Law-Makers to prevent Deceit in the exercife of that Myftery which ill di£pofed Craftf-men in all Ages have been too prone to contrive and practice.

To the Fourth. It cannot befuppofed, that for the Offences of fome, all fhould be condemned; or that if fome Wares be deceitful, all thould be fo made : For I aver, that fome there be of this Trade (to their honor be it fpoken) that have not, nor will not in this Trade of a Goldfmith vary from the Rules and Principles of Law and Honefty, by working or felling adulterated Gold or Silver Works, though ftrongly befet with the temptations of gains for a more plentiful livelihood; and it cannot be denied, that a perfon brought up in a Trade to live honeftly thereon (to fee his Neighbours draw away his Cuftomers by deceitful Wares under colour of cheapnefs, or leffer profit for his work, when indeed he makes greater advantages thereby) and not be enfnared to do the like praclices, argues more than an crdinary integrity and conftancy.

And I am of this favourable opinion that many who have been Tranfgreffors in this kind were meerly fo of neceffity to preferve their Trades and Cuftomers; and that fuch their doings hath not been with, but altogether againft their good inclinations, and would not a little rejoyce, and that of an honeft principle, that a through reformation were made therein.

To the Fifth. It is well known the Wardens of

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the Goldfmiths London, have readily heard Complaints that were made to them therein, and punifht the Offenders:And it is hoped the fame conftarcy and zeal to a through Reformation will be in their Succeffors. But the Workers and Sellers in this Trade being fo numerous, and the Tranfgreffors fo fubtil to conceal their deceipt, and evade the punifhment, that the endeavours of the Wardens, as yet hath been, fo ftill will be but a weak remedy, unlefs a greater Authority be given to them, which I have in the enfuing Treatife humbly propofed, and unlefs the Buyer or Cuftomer who wears and ufes the Commodity be made capable of knowing the lawful Wares from the unlawful, and the true value of the Metal of either, and how to punifh the Offenders by more ready and eafie ways than heretofore; which is the chief intent of the enfuing Difcourfe.

And for the encouragement of thofe that have a law ful right to exercife the Goldfimiths Trade, I have in the enfuing Treatife given a plain defcription of that Tiade, and what are the proper Works thereof.

I have allo carefully collected the Laws in force for reftraining perfons from exercifing that and all other Manual Trades that have not been brought up feven years as Apprentices thereto; and alfo the Laws in force for reftraining Aliens from exercifing the fame; to the intent that as on the one hand I would prevent difhoneft Actions of the lawful Goldfmiths, fo I would be a means to obtain their due Rights and Liberties in fuppreffing and preventing all intruders into their Trade.

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Wherefore craving the favourable conftruction of the Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths, London, and all Honeft Workers and Sellers of Goldjmiths Work, for this my undertaking, I affure them and allimy good Countrymen, that I value not the Calumny of fuch who fhall be difpleafed for difcovering their deceitful and unlawful praCtices: My only aim and intention in this matter being to procure an boneft Reformation in the making of Gold and Siiver Works, and all other Gold/mitbs Works whatfoever : then would they truly be the Ornanient and Riches of this Kingdom.

And fince to our Ornaments and Riches the means of fafety is requifite, I have in the enfuing Treatife humbly propofed a Supplement to the Laws already made and in force touching the Cutlers Myftery . and for the Manufacturing of Sword-Blades in this King'dom ; a work of late neglected: but if encouraged by the means I have propofed, or fome other way, it would be of great advantage, honor, and fafety to this Nation, by the making ell Weapons of War at home, and preventing our being impofed upon by other Nations, and enriching them with the pro it of that Work, and with our Coin that is traifported for the fame.

And having thus caft in my Myte in fo impor. tant and juft a matter, I have difcharged my Duty, and fhall remain a devoted Servant to the Publick Good.


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## Gold \& Silver Wares.

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Firf, Of what Gold and Silver is produced, and what it is in its own Nature, and the Sort or Standard, that is or ought to be in ufe amongft us.

Secondly, A recital of the Statutes and other Laws in force for preventing the working and Selling Gold and Silver Work, that is worle than that Standard, and the Laws comprifing the principal matters relating to the Goldfmiths and Cutlers Trade, and material matters of all other Mannal Trades.

# Gold and silver cantes. 

Thirdly, Some Notes giving light to thafe Laws and Statutes, and directing how to prevent de. ceipt in Gold or Silver Work, and the way of Redrefs for fuch, and other the offences againft thofe Laws.

The original production of Gold and Silver is thus, viz. The four Elements generate a Seed by the will of God, and operation of Nature, and by their motion (every one according to its quality) cafts forth a Semen into the center of the earth, where it is digefted, and by motion is fent abroad.

Now the center of the carth is a certain empty place, where nothing can reft, and the fourelements fend forth their qualities into the circumference of the center: And the magnetick property of any place of the earth attracts fomething convenient to it felf for the bringing forth of fomething. As for example,

Set upon an even Table a veffel of Water, which place in the middle thereof, and round about it lay divers things, and divers colours; alfo Salt, ecc. every thing by it felf; then pour the Water into the middle, and you thall fee the water run every way; and when any ftream toucheth the Red Colour, it will be made red by it ; if Salt, it will contract the tafte of Salt from it, and fo of the reft: Now the water doth not change the places, but the diverfity of places changeth the Water.

In like manner the Seed being caft forth by the tour Elements from the center of the Earth, unto the fuperficies thercof, paffeth through various

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places; and according to the nature of the place, is any thing produced; if it come to a pureplace of earth, a pure thing is made.

The feed of all things is but one, and yet it generates divers things, as it appears by the former example: The Sperm whillt it is in the center is indifferent to all forms; but when it is come to any determinate place, it changeth no more its form.

The Seed whilft it is in the center, can as eafily produce a Tree as a Metal, and an Herb as a Stone; and one more precious than another, according to the purity of the place. Now this Seed is produced of the Elements thus.

Thefe four Elements are never quiet, but by reafon of their contrariety, mutually act one upon another, and every one of its felf, fends forth its own fubtilty or Seed, and they agree in the center. Now this center is the fervant of Nature, which mixing thofe Seeds together, fends them abroad, and by diftillation fublimes them by the heat of a continual motion into the fuperficies of the earth; for the Earth is porous, and this vapour is, by diftilling through the pores of the Earth, refolved into water; of which all things are produced: Therefore, as I faid before, the Seed of Metals is not different from the Seed of all things being, viz. a humid Vapour.

The fipecification of this Vapour into diftinct Metals is thus: This vapour paffeth in its diftillation through the Earth, through places either Cold or Hot ; if through Hot and pure, where the fatnefs of Sulphur fticks to the fides thereof, then that Vapour (which Philofophers call the Mer-

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cury of Philofophers) mixeth and joyneth it felf unto that fatnefs, which afterwards it fublimeth with it felf, and then it leaving the name of a vapour and unctuofity, and afterwards coming by fublimation into outher places, where the Earth is fubtil, pure, and hunid, fills the pores thereof, and is joyned to it, and fo it becomes GOLD; and where it is hot and fomething impure, it becomes SILVER; but if that fatnefs come to impure places, which are cold, it is made LEAD; and if that place be pure and mixed with Sulphur, it becomes COPPER: for by how much the more pure and warm the place is, fo much the more excellent doth it make the Metals.

This Heat is from within the Earth, and not the heat of the Sun, as fome imagine; becaufe in the hotteft Countries there is all, or almoft all Gold generated; who if they confider that in cold Countries are Gold Mines; as in Sco:land were in King fames his time, would be of another mind, than to think that the Coleftial Sun could penetrate fo as to heat the Earth fo deep as moft Gold lies: but yet I deny not, that the fecret influence of the Sun is very powerful in the generating of Gold: and fo the other Planets of other Metals, be they never fo deep in the Earth

Now the firft matter of Metals, is a humid, vifcous, incombuftible, and fubtil fabltance, incorporated with an earthy fubtilty; being equally and ftrongly mixed in the caverns of the Earth.

In all Metals (except Gold) there is a two-fold unctuofity; the one which is external, fulphurous and inflamable, which is joyned to it by accident, and doth not belong to the total union, with the

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tereftrial parts of the thing; the other is internal, and very fubtil, incombuftible; being of the fubftantial compofition of Argent-Vive; and therefore cannot be deftroyed by fire, unlefs with the deftruction of the whole fubftance.

Whence it appears what the caufe is, that Metals are more or lefs durable in the fire; for thofe that abound with that internal unctuofity, are lefs confumed; as it appears in Silver, and efpecially in Gold.

Hence it is that the Philofophers could never by any means find out any thing that could $\in n-$ dure the fire, but that unctuous humidity only, which is perfect and incombuftible.

Imperfect bodies have fuperfluous humidities, and fulphurity, generating a combuftible black. nefs in them, and corrupting them: they have alfo an impure, feculent, and combuftible terreftriety: fo grofs that it hinders ingreffion, and fufion.

But a perfect Metal (as Gold) hath neither this fuiphurous or terreftrial impurity ; I mean, when 'tis fully maturated and melted: for whillt it is in concoction, it hath both joyned to it, as you may fee in Golden Ore : but then they do not adhere to it fo, but that it may be purified from them, which other Metals cannot, but are both deftroyed together, if you attempt to feparate the one from the other.

Befides, Gold hath fo little of thefe corruptible principals mixed with it, that the inward Sulphur or metalline-fipirit doth fometimes, in fome places overcome them of it felf; as is to be feen in the Gold, whech is found very pure fometimes

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in the fuperficies of the Earth, and in the SeaSands, and is many times as pure as any Refined Gold. Now this Gold which is foynd in the Sands and Rivers, is not generated there but is wafhed down from the Mountains with ftreams of Water that run from thence.

Gold therefore is moft noble and folid of all Metals, and (in the higheft degree of finenefs) of a deep yellow colour ; compacted of principals digefted to the uttermoft height, and therefore fixed:

Silver is (in the higheft degree of finenefs) pure white, and in the next degree of dignity to Gold, and differs from it in digeftion chiefly : I faid chiefly, becaure there is fome fmall impurities adhering to it. Neverthelefs,

Silver is a Mineral of that excellent Nature, that when it is in the higheft degree of finenefs, it will cndure melting a long time in extreme heat, with but very little wafte; which quality is not in any other Metal, fave Gold, which (in the fineft degree) is more fix'd, and will endure the fire with lefs wafte: Wherefore Gold and Silver.

For a further account of the generation and vegetability, \& c. of Gold and Silver, fee Webfer's H:fory of Metols; collected out of the molt approved Atthors that have written on that fubject Printed fur 14 Kettilly at the Bifhops Head in S.Pauls Churchyard, London. for thefe excellencies, and their fcarcenefs, and capablenefs of being wrought into fo many forts of Useful and Ornamental things above other Metals, is one reafon that it bears fo great a value, and anfwers all things.

Our Fore-fathers confidering that Silver in its fineft degree would be too foft for ufe and fervice B 4
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(for the fineft Silver is almoft as foft as Lead) did confult to reduce or harden the Silver (by allaying it with bafer Metal) to fuch a degree, that it mighabe both ferviceable in the works, and alfo in the wearing keep its native whitenefs: For as the Silver having too little Allay, would be too foft ; fo too much Allay would make it brittle, and wear like Brafs? And therefore upon Experiment and due Confideration, did agree, that there thould be Eighten penny weight of fine Copper mixed in eleven Ounces and two penny weight Troy of the fineft Silver; both which makes twelve Ounces or the pound Troy; and fo according to that proportion for more or lefs; (where it is to be obferved, That either Tin, Pewter, or Lead being put into Gold or Silver for the Allaying thereof, or being mixt therewith, renders it extreme brittle, and altogether unfit for work) which degree of Allay is concluded upon by the Law-makers of this Kingdom, to be the Standard for all Silver Money, and all Silver Works, and is commonly called the Sterling Albay (from the Eafterlings, or men that came from the Eaftpart of Germany in the time of King Richard the Firft, and were the firft Contrivers and makers of that Allay ;) And this is that which is meant in the Statute of 18 El z. Cap. 15 . by the Exprefion, (to wit) Not lefs in finenefs than that of eleven Ounces two penny weight. And for this purpofe, that; and divers other Statutes have been made, which I have here recited verbation, as followeth.

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> The Statute 28 Ediv. 1. Cap. 20. commonly called, Articuli fuper Cartas.

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From which Statutes it is to be obferved, That Gold or Silver that is lefs in finenefs, or courfer than the aforefaid Standard Allay, may not be wrought, fhaped, or fafhioned into any fort of Works, and be Sold, expofed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered in any place within this Realm.

And for the better oblerving thefe Rules (that thofe fo noble and excellent Metals of that Allay may not be counterfeited, nor the people deceived in any Works made thereof, but (by being made up to that fo excellent Standard) be preferved in their due efteem, and confequently be a fteady means of a creditable and competent livelihood for a great number of the people of this Kingdom, the perfons exercifing the working thereof, called by the name of Golddmiths inhabiting in and about the City of London, have been of old, and now are Incorporated by the name of Graracng, and rompany of the sopftery of Goldimithg af the dity afLondon; And all that lawfully exercife that Myftery in the faid City, and Liberties thereof, and three miles compars of the fame, being Free-men of that City, ought to be of that Company; though many there be of that Myttery, who through miftake or defign are Free of other Companies, which yet hinders not but that they are to all intents and purpofes in refpect of punifhment for their falfe Works, as much under the power of the faid Company, as their own proper Members are.

Yet experience doth clearly manifef, that as well the perfons of this Trade, as of all others being thus divided and intermingled into each others Company, is very injurious to the defign

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of making Corporations, which was principally for the correcting and preventing the making and felling any falfe, fraudulent, or infufficient Works or Wares of each Trade.
And although the Wardens of the Goldfmiths have authority to fearch amongft all perfons Making, Selling, or expofing to Sale, any Goldfmiths Works in London, and three miles compafs of the fame, and to punifh them for their fraud in thofe Works, be the perfons of what Corporation they will: What doth this avail, when the greateft part of the Members of the Goldfmiths Company be of other Trades, and by courfe will come to be in the Office of Wardens; and they having little or no skill in that Myftery, it is improbable they fhould perform that Office effectually.
And notwithftanding this Corporation hath many By-Laws, and are authorized (as other Corporations are) from time to time, as occafion fhall be, to make other good and wholefome By-Laws and Ordinances, which are of excellent ufe for the more eafie, and well governing theMembers thereof, and preventing the abufes in their Works; yet this help avails little or nothing, fince thofe that are not the immediate Members, are not bound to obey thofe By-Laws and Ordinances; and it would be unreafonable and injurious to exact obedience to thofe Laws from a few Goldfmiths that are Free of that Company, when fo great a number of that Trade will be left at liberty.
This is of great concern, and worthy the confideration of thofe in Authority, to whom I humbly propofe, whether a new Law may be made for remedy hereof, to this effect, (viz.)

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 2ibertice tiereof, and theer miles compafs of the fame efity, bas wing been hound appzentice before the R9after of anarien of any Cor poration, fer ownitip, of cciety as the dety of London: And all orbers of the fald eraide, that are on foll become freemen of the fata ©ity, and faving ferbed appeentifip thereto the face of feben pears at the leaf, Shall wotthin one month after bis of teir uang o: exerciang the faid exaoe of G3ytery, be admiticd, and be anjayned to take the freedom of the eity of London, if not already taken) and to enter tijemfetwes into
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To which I know it will be objected, that the bringing perfons of this Trade by f ree from other Companies into this, will not on'y rend and poil thofe Companies from which they are taken, but alfo be a means of hindering fome, in that fpeedy progreis towards the places of Honour they now expect in their prefent Corporations : The anfwer is,

That if fome Members of fome Companies are taken away, it will be prudence in thofe Companies to purfue the obtaining the like power to

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bring all perfons of their Trades into the Corporation of each refpective Trade.

And this will be the right center of the intert of making Corporations of Trades, which ought to be with the greateft care pieferved, and preferred before thofe other nicetics of Seniority in honourable places in the fame, wherein pertuns of a contrary Trade do feldom, reithr indeed can they difcharge their duty; ne.ther is it poffible, unlefs this courfe be taken, to make a perfect reformation, or reguaation in this or any other Trade.

It may be further objected, that the thus tranflating perfons from one Company to another, will unavoidably caufe a breach of the Oath they took at their making Free of their firft Company; and an Oath lawfully taken is not to be violated by any means whatfoever: The anfwer is by way of Quxry.

What if the King fhall pieare for fome defects in any Corporation (as enough may be) to diffolve the fame, if the Oath be to bind and make no Apprentice Free but of fuch a Corporation that is afterwards diffolved; muft he therefore by fuch Oath be barr'd from taking Apprentices, and fo deprived of that fo eminent way of advantage : Or if the Oath be to obferve and keep the By-Laws and Ordinances of a Company that is afterwards diffolved, with which all thofe Laws and Ordinances are diffolved aifo, muft he be bound to perform impoffibilities? no,'tis plain, fuch Oaths extend no farther than the duration of the Corporation that Adminiftred them.

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For if the King with his Parliament Thall pleare to make an Act, that all Manual Tradefmen fhall be reduced into the proper Corporations of each refpective Trade in manner aforefaid, fuch Law is a perfect diffolution of to much of every Corporation as refpects the perfons fo taken' away; and by confequence a diffolution of fuch perfons Oaths to them.

And as on the one hand the Corporations would feemingly be prejudiced by taking their Members from them ; fo on the other hand thofe Corporations would in effect receive more good, and be more ufeful, and more honorable than ever, by bringing thofe that are their proper Members into the fame; for then the deceits in the Works and Wares would be more eafily prevented, and the people better ferved, and all Englifh Tradef. men be advanced in reputation and honor, both at home and abroad.

The Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths are by the two firft, and the laft recited Statutes, and their Charter, entrufted, and authorifed to fearch in all and every place throughout this Realm of England, amongft all Goldfmiths, and all others trading in Gold and Silver Works; and to Survey, Infpect, and try their Gold and Silver Works; and to feize, break, and deface, all they do find of a worfe Allay than is appointed by the afore-recited Statutes; and to fine the Offenders equal to their offences, in all the circumftances thereof. Whicb large and copions autbority is known to have been put in practice: And for the Readers further knowledge of all the Power and Authority to them given, I refer him $t$ ) the

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Inrollment of the Patent now remaining of Record in the Chappel of the Rolls; a true Copy of which faithfully rendred into Englifh is hereunto annexed.

3 Ind hy the faid siatute of 37 Edw. 3.7. Fif the fing to 3lfign and 3tppoint ather Surnepoze thantlye Mardendiof the drold: fmitho (either fas the whole finguam, a? particular placew ag octaton fall fe, fuct other 5 urbepoes are 3 luthodife fip that Statute to Bearch foz, founifh, and $\Phi$ ) $=$ peefir the Befedtin all fold and silver Monkit.

And for the more eafie difcovering the Workers and Sellers of unlawful Gold or Silver Work, the Statutes aforefaid do appoint, That every Ma-fter-Worker in Goldfmiths Work within this Realm, fhall have his proper Mark, and the fame Marks fhall fet on their Works, before it be fet to fale.

And that all fuch Workers Marks (in the City of London, and three Miles compafs of the fame) to be known to thore affigned by the King to Sur jey their Work and Allay, that is, the Wardens of the Gold(miths, and all other Workers Marks in the feveral places where Touches be ordained, to be known to thofe appointed there to Survey their Work and Allay, upon the fame penalty as is appointed for working or felling courfe Silver-work, (that is) to forfeit the value of the Silver work not marked with the Worker's Mark, or marked with a Mark not fo made known, although the Silver be of the finenefs of Sterling.

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And by reafon that under the general term (of any Goldfmith's Wares of Goldor Silver) mention'd in the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15 . is comprehended all Wier-work ('as Cheins, and Lace, \&c.) of Gold and Silver, which cannot be marked with the Workers Marks (to anfwer the intent of the Law) therefore our Law-Makers have put in this Provifo in the faid Satute 18 Eliz. 15. viz.) to fet the Workers Mark to fo much of his Work as will conveniently bear the fame ; but for all other Goldfmiths Work. it will bear the Workers Mark with as much conveniency as with reafon can be defired.

Note, The making all Wier-work either of Gold or Silver is the Goldfmiths Trade, by reafon the making thereof is by Melting and Forging, and of the Wardens Authority to correct the Abufes therein.

And for all Silver Work that is of the moft Eminent Account (of which are all forts comprehended under the names of

* Thofe being fo accounted, is clearly manife $\ddagger$ by the two Cup;, (which are Vefiels; ) and the four Buckles, (which are $\mathrm{Harme}_{5}$; ) with two Lecpara's-Heads: being the Company of Gold fmiths Arms. * Geffels and batnefs, that are made in and about the City of London, and within three miles of the fame ) thefe are not to be left unto, or received upon the Credit and Reputation of the Maker thereof, by having only his Mark therero, but upon the Credit and Reputation of the Company, by their fetting their Marks to the fame, who are furely the moft likely to continue, and moft able to give fatisfaction in cafe of defef:


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defect, as is appointed by thefaid Statutes, when the Worker and Seller may be dead, or by feveral ways difabled to make recompence to the parties wronged.

The Company of Goldfmiths confidering that their Wardens are by their Charter, and the Statutes aforefaid appointed to Survey, Affay, and Mark the Silver-work, and that thefe Officers are yearly chofen according to their Ufage out of their Members of the Affiftants, in courfe, as they received their Admittance into thofe places; and that fuch Choice fometimes falls upon them that are either of other Trades, or not skilld in that curious Art of making Aflays of Gold and Silver, and confequently unable to make a true Report of the goodnels thereof; or elfe the neceflary Attendance therein being too great a burden for the Wardens: therefore they have appointed an Afay-Mafter, called by them their Deputy-Warden, allowing him a confiderable yearly Sallary, and who takes an Oath to this effect, (yiz.) to perform that Office faithfully, according to the beft of his skill, that is, to make true Affay of all Gold and Silver brought to their Office for that purpofe, and elfewhere, as the Wardens and Company fhall appoint, and give a true Report of the goodnefs or badnefs, or (as their term is) betternefs, or worfenefs of the fame.

They have alfo caufed to be made (according to the aforefaid Statutes and their Charter) Punchians of Steel, and marks at the end of them, both great and fmall of thefe feveral forts following, (that is) © nen, ebe lyon, andaletter, (a true Em-

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blem of which Marks are expreffed in the Copper Cut following) which Letter is changed Alphabetically every Year; the reafon of changing thereof is, (as I conceive) for that by the afore recited Statutes it is provided, That if any Silver Work that is worfe than Sterling be marked with the Companies Marks, the Wardens and Corporation for the time being, thall make recompence to the party grieved, fo that if any fuch default fhould happen, they can tell by the Letter on the Work in what Year it was Affayed and Marked, and thereby know which of their own Officers deceived them, and from them obtain over, a recompence. Thefe Marks are every Year made New for the ufe of the New Wardens, who are chofen, and enter into that Office about Midfummer in every year : And although the Affaying is referred to the Affay-Mafter, yet the TouchWardens looks to the Striking the Marks.

They have alfo made in a part of their Hall, a place called by them their Affay-Office, wherein is a Sworn Weigher ; his duty is to weigh all Silver Work into the Office, and enter the fame into a Book for that purpofe; and alfo to Weigh it out again to the Owner (only four Grains out of every Twelve Ounces that is marked, is according to their ancient Cuftom to be detained and kept for a re-affaying once in every Year, before the Lords of the Council in the Star-Chamber at Weftminfter, and (there alfo) before a Jury of twenty four able Goldfmiths, all the Silver Works they have paffed for good the year foregoing.

In this Office is kept for publick view, a Table,

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or Tables, artificially made in Cotumns (that is tofay) one Column of hardened Lead, another of Parchment or Velom, and feveral of the fame forts: In the Lead Columns are ftruck or entred the Workers Marks, (which are gencralle the tho fitf letters af theit ©heiftian and Situames) and right againft them in the Parchment or Velom Columns are writ and entred the Owners Names. This is that which is meant in the before recited Statutes, by the Expreffion of making the Workers Mark known to the Surveyors, or Wardens of the Craft.

Which faid Wardens Duty is to fee that the Marks be plain, and of a fit fize, and not one like axoother: And to require the thus Entring the faid Marks, and alfo the fetting them clear and vifible on all Gold and Silver Work; not only on every Work, but alfo on every part thereof that is wrought apart, and afterwards Soddered or made faft thereto in finifhing the fame.
The reafon for fetting the Workers Mark on every part of the Work, is to take away all colour of excufe from the the Maker of falfe work, who might otherwife craftily pretend, that the part marked by him was good Silver or Gold, and (the unmarked part being bad) that the bad was added by fome body elfe fince the Plate went out of his hand.

Every Worker aforefaid is not only obliged to enter his Mark on the Table aforefaid, but (according to the Companies By-Law for that purpofe, and the intent of thefe words in Statute 2 Henry 6. 14. to wit, 3und that the $\mathbf{S i g n}^{2}$ of

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everp $\mathfrak{b o l v i m i t h}$ be known to the Moardeng $\mathfrak{v e t} \mathfrak{t y c}(\mathfrak{r a f t})$ is at the fame time to enter in a Book (kept for that purpofe in the ABay-Office) the place of his Habitation; and if he remove to any other place, then to enter the fame alfo in the Book aforefaid; fo that their Habitations may bealways known to the Wardens of the Craft.

The reafon is, for that if at any time any Gold or Silver Wares be found to be of worfe Allay then they fhould be, the Worker (by his Mark fet thereon) although he may not be known to the party grieved, yet by application to the Wardens, and by their comparing the Mark on the Work, to the Marks on their Table, may thereby be prefently difcovered

Every Worker dwelling in the City of Londonf and alfo thofe in other places, whofe Marksare not fo made known, accerding to the aforefaid Statutes; that is to fay, Thofe Workers in the feven Touch-Towns not making their Marks known to the Surveyor there (that is the chief Magiftrate) in the place where each Worker inhabits: And every Worker in Goldfmiths Work in London, and all other places throughout England, not making their Marks known as aforefaid to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, fuch Marks are deemed no Marks; and the making and felling Gold or Silver Work whereon fuch fraudulent Marks are fet, is as punifhable as the working and felling Gold or Silver work that is worfe than Standard as aforefaid.

Our Law-makers did appoint the thus fetting the Marks on the Work, for the fecureft way to prevent fraud in this kind; for if it would not deter

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 deter from the working and felling courfe Gold and Silver works, yet would it be a fure way to find out the Offenders, and to have the injured righted: But if the Marks might be omitted, and the work fhould pafs into a third owners hand, for the molt part it would be impoffible to difcern one man's work from anothers; by reafon that divers Workers make all forts of work in fhape fo near alike.If any perfon do, or fhall counterfeit, or caufe to be counterfeited the Companies Marks, or any of them, or the Workers Marks (that are made known to the Surveyors,or Wardens as aforefaid) on any Gold or Silver work, by any ways or means whatfoever, be the Gold or Silver either Standard, or better, or worfe. The Counterfeiters, and the perfons caufing the Marks to be counterfeited are punifhable for every fuch Offence by Indictment and Fine to the King; and fometimes (as the Offence may be circumftantiated) by the Pillory ; after which the Company or Party whofe Marks are counterfeited, may bring their Action againft the Offender, and recover the damage fuftained.

The reafonis, for that the counterfeiting the Marks, is (in this Trade) of the moft evil confequence imaginable ; for it prevents the difcovering the Makers of falfe and unlawful Gold and Silver works, and deftroys the fecurity, and prevents the knowiedge of good and true works; and thereby puts a cheat upon the Kingdom: It alfo difcourageth the honeft Goldfmith, by falfe and unlawful Works paffing under his name, and for his making ; and by fuch means may bring them

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them in danger of the Pillory, and (by feveral other circumftances) of being undone, and may bring the Corporation in danger of being diffolved, or at leaft put them to exceeding great charge; and many more evils do attend this wicked action: therefore cannot be too feverely punifhed.

For the difcovery of falfe Gold and Silver from that which is good, and to know the true value thereof, the manner is this: The Affay-mafter puts a fmall quantity of the Silver upon tryal (on a Cople or Teft) in the Fire; and when refined to the higheft degree of finenefs, taking it out again, he with his exact Scales that will turn with the weight of the hundredth part of a Grain, computes (by the wafte of that Imall quantity) how much impurity or adulteration is in each ounce or pound of the Silver from which it was taken, and fo reporteth the goodnefs or badnefs of the Gold or Silver.

Here it may be expected that I fhould give the true procefs (in every circumitance) of making Affays by fire, as the dimenfions and manner of the Furnace, and by whom they are made, and how to make the fire in the fame; and the fort of Bone-afhes, and its finenefs, and of whom procured, and how to temper, and make the fame athes into Coples, and the dimenfions and manner of the Coples, and the juft quantity of Silver, and alfo Lead to put on the Cople, and how to place the fame in the fire; and of the feveral obfervations to be made on the Metal when it is refining on the Cople, and when to take it out of the fire, and of the cleaning it.from all filth by knock-

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knocking it with a Hammer; and alfo of the curious Scales, and a cafe glazed to hang them in ; and of what material to make a certain weight for the quantity of Silver to put on the Cople, and certain Weights of the feveral degrees, and the fine Pincers or Nippers to handle them to gage the Aflay, and compute by its wafte or diminution, its betternefs or worfenefs in the pound weight, when 'tis fo refined: but this being a work of fuch difficulty to perform exactly, that 'tis impoffible to give a clear intelligible demonftration thereof by words only, but muft be acquired by ingenuisy in practice after fight of the work performed, and is a fubject fit for the ftudy and practice, not only for all Goldrmiths, but for all Gentlemen, to the end the general knowledge herein may the better prevent fo great and frequent deceits in Gold and Silver works. And for their encouragement, note further, that Gold Affays are mannaged with the materials, and in the fame manner: and after it is refined on the cople (as afore is mentioned of the Silver) it muft be beat thin, and roul'd up loofely, and put in warm ftrong Aqua-fortis, which will purifie it from the Silver; and yet the Gold will remain in the thin Plate, although very brittle.

In the Affay Office are kept Anvils, Hammers, Bickerns, Stakes, Vices, and all other convenient Tools to Atrike the Companies Marks, which ought to be done clear and vifible on fuch Work that is Standard; and what is worfe ought to be broken and defaced, whereby thoufands of ounces of defective Silver yearly receives execution: whence it may be inferred, That if fo many pieces of

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Plate and Silver work (that are brought to receive the Companies Marks) be broken and defaced, which were not furpected by the Owner, then furely the Silver Work never defigned to be brought to be Affayed and Marked, much more deferves to be fo ferved.

The faid Company hath now appointed only Three days in every Week, (to wit) ©lle\{oays, chutinays, and atmoapg, (formerly every working day) to Affay and Mark the Silver Work: And all perfons workers in Gold and Silver Works in the City of London, and three miles of the fame City, are now (as by Law they ought to be) allowed to receive the Companies Marks on their Work; for although fome perfons are or may be fufpected to have no right to follow the Goldfmiths Trade, yet they are to be allowed the Affay and Touch, until they fhall be convicted upon the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4. for not having ferved feven years Apprentifhip thereto, or upon the Statutes that forbids Aliens the exercifing any Manual Trade or Myftery within this Realm. And in cafe of the Workers neglect to bring their Work to be Affayed and Marked, the Wardens are to enforce the'fame, by going often on their Search ; and where they find any Gold or Silver Works finifhed, and expofed to Sale (amongft any Workers or Traders therein) that are not marked according to Law, they are to feize and try the fame. And although the Silver is Sterling, they are to Fine the Offender for fuch his unlawfil neglect, to the value of the fame unmarked Work. See Statute 37 Edw. 3.7. before cited.

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In the afore recited Statute of the 28 Edw. I. Cap. 20. it is Enacted, Jhat no mamier of Borfict of siluer depart dut of the fantis of the Mazkera, until it be flapea fat the Mardeng of the draft: Yind further, ©hat it he $\mathfrak{M g}$ arked with the Leopards-Head. And in the afore recited Statute of 2 Henry 6. 14. it is Enacted, ©yat no bolofmith noe Tlewe ler, nos any ather that wozetty faruction Silber, fiall fat any af tife faree to fale luithinthe $\mathfrak{C i t y}$ af London, before that it he Couther mity the couty, and alfo mity
 fame.
For the underftanding of which, it is to be known, That all manner of Silver Work made to hold any liquid or other matter, is to be comprehended under, and called by the general name of Veffels, although in the particulars, they are called by feveral other names: As the Coin of this Kingdom is called by the general term of Money ; but in the particular parts thereof are called by feveral other names, as Pence, Shillings, \&c.
Under the title or term of Harnefs, (in the faid Statute) is included all kind of Furniture for defence of Man and Horres againft the Enemy, as Swords, Buckles for Belts, Girdles, and fuch like; and alfo all other manner of wearing Inftruments for War: which term of Harse/s, (in the fame fignification as we take it, by the opinion of the beft Expofitors) is mentioned, 2 Chron. 9. 24. fer. 46.4. Exod. 13.18.

And that Hilts for Swords are comprehended under the term of Harnefs, as well as Buckles

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for Belts or Girdles, which may be collected by the Statutes. 5 Hen.4.13. 3 Edw. 4.4. I Rich.3. 12. And 5 Eliz. 7 . thofe Buckles are there called Harne/s, they being a material part of Girdles or Belts, and neceffary to compleat the fame for Martial actions, whereunto they are properly defigned. And a Girdle or Belt being of no ufe to that end without a Sword to be worn in the fame, and the Hilt being the chief defenfive part of that Weapon, the fame muft confequently be included under the term of Harnefs.

Which granted, it muft be concluded, That all Hilts of Silver, and Buckles of Silver for Girdles or Belts, \&xc. (being comprehended under the term of Harne/s) are by the recited Statute of 2 Hen. 6. Cap. 14. to be touthed mith the douth, (that is) Affayed and Marked by the Wardens of the Goldfmiths.

Note, Their fo doing was anciently called the Touch; and the Wardens that are to make the Affays, and mark the Silver, are now called the Touch-Wardens.

By all which 'tis manifeft, That all Silver Hilts for Swords, and Silver Buckles for Girdles or Belts, are not only to be of the finenefs of Sterling, but alfo Affayed and Marked by the Wardens of the Goldfmiths before they be expofed to fale, upon pain of forfeiting double the value thereof.

From which I infer,(that the afore recited Statutes politively appointing all Veffels and Harnefs of Silver to be marked with the Companies Marks) The Wardens would have done well, if (as touching Veffels and Harnefs) they had omitted thefe Ambiguous words in their late Precept hereafter

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 (hereafter inferted) (viz.) if the faid 1 Bodftit wifl condrniently bear the fame; when in truth all the faid Works can and muft bear the fame. This, the Wardens have complied with, as by another precept by them fet forth (and herein alfo inferted) it doth appear.Therefore I conclude, That if the Wardens of the Goldfmiths fhall be remifs in compelling (not only by precept, but alfo by all other ways, as by Law they are enjoyned) all Workers of Veffels, and all Workers of Hilts for Swords, Buckles, and other Harnefs of Silver in the City of London, and three miles off the fame, to bring the fame Works to receive their Marks as aforefaid, it' will be great Imprudence in them to lay themfelves by fuch neglects open to the Law, when fo fmall induftry will preventit.

And I do further aver, that if any Worker (of Hilts for Swords, Buckles for Girdles or Beits, and other Harnefs of Silver) in London, and three miles compafs of the fame City, do wilfully refure or neglect to bring the fame works to receive the Companies Marks when fuch works are not befpoke in extreme hafte; fuch perfon-worker is difaffected to an honeft reformation, and may juftly be fufpected to practice thofe deceits, which I hereby endeavour to fupprefs: And if fuch his Works were frequently examined, the truth of my affertion would plainly appear, although his Mark befet on the fame: And the tollerating the contempt of the Laws in this cafe, is not only a means to bring a light efteem upon all, but will in Thort time occafion the adulterating the Goldfmiths Works as bad as ever.

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It is queried by fome, whether the felling, expofing to fale, exchanging or bartering Silver Works that is Sterling; and the marks not fet thereon (as before is mentioned) be punifhable by Law, it being no pofitive deceit: The anfwer is,

That where a Statute commands a thing to be done, if the fame be omitted, it is a contcmpt of that Law, and punibable, efpecially in this cafe, where it may be confidered, that although it be not a direct deceit, yet to omit the marking of good Gold or Silver work is of ill example, and opens a door to deceit, for the permitting a worker to omit the fetting his own Mark, or the obtaining the Companies Marks on his good work, is to encourage him at another time to work courfe Gold or Silver (which be will affuredly do, the benefit or gains is fo bewitching) and fince by fuch omiffion, if it be of theCompanies Marks, they will avoid making recompence to the party grieved; and if it be of the Workers Marks, the Maker and Seller thereof may thereby remain undifcovered, and fo avoid making fatisfaction for his deceit.

And to encourage the feverity in curbing there defects, I affert, that if the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, upon their Search do take fuch unmarked, and therefore fufpected Works to their Hall, and upon trial it be found Standard: and if by the fcraping or cutting off Silver for the Affay, or the fetting thereon the Companies Marks, the Work be injured or prejudiced, the Wardens are not to make good, nor anfwer for the fame, fince thofe Works were not, before they were finifhed for fale,

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fale, marked according to Law, but rather fine the Offenders for the neglect as aforefaid.

Note, It is of great concern, that the Stamps be kept clean and bright, to make the Marks appear the more decent on the Work, and to prevent their being counterfeited; to which purpofe, the ftamp; mult be well tempered, nether too hard nor too foft, and well and fmooth polifhed when firft made, and on a piece of fmooth, thick, dry, tann'd Calves-Leather, nailed on a fmooth board, and fome putty on that Leather, every time before and after the ufing the stamps, rub them very well; and to make them very clean in the deep corners of the Marks, rub them with a very fine brafs or iron Brufh; and forubbing the Marks, one while on the Putty-Leather, and another while with the brufh, untill they be clean and bright; and if you put a little clean Oylon a clean Linnen-cloath, and with it fmear the ftamps at the time of ufing them, it will make them wear the fmoother, and fharper, and hold the longer from breaking.
I give thefe directions, becaufe I find the Marks (efpecially the Workers) are many of them fo ill kept, and fo dull and blindly fet on the Works, that they can hardly be diftinguifhed, but feem like a botch or defect on the fame.

In the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. it is enacted, That Sodder fhall be allowed for the making up all Silver Wares (to wit) fo much axi is necel: farp foz wayfing the fame. For the Explaining this word (Receffary) fee the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15. thereby the fame quantity of Sodder is ap.pointed again, and further Enacted, ©hat nat

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siliser 19ark fall be wote in finenetit than that de deden (ounce timo pennu weight ; This is to be underttood of all the parts thereof, befides the Sodder ; for when all the Work is melted together, (that is) the foddered places with the reft, it will be worfe than that. Allay, by fo much as the Sodder is worfe than Standard; therefore the fame Statutes though darkly, yet by a neceffary implication, limit the quantity of Sodder that fhall be allowed for all Wares to a penny-worth in the Ounce, or a four penny weight in the pound, by this claufe, noz talke ahowe the rate of thelve pence foz excry pound meight (that is, one pennyworth in every ounce) of 的late we marex of zilucr fefide the faffion, moze than the huper fhafl oz may be alfomed foe the fame at the ©uteng evthante deqint. (That is)

If any Silver Work being melted,(with the Sodder thereof together) and it be more than the value of one pennyworth in the ounce, or four penny weight in the pound Troy worfe than Sterling, it is not to be allowed.

And therefore if fuch have only the Makers Mark thereon, the Maker incurs the penalty of paying the value of the whole Work; and if the fame be allowed and marked by the Company, they are to make fatisfaction to the party grieyed.

IN the Statutes afore recited, the term $\sqrt{G r o i d}=$ fmity is frequently ufed; for the underftanding whereof, it is to be known, that the working, 乃baping, or fafbioinang of Gold or Sil-

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ver, either by a private Workman, or by the Mafter Shop-keeper, or his delivering out Gold or Silver to his Servants, or Workmen to be wrought, Baped, or fafbioned, either partly or wholly into any fort of Work or Ware, either by Melting, Filing, or Hammering, or every of them, is, or may (according to ancient ufage, and the intent of the afore recited Statutes) be deemed and taken to be the Trade of the Goldfmiths.
Every Worker of Gold or Silver Wares as aforefaid, is by the intent of the Law a Goldfmith, which appears by the faid Statute 18 Eliz. 15 . which principally aimed at the reforming the abufe of making and felling deceitful Gold and Silver Works: for if the makers of that Statute did not intend and conclude all workers of Gold and Silver Wares as aforefaid to be Goldfmiths, and all Workers and Retailers of deceitful Gold and Silver Works, to be thereby punifhable; that Statute (which is the laft made in that cafe) would be ineffectual, and the abure it intended to reform, would notwithftanding remain.

Note, That the fitting or joyning any Goldfmiths Works, to the Works of other Trades; as a Curter fitting or joyning Silver Caps or Verrels to Knife-hafts; or his fitting ar joyning Silver Hilts to Sword or Rapier-Blades; or a Girdler fitting or rivetting Silver Buckles to Belts or Girdles, and in all fuch like cafes, although they ufe the File or Hammer in fodoing, it cannot be deemed or taken to be exercifing the Goldfmiths trade. And although it be working in Silver, it cannot be truly faid to be the Working, Shaping, or fafbioning Silver into any fort of GoldjmithsWorks.

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And in like manner on the contrary, the fitting or joyning the works either of the Cutlers orGirdlers Trade to the works of the Goldfmiths Trade, is not, nor can be reafonably taken to be exercifing either the Cutlers or Girdlers Trade.

Nore alfo, That in all Manual Trades, it is the fhaping or fafhioning the Works thereof, that muft be deemed and taken ta be following or exercifing the fame.

For the diftinguifhing the proper Works belonging to the Goldfmiths, and other Manual Trades, I will give you the meaning of the word (Works) and then inftance a few Works of fome Trades, by which the reft may be known.

To the firft, you are to know that the Wares of any Manual Trade in the finifh'd form or fafhion thereof, or in a form or fhape tending thereto, is, and may properly be deemed and taken to be the Works of fuch Trade.

To the fecond, you are to know that all manner of Works made of Gold or Silver (as aforefaid) are the Goldfmiths Works, the Wardens of that Corporation, being (both by Statute Laws and their Charter) made Surveyors and Tryers thereof.

And all manner of Works made of Tin or Pewter, are the Works of the Pewterers Trade, the Mafter and Wardens (of that Corporation) being, both by Statute Laws and their Charter, made Surveyors and Tryers of the fame.

And all manner of Works made of Iron or Steel, or both, and fhaped into Knives, Razors, §izers, Swords, Rapiers, and all manner of Cut-ting-Infruments, and the parts thereto belong-

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ing, for compleating or finifhing the fame, are the Works of the Cutlers Trade; and fo of all other Trades, as they were exercifed in the fifth year of Queen Elizabeth, and not as they are now intermingled.

Which intermingling of feveral Trades, hath happened by divers perfons unlawfully exercifing fome Trades joyntly with their own proper Trades, and their bringing up Apprentices thereto ; although fuch Mafters were therein tranfgreffors of the Law, yet their Apprentices ferving feven years thereto, may lawfully follow the fame.

And the Artifts of any Manual Trade may fhape their Works into what fhape or fathion they pleafe, without tranfgreffing the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4.

A Goldfmith may fafhion or form his Gold or Silver into Head-pieces, Gorgets, Gantlets, ©̛c. which are in fhape like the Works of the Armorers Trade. And

A Goldrmith may form or thape his Gold or Silver into Flagons, Tankards, Candlefticks Porringers, © crc. whichare in fhape like the Works of the Pewterers Trade.

He may Thape his Gold or Silver into Firefhovels, Tongs, Andirons, Locks, or Hinges. ơc. which are like the Works of the Blackfmiths Trade. And

He may fhape his Gold or Silver into Hilts, Pomels, Chapes, orc. which are in fhape like the Works of the Cutlers Trade.

And a Cutler may form and fhape his Knives, S'zers, Razors, Sword or Rapier-Blades, Hilts, Pom-

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Pommels, Chapes, and the parts belonging to a Sword, into what form or fafhion he pleafeth; but he muft always make them of the Metal proper to their Trade.

And although it be the Goldfmiths Trade to fhape their Works in likenefs to the works of the Pewterers or Cutlers Trade; yet it muft not be with Pewter or Tin, or Iron, or Steel, but with Gold or Silver.

And although it be the Pewterers Trade to form or thape their Works in likenefs to the Works of the Goldfmiths Trade, yet it muft be with Pewter or Tin, and not with Gold or Silver.

And although it be the Cutlers Trade to fhape their Works or Inftruments of Cutting into what thape or fafhion they pleafe; yet it muft be with iron, or fteel, or both; and fuch other matter for the appurtenances (as wood for the handle, and wood and leather for the fcabbards and fheaths, *r.) as were in thofe cafes ufed in the fifth year of the Queen, and not with Gold or Silver ; only they have and do of late buy Gold and Silver Wier of the Goldfmith for adorning their Sword and Rapier handles, and in-laying the Works appertaining thereto.

But when the Gentry and people fancied the wearing Hilts, erc. of Gold or Silver, they befpoke and bought them of the Goldfmiths, and what Cutlers works were neceffary to be joyned thereto, they bought of the Cutlers, and then procured them to be joyned together.

And 'tis well known that the Cutlers did not heretofore until within the laft thirty years, keep a Silver or Gold Hilt, or any other Goldfmiths

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works in their Shops, except the Gold and Silver Wier as aforefaid: Neither did they intermeddle with buying or felling the fame, but fuch works were wholly confined among the Goldímiths.

Neither have the Cutlers Corporation any Authority either by Patent or Statute-Law, to in_ ffect, try, or regulate the Warks of Goldor Silver, or to punifh the abufes therein. Therefore the working Gold or Silver into works (be it of any fhape or fafhion whatfoever) is not the Cutlers Trade.

And if a Cutler fhall buy a filver Hilt, or other Goldfmiths Work, and joyn the fame to a Sword or Rapier Blade, or the like; no more thereof is to be accounted the works of this proper Trade than what is within the jurifdiction of the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers to fearch for, try, and regulate: And not any part thereof that is within the jurifdiction of the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, to furvey, try, and regulate.

And if a Goldfmith fhall joyn a Sword or Ra-pier-blade or any other Cutlers work, to a Silver Hilt, or any other Goldfmiths Works, fuch doing of the Goldfmith cannot be (in reafon accounted) the exercifing the Cutlers Trade; it being only joyning the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade ; and is, and hatk been frequently practifed, not only by the Taylors joyning PlateButtons toa Garment;and aCabinet-Maker joyning Silver hinges, and other Goldfmiths works to a Cabinet ; and a Girdlers joyning Silver Buckles to Girdles or Belts, but alfo in divers others Trades; as a Smith or Carpenter joyning Hinges, Barrs, and Cramps of Iron (which are Works of the Blackfmiths Trade) to Works of the Carpenters

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Trade ; and an Upholfterer joyning the works of feveral Trades to each other, and was never accounted to be the exercifing any of them, neither a tranfgreffing the faid Statute 5 Eliz. 4 .

And to fuppofe that the joyning.the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade, is the following or exercifing any of thofe Trades, according to the faid Statute of Eliz. there is the fame reafon to fuppofe that a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to a Taylor or a Cabinet maker, or any other Trade, ( t o the works whereof are joyned the works of the Goldfmiths Trade) may after fuch Apprentifhip lawfally follow and exercife all or any part of the Goldfmiths Trade; and that a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to the Carpenters Trade, may lawfully follow and exercife the Blackfmiths Trade; and a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to the Blackfmiths Trade, may law fully follow and exercife the Carpenters Trade: and a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentithip to the Trade of an Upholiter, may lawfully exercife and follow either the Joyners, or Smiths, or Brafiers, or Turners, or Weavers, or Gilders Trade, they frequently joyning the works of every of thefe Trades to each other. But thefe fuppofitions are utterly falfe, and the unreafonablenefs and unpracticablenefs thereof is vifible to every capacity.

From all which I infer, that neither the buying and felling the works of any Manual Trade, nor the joyning the works of one Manual Trade to the works of another, is intended by the Stat. 5 Eliz. 4. to be the exercifing or following any of them.

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Every perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip, or as an Apprentice, (to any perfon that did before, and during the faid term follow the Goldfmiths Trade as aforefaid) fuch perfons and their Apprentices (and none other) may lawfully follow or exercife the fame. See the Statute 5 Eliz. Cap. 4.

The branch thereof touching this point is verbatim as followeth, (viz.)

30nd be it furtber fnated, fu the 30 u= thozity afozefaid, atyat after the firit dap of May next coming, it fhall not le lamful to any perfon oz periong (ation then ruct ag now do lalufulf ufe es cxerife anp 3nrt, ghpftery,
 de wanual orcupation, now ufed or occupied within this Realm of Englard or Wales (exz fept be fatll habe heen hzought up therein fenen yexwa at the leaft asi an 3 gyerntice in mamter and fozm ahalifaid; noz to fet
 or ©rypation, (beint not a modiman at
 pecntice ati iai afoefaid, of glfe habing fer= bed ag an 3ppeentice agis afoectaid, hall of will hetome a Fournepman, os hired fin the pear, upan pain that cherp perion wil= lingly offending, of zaing the contrary, Gall fozfeit and lafe foz carrp wefault fozto fillinga foz every month,

The meaning of the faid Branch more fully to this purpofe is thus, (viz.)
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 Flperentice reven peare to aperion that did hefoze futh Zlypentilbip (and alfo during that term) follow the Goldmithy $\mathfrak{C r a d e}$ as afdecfiid, openly, commonly, and fop putb: ficfe jozofeftion make and fell Goldfmiths Works, and not wivatclo $\mathfrak{b}$ (ftalty-

An Information was brought in the Kings-Bench at Westminfter in Hillary Term, the 27 of King Charles II. againft H. H. for exercifing the Goldfmiths Trade, (not having ferved feven years Apprentifhip thereto) contrary to the faid Statute of Eliz. one witnefs on the Defendants part teftified his fervice feven years; but the Lord Chief Juftice Hale gave direction to the Jury, that unlefs it be proved that the Defendants Mafter did make and fell Goldfmiths works fome cenfiderable time before the Defendant became his Apprentice, they muft find for the Plaintiff; it being ftrongly fuggefted, that inftead of the Mafter teaching the Defendant, he the Apprentice did teach the Mafter to make Silver Hilts, and other Goldfmiths works; and that the Defendants Apprentifhip was only for colour to his following the Goldfmiths Trade ; but upon other teftimonies for the Defendant, the Plaintiff fuffered a Non-fuit.

The intent of the Statute for confining perfons te feven years Apprentifhip to follow thofe Manual Trades, is this, (to wit) that they may in all probability be skilful, and the better Workmen; and by confequence make all their works the more decent and ferviceable: And although fome are very botchers that have been brought up in

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 fuch Apprentifhips; and fome good Work-men that never were fo inftructed, which are rarities, and do happen but feldom, yet very common it is, and well known that perfons become curious Artifts in thofe Trades wherein they are fo brought up, that otherwife would not be fo.Wherefore if this Branch of the Statute fhould be repealed, or made of noufe by not being favoured in the Courts where Cafes thereon fhall happen to be tryed, it will not only be confiderable lofs, and difcredit to the people of this Kingdom by bad workmanfhip, but alfo much difcourage the putting Children or Youth to ferve feven years to fuch Trades for a way of livelihood, when every botcher may without fuch fervice follow them at pleafure.

And thofe that would otherwife be curious Artifts, will be difcouraged fo to be, by forefeeing a neceffity to fell their works at the prices, for which the botchers fell theirs, or have none or very little Trade.

And although this holds not true in the general, fome wearing or ufing buyers being fo skilful to chufe good workmanthip, and refufe the bad, or give a futable price for either ; yet certain it is, that ill workmanfhip is not fufficient punifhment in it felf to the maker, by not having vent, for the greateft part of the wearing or ufing-Buyers having very little or no skill, do take all forts of works upon that little skill they have, or upon the commendation of the feller, (who certainly will not difparage, nor fpeak any thing that may leffen the efteem of the fame ) and thus are deceived, when a due obferving the Laws would prevent it.

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Note, That thofe who have been Apprentices in London for feven years to any Trade (whether Manual or other) and made Free of that City, may ufe any other Trade in the fame City, that is, leave off the Trade which they ferved unto, and follow any other Buying or Selling Trade; but not a Manual Trade intended by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. Neither may they exercife or follow two Trades at one time, unlefs having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to them joyntly together: And if they leave off fuch complext-Trades, they may not take up or follow but one other Buying and felling-Trade at one time. This is by the ancient cuftom (of the City) in being long before that Statute was made.

And for preventing the miftake upon the Care of fobn Tolley, Hill. 12 Fac. in Banco rep. and Bulstrod, $1.190,191$. it may be obferved, that the faid Tolley having ferved feven years to a Woolpacker in London, and being made Free of that City, leaveth that Trade, and betaketh himfelf to the Trade of an Upholferer, which is only a Buying and Selling Trade, and not a Manual Trade, comprehended in the faid Statute.

Every one, before that Statute, might by the Common Law follow what Trade he pleafed (or was capable of ) except in London, and the Liberties of the fame: the cuftom whereof, in the cafe of Manual Trades (as aforefaid) being long before that Statute was made, fo well approved, that it became the pattern for the reft of the Kingdom, and all were by a Law, confined to ob.ferve and keep that fo long experienced wholeforme Cuftom of the City of London.

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So that neither by that cafe, nor any other, can it be proved that any perfon may follow or exercife in London, or elfewhere, any Manual Trade, comprehended in the faid Statute, that hath not been brought up feven years as an Apprentice thereto as aforefaid.

Note, That though an Infant may voluntarily bind himfelf an Apprentice, and if he continue an Apprentice for feven years, he may at that feven years end have the benefit and ufe of his Trade; and no Covenant of an Apprentice-Infant will bind him for longer term of Apprentifhip than feven years.

This is to be underfood of all Apprentices bound before the Juftices of the Counties, in fuch places where all perfons by the Common Law (before the Statute of Eliz.) might exercife and follow what Manual Trade they pleafed without ferving Apprentifhip thereto.

But that holds not where the cuftom of any Corporation is otherwife, as in London it was (before that Statute, and now is) that no perfon thould exercife any Manual Trade therein, unlefs he thall have ferved feven years Apprentifhip thereto at the leaft And that an Infant of a competent age, as either of $11,12,13,14$. years or more, having bound himfelf an Apprentice by Covenant of Indenture for eight or nine years, or more, and it be inrolled before the Officer (as the Chamberlain in London) appointed for that purpore, that fuch his Infant-Covenant hould be good, and oblige him to ferve out that time, before he fhould have the benefit and ufe of his Trade, or be freed from his Mafter.

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This Cuftom of London is the Common Law of London, and will ftand good againft the Common Law of the Kingdom, there being no Statute that controuls, but many that confirms it : And an action thereon will hold in any Court againft any Apprentice fo bound, and inrolled, that fhall go from his Mafter after feven years end (without his confent) before the expiration of the refidue of the term in his Indentures, and futable damage will be recovered.

Note alfo that the Covenants of Apprentifhip of any perfon under twenty one years of age will not bind him, (but is utterly void in Law ) unlefsit be inrolled, before the Chamberlain of London, or the Juftices in the Counties, or the Officers in Corporations, according to Law and Cuftom.

Note further that Aliens (that is, thofe born out of the Kings Dominions, and of Parents out of the Kings obedience) not made Denizens, are difabled by our Laws to follow (as Mafters) the Goldfmiths Trade, although they have been brought up feven years, as Apprentices thereto See the Decree made in the Star-Chamber the Twentieth day of February, in the 20. Year of Henry VIII. and confirmed by Stat. 2 i Hen.8. 16. the branch thereof to this purpofe is verbation thus, (viz.)
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 bozn out of our obepfante (not feing a Pe= nijen) whith at the day of the mating of
 thig our fealm, as Hexpety anp 5 hop dr Shong withinthe faid fity aud Euburfat

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驾anp other Citp, Town, oz Wurrouth within this mur fealm, ffaff from that dap
 Thamber within our eity of London, $3 \mathfrak{A}$ : hurfigi, de fearifhes fiefoze refocarfa; de within any other $\mathbb{C i t p}$, ©omm, $2 \mathcal{J}$ uraugh, pe 解Hfage within thif our fealm, ufferein he. fhall $\mathfrak{e x c r r i f e}$ and patatice any lqandi: craft of gheifern, uponpain to intur, and run into futt flenaltied as fe contained in the statutci befoze thit time made and entaded.

The Penalties referred to, by the faid Decree and Statute, is mentioned in a branch of the Statute I Rich.3.9. which is verbatim thus, viz.
mazequer, That no perfon not hoza un=
 thati exercife of accupp amp qanditraft; oz the ©ctupation of ant Mandicrafteman in Chit fiealm of England; fut that aff fuct perfong, whith after tye faid feaft of Eafter fhall tome into thit fealm, every of them fhafl aepart into their omit countre
 Hing foubjecti ontp, asi fo expert and cunning in futh fitio, slity, and drafty; which the fait stranger can octupy, upon pain of foefeiture of afl their goxat, whity Gall come and dmell in thiz fitalm contra=
 blath be fomin.

Note, That all Aliens and Denizens, are by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. forbidden the ufe of any Handicraft Trades, named or intended by that

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Statute, that have not been Apprentices thereto feven years, or ferved as Apprentices feven years within this Kcalm, upon the faid penalty. See for this Hutton, 132. Jenk. Cent. 7. Care 15.
che ane balf of whicy foefeiturex in the rafe of alientifeping houle, \&c. appointen by the faid Statute, tw to be to the aing; the other gale to him os them that mill faze the fante, $\mathfrak{o z}$ purfue foz the fame hy 30 otion of bebt, hit $\mathfrak{D i l l}$ at the $\mathfrak{C o m m a n ~ T a w , ~ h u ~}$ $\mathfrak{W i l l}$ de $\mathfrak{p l a i n t}$ after the $\mathfrak{C u t a m}$ af the $\mathfrak{C t}=$ ty $\mathfrak{c}$ © obun wherefuch finta, foafeitureg,
 Suna that tye Toctudantin ant fuch 3 dition faxil not he admitted to wane ox da fig

 fuch ©efendant in the fame, 1 Rich. 3.9.

And in the cafe of Apprentices, upon the Statute of s Eliz. 4. ©he one half of all joaz= feiturex and foenaltieg axpeef and men= tioned therein, (other than fith as are ex= $\mathfrak{p z e d p}$ athertuife appointed) fhall be ta the
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 $\mathfrak{C b u n t e l}$ befoze rememfued, by 3ation of Tecfo, Infacmation, will of $\mathfrak{T o m p l a i n t}$

 $\mathfrak{b c a l f o w e i a . ~}$

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Ind that the faid Tuftieg, of two $\mathfrak{a f}$ them, bubcraf one to he af the Quorum, and the faid befitents and $\mathfrak{c o u n c c t e}$ asim afoefaid; ?tio the fatd mapozs ozother
 rate, fhall fawe full Foiver and Wutyoitu to thear and detcrmine aff and every be, fente and ©ifonese, that ffall fe commit= tedo done againf thix eftatuteqo againf
 ment to fictalien fefoge them in Beffong af the focate, as upan Tindemation, ofation
 $\mathfrak{E x h i b i t e d}$ ge anp perfon:and fafl and may $\mathfrak{y p}$ bittue tricof makt peocer againft tax Defendant, andaward execution, asin any other cafe they latufulty may by anp
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 fatute, that thaff be faum hefoze them, into the court of Exchequer in fike font and form as they fic houm to tertifie the
 tures tolo lofthefoze them, any thing in this statute contained to the contrary not= witytanding.

Now as I have fhewn fome reafons for the making that branch in the Statute for confining perfons io feven years Apprentifhip to follow the Manual Trades, fo I think it neceffary to give you the reafons for making the Laws againft Aliens, following (as Mafters) any Manual Trade

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within this Realm; which reafons are amply fet down, both in the Preamble of the afore-mentioned Decree, and in the faid Statute of I Rich. 3.9. Thofe in the Statute are verbat mo thus, viz.
 and otfict Etranters not bozt under the \#fing Oberame, bo daily refot and re=
 tieg, $\mathfrak{B u t r o u g h y}$, and Towns of the faid natalm, muty maze than thep were wont to too in times paft and intanit he themflued in the faid fatmwith their noiveg, $\mathfrak{C y i t}=$ den, and flouthold, and wiff not take up: on them any labozioug octupation ; ax going ta forow, de rart, and other like hu: finets, but ufe the making of ©loth, and
 and heing and conbey from the parts be: pond the 5 ea areat futhonte of Bares and $\mathfrak{g c r c h a n d i z e g}$ to faits and shartety, and all other places of thig fiealm at their pleafure; and there fell the fame, as bell bip fertail ad otherwife; ax frcely as amy of the fintge subjettis ufe to $\mathfrak{D a}$, to the great dammane and impoberifment of the fings fatid subjetts:

3tnd will in no wife fuffer noz tafte any of the finga faid subitate to mazk mith them, Gut they talfe onlp into their $\mathfrak{B e r}$ : site, prople froen in their olm dountrey; tothereby the fingt faid sublicts foz fack of ©etupation fall into iblinets, and he Chieveg, 2 bengati, Dagnbondy, and peo ple of bicious living, to the great per=

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 turbante foth of the fing and all hig雔解解．
 co mityin this Ifatim， $\mathfrak{b y} 2 \mathfrak{D u p i n g}$ and Solling，oz bu futh cafie octupations and leandicrafty，great fuhtante of sombs， mith the fame futifatce rivego out af thy faid fealm，to futh parts beyond the $\mathfrak{s a}$ ， ag tyem lifety hef，and there furno the fame goond oftentimeg amongf the fintat 3ndurfarieg and enemieg，to the freat Damage of our $\mathfrak{s o b r e f i g n}$ Iozd the fing and hit 5 yhjeta，and impoucribing of thit ifealm，and the fommont of the fame．

3Ind fo by the accafion of the pecmifies， the fublitante of the Ingabitants in the faid $\mathfrak{c i t i c}$ ， 2 muroughx，and eamms noto of late thaty faflen，and daily boty faff into great poderty and derau，to their great unooing ；unlefs the lingy gratomy aid he tothem inthip heyalf fhemed．

The reafons in the afore recited Decree made in the 20 Hen．8．are verbatim thus，（viz．）
motere of late our true and faityful $\mathfrak{F u b}=$
 boen under aur ofocpance，intiabiting within our dity of London，and the suburg of the fame，exhifited unto ux a famenta＝ ble $23 i f f$ of $\mathfrak{C o m p l a i n t}$ ；containing，that notwityfanding many good and neteflary
 bem pubitifed，dezained，and made；and efpectally one in the firft pear of 推ing Ri－

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chard the ©fitio ; and the other feime made in the firityoat of the fieign of our bearef Father of noble sifmozu, Henry VII. Yate
 15. year of but ficign, conterning stran: Hers, Firtificts, and handictafic=men, hoze out of our ofochance, ufimg anderer: cifing tanaicrafta mityin this our fatam $\mathfrak{o f}$ England, $\mathfrak{a x} \mathfrak{w c l l}$ foz the $\mathfrak{r a f t a i n i n g ~ o f ~}$ the exectibe number, and untasonate be: habiour of the fame oftangets titiaters,
 timual refozt and repair finto the out faid Fifalm, waily intreafer, to the great de=
 tificers of the fame fanditrafty and gep ftericg, mid of otycr fumber incondentit: cticg ; bp octafion that dituerg of the fatio Subicta foc latk of octupation fall into iulcnitit.
 dectits and faftionex, patifo by the faid
 crafty, to the great dammate and fors of uxi, and of all $\mathfrak{c u t}$ faid natural subjerts.
©he faid strangers 3 utificers, nothing pondering oz decading tye faid statutes, ne the penalties in the fame contained and $\mathfrak{e x p z e f i c i}$, teafe not contemptuouth as wifl to abute the faid statuteg, and mof part entirely to infringe and beraf the fame.

Sind to actumulate from time to time
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 ment of the comanumalty of thia out zitalm; and out lobing Subjects of the fame ; foe tobicn anu farch fafl be made in enarpleandicraft bithin anp ©ity, comn, aitalm, hu our sulijeta, the faid mar=
 Fat of handictaftemen, luithin anp $\mathfrak{C i t y}$,

 bepfance, inizahitint bithm our faia $\mathfrak{c i t p}$, Coun, $\mathfrak{o} 2 \mathfrak{Z u r r o u g h} \mathfrak{C o p p o z a t e}$, ufing amb teandicraft, ye he Ferizen, o? nat Bent= $\mathfrak{z e n}$; the faid $\mathfrak{s t r a n g e r}$ feine a foumbl: $\mathfrak{a c r}, \mathfrak{a g}$ hefoec $\mathfrak{y}$ faid, living lawfulty yar= ned and reguircd thercunto, attozoing to
 tp tyercin, of cffe be miff give fecret warne $\mathfrak{i n g}$ thercof to $\mathfrak{b i z} \mathfrak{5 z e t h z e n}$ of the faid $\mathfrak{C r a f t g}$.

Maberedy they haur not only conterped and hid alf their unlawful, untrue, fubtil and deceitful Wares, which they untruly, fubtilly, and unfubftantially, and deceitfully have made, and daily make and utter to our $\mathfrak{b u b j e t g}$ at $\mathfrak{e x}=$ reftue and unteafonable pitex, to the ifreat detriment and dammage of our faid Suf jedw, fut alfotycir servantig mid 3 lppzen= tices thep babe fid from the fnolufedge of the fain Bardent, when any futh farty thath happenca to he maxe.

Tha fo the defralud the fame good and fonozable statute and olit fo that theres. of 1 lolaf (ul puniament could, tan, might,

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of mapinfue atcozding tothe tenoz, purpozt, ande ffer of the faid statute, hat fyer cons temn, detpife, and fet at naught the fame; wherchu, ama bp the otyel unlawful meang $\mathfrak{a f o c}$ faid, the baify incrafe in great fit theg, and ingreat maltinide in mumber df Strangers, thandicraftemen boet out of $\mathfrak{n u t}$ oncyfatre.

Ond when tycu fabe gatycred muth ini the $\mathfrak{n d}$ ghoncy, tycy agaimit our Iawd canuen the fame $\mathfrak{m o n c}$ daer the 5 an.

2nd then they alcoga oure the sia into their own $\mathfrak{C a m i n t i e d}$, and there purchafe them wande and Fincmats mith part thereof; and with the refioue of the fame thed live thereho ; and fometimes thep con= bert part thereaf to the uff af dir enemica in thare parts.
 mainers, and all our subicta fandierafte men, bozn within our Ohepfance, hy the meana afozfaio he foze impoucrifted, mis niffed, and almoftutterln decapco and ic: froped ; and many of them foe farte of ore cupation in the fationandicrafto, be cons
 mbereat thep $\mathfrak{d o c}$ continually fall to $\mathbb{T h e f t}$, sharder, and other great ©ffuct: ; and tonfeguently in great numbera be put to


Which reafons, if well confidered, and compared with the prefent grievances of our Manual Tradef-men, their condition will appear to be as bad as then, or rather worfe.

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The nature of their prefent cafe is thus, The poorer fort of Aliens of all forts of manual Trades, not able to live in their own Countrey, and others of them of extravagant difpofitions, have and do daily come into this Realm; and inftead of becoming Houfhold-fervants to ourNatives-Artificers, (which is allowed by our Laws, and the Laws of Nations to each of them for one month at one place, for their fuftenance as Travellers) do fettle at firft in private corners, and in Garrets, and fuch like places, and chiefly in the out-parts of this City, and then for their prefent fuftenance, by one means or other, with extraordinanary neceffitated-diligence, they make Works, and then about with it they go, fometimes to the Gentry, and fometimes to the Native-Trader-men-Shop-keepers, and the fame works do fell for lefs profit than they could afford them, did they live like men.

The reafon thereof is, for that they know they tranfgrefs our Laws, and cannot withftand the feverity of them, unlefs by fuch their cheap felling they get favour amongit forme ill-minded Na tives that value not the ruine of the publick, So they can advance tbeir prefent private benefit.

And when got into a way of Trade, they make their Works flight, unlawful, and fraudulent, and fo by any deceitful means in their Trades, they get confiderable Riches, with which they either return into their own Countrey, or elfe procure themfelves to be Naturalized or made Denizens; and then their names being up, they fell all their Works (which do not in the leaft in WorkmanChip, exceed the Works of our Natives) at prices much above them.

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And it is notorionfy known, that our Natives expofing their own Works to fale awongst the Gentry, have been fighted, and their Works 50 undervalued, that the fame Works they have put into the hands of Aliens of the Same Trades; who being employed on purpofe, have expoled thofe Works to the fame Gentry, and bave obtained, not only the defired prices of the Owners, but a confiderable furplufage to the benefit of themfelves.

Now obferve the ill confequence of fuffering thele poor Caterpiller-Aliens thus to incroach and undermine us.

Our poor natural Englifh Manual Tradefmen (which are innumer.able) in all probability might live well and comfortable on their Trades, they being in the general no whit inferior therein, to any people in the world: Thefe I fay, feeing their Trades thus undermined, are forced (of meer neceffity) to the fame deceitful courfes as the Aliens take, or ftarve, that is, make their Works light and adulterate, and fell cheap, and fo low, that (notwithftanding the benefit by fuch fraud) their gains will not fupport them.

And here is the advantage the Aliens have, they are accuftomed from the beginning to a courfe, and mean Diet, and mean and dirty Apparel, which our Natives never were ufed to; nor can they fubfift with it: And our Natives Artificers are generally Contributers to all Taxes fcot and lot, which thefe Aliens are freed from by living here in boles and coraers. And thus when the gains are equal, and the expence of the natural Englifh fo much above the Aliens, 'tis no marvel that thefe Aliens flourifh and grow rich, and the na-

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tural Englifh Artificers become Beggars and Thieves.

As to the great fraud and abure to the people in Gold and Silver Works, whence doth it arifes it is plain it comes from this root, The Aliens-Artificers undermine us, by ill pratices, and the natural Englifh Artificers muft do fo too; that is, get by fraud what they lofe by decay in their Trades: Now take away the caufe and the effect will follow; fupprefs and prevent thefe Caterpiller Aliens, and the natural Englifh Goldfmiths will all be eafily brought to make lawful, fubttantial, and curious Goldfriths Works: and it cannot be fuppofed they will be unreafonable in their gains, fince it is apparently true, that there is not occafion or ufe amongft us, for the quantities of Works in fafhion that the natural Englifh Artificers can with their ordinary diligence make up fit for fale and ufe.

Now it is unreafonable for any to fuppofe that to give free liberty (by a Law) for the mean and poor Aliens to come into this Realm, and to follow and exercife the Manual Trades (with as much freedom and liberty as the Natives) will, according to that general faying, (to wit) make us the more flourifhing and rich, becaufe the more popular ; when it is apparent it will (on the contrary) endanger thofe poor Aliens, their Wives and Childrens falling to the charge of the Parithes, and make us the more poor and beggerly; efpecially the Manual Tradefmen, who are not the leait part of the people of this Kingdom.

But if Authority could order it fo, that the Merchants and wealthy Aliens (not being Artificers

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or Handicraftf-men ) could be perfwaded to come and fettle amongft us, I am confidently perfwaded, that inftead of caufing difcontent in our Natives, it would be their exceeding joy, to fee by this means this Kingdom in fo probable a way of growing great, both in Riches and Honor; or if there were fome new Manufacture fet on foot amongft us, and we not having Natives to fupply or mannage it, then in fuch cafes if the poor Aliens-Artificers were ithvited over, and employed only therein, it may not a little contribute to our advantage.

To conclude this digreffion, in the afore-mentioned cafe of Aliens-Artificers, and in the cafes of ferving feven years Apprentifhips, to follow the Manual Trades, two parties are in conteft, (viz.) the perfons enjoying priviledges by our Laws; and the perfons fraudulently, and unlawfully, incroaching into, leffening, and taking away thofe priviledges; now what difference is there betwixt this fraud, and the taking away unlawfully a mans Lands,Tenements, Goods or Chattels, which are all enjoyed by our Laws? 'Tis only this, The tatter is a property in (pecie, and fuppofed certainty; the other is a property accidental.

The Natural born, and Naturalized Artificers of this Realm, have not only a common property by Birth or Naturalization, to have, receive, and enjoy all the advantages and benefit that do or thall arife, from the working or making the Manual Works made in this Realm (they having been brought up in this Realm feven years as Apprentices thereto) but alfo every man fo brought up, hath paid'a confiderable price for fuch his priviledge

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viledge (to wit) a confiderable fum of money to be bound Apprentice, and feven years fervice befides, which amounts to a greater value; and then comes in the Aliens-Artificers, and they, with ot hers who never ferved feven years, enter upon there priviledges, and immunities, having no right thereto, they never having been at fuch coft and charges, or labour amongft us, for gaining the Trades they thus intrude into and follow : therefore no reafon they fhould be fuffered to enjoy any of them, but be efteemed as injuions as Thieves and Robbers ; and the rigor of our Laws inflicted on them: And little reation there is that the Robbers on the High-way (their fo doing being no offence but by the Law) fhould be fo feverely profecuted, and thefe fort of perfons (whofe offence is all one in effect) be tolerated and connived at, when the intent of our Laws is to preferve every ones property, and was made for the punifhing all invaders thereof. But to re= turn to my intended defign.

IFany perfon hath bought or received (of any Worker or feller of Silver-work) any kind of Silver-Wares fufpected to be deceitful, the fame deceit may be known without deing prejudice to the work, by rubbing the Plate in fome place leaft in fight, with a File of indifferent finenefs; and if it be worfe than Sterling, it will appear Yellowif, or elfe file it a little, and rub the place filed on a clean Touch -ftone, and clote by it rub the edge of a good Half crown-piece, or fuch like thick money, and the difference, if any, will appear.

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The reafon that I direct the filing the Work, is this, ( to wit) that the Artificial boiling of courfe Silver-work, will fo eat or diffolve the Allay that is on the furface or outfide thereof, that unlefs it be filed as abovefaid, it will Touch on the Touch-ftone fix-pence or eight-pence in the ounce better then it is.

Note, It is caufe to furpect that the Silver is very courfe, when the work do rife in Blifters, or Peel, or Scale off in thin Scurf or Flakes; which Scaling, Scurf or Bliftering, is caufed by the eating the Allay as aforefaid, and the Silver thus feperated from the Allay, will remain of an infirm fpungy body, and therefore will be apt to Peel as aforefaid.

Note further, That to know a good Touchftone, you muft oblerve, That the beft fort are very

Touch-ftones are ufually fold at the Iron-mongers in Fofle:-line, London. black, and of a fine grain, polifhed very fmooth, and without any fpungy or grain-holes; And near the hardnefs of a Flint, but yet with fuch a fharp cutting greet, that it will cut or wear the Silver or Gold when rubbed thereon.

The way to makea true Touch on the Touchftone, is thus; When your Touch-ftone is very clean, which if foul or foily, it may be taken off, by wetting it, and then rubbing it dry with a clean Woollen Cloth; or if fill'd

Thefe Pomice-ftones and Blew Hones, or Smoothing fones, are Sold at the Iron-mongers in Fof er-lisue, $\cdot$ London. with Touches of Gold or Silver. \&rc. it may be taken off by rubbing the Touchftone (if very hard) with a fine Pomice-ftone, if not very

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 very hard, with a fine Blew-Hone firft, and then with a well burnt Charcole in water, and it will make it very clean; and obferve, the fmoother you make the Touch-ftone, the clearer will be the Touch : Therefore whether you ufe a Pomiceftone, Hone, or Charcole, prepare them very even, and rub them on the Touch-ftone very lightly, and crofs the grain of the Touch-ftone, if any grain there be : Then (your Silver being filed as above-faid) rub it fteadily and very hard on the ftone, not fpreading your Touch above a quarter of an inch long, and no broader then the thicknefs of a Five-fhilling-piece of Silver; And fo continue rubbing it until the place of the fone whereon you rub, be like the Metal it felf: And when every fort is rubbed on, that you intend at that time, wet all the touch't places with your Tongue, and it will fhew it felf in its own countenance.If it appear by thefe ways to be worfe than Standard, you may carry or fendit to the Galdfmiths AJay-Office aforefaid;and upon your defire, the Officers there will make an aflay of the fame, and give you a true report of the value thereof in writing, and return the Ware (and Silver taken off for the Affay) to you again, and no more defaced than what is done by the fcraping of the Silver for the affay.

But if you are minded to keep the matter more concealed, you may artificially cut or fcrape between 18 and 24 grains from fome one part, or from all the parts of the work (except the foddered places) (for lefs in weight than between 18 and 24 grains is not fufficient for an affay)

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Then in a piece of paper of about 6 inches long, and 4 inches broad, At the one end write down the Owners name, and the day of the Month and Ycar; (the reafon for dating the Affay paper, is to prevent delay in the Affay-Mafter, and the miftake of the time it was or ought to be Affayed in, if it fhould happen to be queftioned) and at the other end put the cuttings. or fcrapings of Silver in a fold, turning in the corners once, to prevent the fhedding the Silver, and fo fold up all the paper to the name fo written on the top as aforefaid. The manner and form for folding up the faid Paper, and of the Affay-Mafter's Entry of his report in fuch Paper is here prefented by a Coper Cut.

## Here place the Copper Cut.

Then carry or fend it to the Gold-fmiths AffayOffice as aforefaid (which is now on the South part of their Hall in Foffer-lane, London) on a $;$ of the Affay-days aforefaid, before the hour $\% \mathrm{f} 9$ in the morning, and leave it with the Affay-Mafter or his Servant, and at 6 of the Clock or before in the Afternoon the fame day it will be done; which I conceive will be, with the more courteous, careful, and ready performance (efpecially to ftrangers) to prevent fufpition of their being difaffected to the reformation, or favourers of fuch: And by calling there for the Affay,by the name in the Paper, it will be delivered, upon the payment of $2^{\text {d }}$, which is the accuftomed Fee for the making of an Affay of Silver. But all Workers in Goldfmiths works in London, and three Miles compais of the fame (whofe Markes are entred




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on the Table of Marks in the Office) are not to pay any thing for their Silver Affrays brought on the Affay-day-eve, or on the Aflay-day before 9 of the Clock in the Morning; and if after (in the fame day) to pay $2{ }^{\text {d. for every Allay; fee the }}$ Table of Orders in the Affay-Office: This is done Gratis to the Workers, that they may always readily make and knoiv their Silver to be Sterling before they work it.

In which Paper the Affray Matter will enter his report thereof in writing in manner following.

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If it be Ten penny weight
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If it be an ounce, and? nine penny weight worre worf, he will write $S$


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If it be one ounce and? $0 \frac{8}{3} d w t$ fifteen penny weight worse wore, he will write-

If it be an ounce and nineteen penny weight
wore, he will write - worse $\overbrace{}^{2}$

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And fo proceeding higher according as he finds the Silver courfer, and with Numeral Lettersfetting down what 'tic wore than Sterling or Standare.

And it mut be obferved, whatever weight he fees down, it is to be ac-

Sec more Examples of Allays of Silver, and the value thereof catt ups in the Catalogue of Foreign Coins, at the latter end inserted. counted fo much in every pound, or twelve ounces Troy.

And that if Standard Sillverb be at five fillings the ounce Troy, for every penny weight that 'ti reported wore, you mut account'tis worfe by formany farthings in the ounce; and for every ounce that is reported wore, you muff account 'is wore by to many times five pence in every ounce: and for work and charge to refine it, you mut alpo account one penny for every ounce that 'ti reported wore. For examole.

In the Copper Cut is a Silver Affay, reported wore than Standard three ounces, and eight pen-

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ny weight : Firft, count for the three ounces, fifteen pence, and for eight penny-weight, eight farthings or two pence : and for work and charge to refine it, three pence half-penny: all which being added together, make one fhilling, eight pence half-penny ; which take out of five fhillings, there remains three fhillings and three pence halfpenny, the value of an ounce of fuch courfe Silver, which is one fhilling, eight pence half-penny in every ounce worle than Stand filver (of the price aforefaid) as in the Copper Cut ; and comes to this effect, (viz.) that for every twenty penny weight, or ounce Troy that 'tis reported worfe than Standard, you muft account fix pence, and fo proportionable for more or Icfs; for fo much it will coft for every ounce of fuch courfe Silver to make it of Sterling goodnefs, or to change it for Sterling.

When you have fo done, and your Silver being found and reported worfe than Sterling, you may apply your felf to the perfon of whom you received or bought the courfe work, and demand the return of the Money which you paid for the fame, (upon your return of the Ware) or what other fatisfaction thall be reafonable; and upon refufal (which I dare affert, will not be by one of twenty, if the work be materially faulty) you may make your Complaint to the Mafter-Warden of the Goldfmiths, he will caufe the Offender (living in or about London) to be fummoned to appear at the next Court of the faid Company (which ufually hath been, and will be about eleven of the Clock on Wednefdays and Fridays, or one of them (if working-days) in every Week at their

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Common Hall) and upon evidence of the Fact, the Wardens will (being obliged thereto by Law) procure you recompence, and punifh the Offender ; they having promifed fo to do in their late Precept hereafter inferted.

If you diflike thofe ways of proceeding, you may go by way of Action of Debt, Bili, 1 laint, or Information, at the furt of the party grieved, who may fue in any of the Courts of Record at Westminster, and thereby recover the value of the whole deceitful or adulterated Wares, together with his Charges, according to the faid Statute of 18 Eliz.

There are alfo other ways of proceeding in there cafes, as the afore-mentioned Statutes do p'ainly direct: as by Indictment at the Common Law for a Cheat and Offender againft the Crown : in which cafes the Courts do ufually impofe Fincs futable to the Offence in all their circumftances, and fometimes the Pillory: after all which the party grieved may bring his AAtion, and recover the dammage fuftained.

Note, It is material, that you keep an account of the Day, or Month, and Year in which you bought the courfe Works; and when you have privately procured an Affay thereof, and do find it to be materially courfe, the fecureft way will be to deliver the Work it felf into the hands of the Affay-Mafter, for him to Affay it again ; and then fub-pana him to bring the Work into Court, and.give evidence how much it is warfe than Standard.
Note alfo, It is good evidence that one or more do fwear (at the Tryal) that the Counterfe:t

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Gold or Silver-Work was fold (by the perfon in queftion, or his Wife, or Servant) by the name of Gold or Silver ; and there is no need to prove that it was fold in the name of, or for Standard: or that the Seller faid, I will warrant it to be good Gold, or Silver ; or Standard-Gold, or Sterling-Silver: for our Laws allows no Metal in Works to be accounted or called by the name of Gold or Silver ; but that Gold and Silver of the finenefs of Standard, or the Standard Allay.

Therefore, of whomfoever you buy the Work, let this be nicely obferved, that the Seller do Jay it is Gold, or it is Silver; or the Buyer asking for Gold or Silver Works by the proper name ; as for a Silver Hilt, or a Silver Buckle, or for a Gold Ring, đૅc. and the Seller do upon fuch defire, fell or deliver it as fuch to the Buyer.

And that the Buyer may be the more certain at the Tryal, that the courfe Works in queftion was bought by him or her ; it is very material, that before it depart out of their hands, a piece of Packthread without knot be put through the folid part of the Work, and a piece of paper (whereon is the day of the Month and Year, in which it was bought; and the name and weight of the Work, and the name of the Seller, his Sign, and Street) be fealed in the inclofing knot of the Packthread; and the Buyer keeping the Seal, cannot be miftaken, although the Work have been abfent, and in reveral other hands after it was bought.

But this rule is the moft ufeful, where feveral Works are bought.of one or feveral perfons, but not where the Buyer can certainly know the Work

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(by any Charractar) to be the fame he bought of fuch a perfon-Trader therein, but the time of buying the Work is of fuch concern that it muft not be omitted.

And that the perfons aggrieved may be the better encouraged to proceed for their recompence, and to punifh the Offenders, I have here inferted a true Copy of an Indictment in Latin, and the fame renderedinto Englifh, taken out of the Original (now remaining of Record in the Crown-Office) that was preferred (in Trintty Term, in the 28 year of the Reign of King Cbarles the Second, ©̛c.) before the Grand-Jury of Enqueft (attending the Kings-Bench Court at Weftminfer) againft a perfon-offender in the Premiffes; which Bill (being drawn up, and this way of proceeding contrived by the advice of reveral Counfel learned in the Law) may ferve (with fome little variations, as occafion may be) for a good prefident in the like cafes.

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Midd ff. $T^{\mathrm{H}} \mathrm{E}$ Jury for our Sovereign Lord the King upon their Oath do prefent, That A.B. late of the Pariih of St. Martin in the Fields in the County aforefaid, Goldfmith, who was brought up in the Trade of a Goldfmith; and for three years and more now laft paft hath exercifed the fame Trade within the Parifh aforefaid in the County aforefaid, and for all that time there, was a Freeman of the Myitery of Goldfmiths of the City of London, and there by colour of his faid Trade made and caufed to be made very many Veffels and other things of Silver, and there fold and expofed to fale to divers Liege People of our faid Sovertign Lord the King that now is, and that the faid $A . B$. well knowing that all Veffels and other things hene

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expored and fet to fale by men of the Myftery of Goldfniths of the City of London within the City aforefaid and elfewhere, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver agreeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of our faid Sovereign Lord the King ; and ought before the fale thereof to be affayed and marked by the Wardens of the Myftery of Goldfmiths of the City of London with the mark of the Leopairds Head; which Wardens are lawfully entrufted with the Mark to mark Veflels and other things made of Gold and Silver agreeing with the Standard aforefaid before the fale thereof: Neverthelefs the faid $A$. B. being a perfon of an evil and difhoneft difpofition, and evilly devifing and fraudulently $\mathfrak{a r m}$

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intending the Liege People and Subjects of our faid SovereignLord the King that now is, fallly, unlawfully, deceitfully, craftily, and fubtilly to dective and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the one and twentieth day of fanuary, in the Seven and twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, © $c$. at the Parifh of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County aforefaid, fallly, fraudulently, and knowingly, did make and fafhion threefcore draw Girdle Buckles, and eight Shooe Buck'es of impure and bafer Sitver than it ought to be, not agreeing with the Silver of the Standard aforefaid; that is to fay,

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ry ounce thereof wor－ fer than the Silver a－ greeing with the Stan－ dard aforefaid；And thofe things fo made and fathioned before any Affay or Mark of the fame by the War－ dens of the Myftery of Goldfmiths of the City of London aforefaid，or either of them，After－ wards，that is to fay，on the fame one and twen－ tieth day of fanuary， in the aforefaid feven and twentieth year of the Reign of our faid Sovereign the King that now is，at the Pa－ rifh of St．Martin in the Fields in the Coun－ ty aforefaid，as things made wholly of good and true Silver agree－ ing with the Standard aforefaid，fallly，unlaw－ fully，deceitfuilly，and fraudently expofed to fale；And then and there expofed to fale， and fold to divers liege People of our faid So－

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vereign Lord the King that now is, unknown to the Jury aforefaid, in contempt of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, and of his Laws, to the great damage and manifeft deceit of the faid liege People who bought the faid draw-Girdles-Buckles, and Shooe-Buckles, to the evil example of all others offending in the like cafe, againft the peace of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, his Crown and Dignity.

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This Information following was preferred againft a perfon-Offender in the premiffes, and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.

De Term. Sancti Michaelis An. Reg.Dom. Noftri Car' Secundi Reg. Anglix,\&c. xxix.

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Michaelmas Term in the Nine and twentieth year of the Reign of our SovereignLord Charles the Second, now King of England, $\sigma \sigma$ :

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 S. A. Efq; Coroner and Attorney of the Lord the King, in the Court of the faid King, before the faid King, who for the faid Lord the King in this behalf followeth, in his proper perfon came here in the Court of the faid Lord the King, before the faid Kiing at Weftminfter, on Tuefday, next after three weeks of St. Michael, the fame Term, and for the faid Lord the King, gave to the Court here to underftand and be informed, that $C$. D. of the ampliug
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the Parifh of St.Marting in thie Fields, in the County of Middefex Goldfmith, who for three years and more now laft paft, the Trade of a Goldfmith in the County aforefaid hath exercifed, and there by colour of his faid Trade made and caufed to be made very many Veffels and other things of Silver, and expofed to fale to divers Liege people of the faid Lord the King that now is ; And the faid $C$. D. well knowing that all Veffels, and other things made of Silver, and expored and fet to fale by men of the Myftery of Goldfmiths within the County aforeflaid and elfewhere within this Kingdom of England, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver agreeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of the faid Lord the King: Neverthelefs the faid

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$C . D$ ．being a perfon of an evil and difhoneft difpofition，and evilly devifing，and fraudu－ lently intending the Liege People and Sub－ jects of the faid Lord the King that now is， fally，unlawfully，craf－ tily and fubtilly，to de－ ceive and defraul，and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of Eng－ land，on the fixth day of Spetember，in the nine and twentieth year aforefaid，and di－ vers other days and times，then before，at the Parifh of St．Martin in the Fields，in the County aforefaid，fix Silver Hilts for Swords， fix Silver Pommels for Hilts of Swords；three Silver Lockets，and fix filver Chapes for Scab－ bards，together weigh－ ing thirty four ounces and more of impure and bafer Silver than it ought to be；viz．of Silver not agreeing with the Silver of the tar

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Standard aforefaid, being eightcen pence in every ounce thereof worfer than the Silver agreeing with the Standard aforefaid by force and Arms, C゙C. fallly, unlawfully, fraudulently, and knowingly, to one R. L. one of the Liege People and ₹ubjects of the faid Lord the King that now is, then and there as things made wholly of good and true Silver, agreeing with the Standard aforefaid, expofed to fale, and fold, in contempt of the faid Lord the King that now is, and of his Laws, to the evil example of all others offending in the like cafe againft the peace of the faid Lord theKing that now is, his Crown \& Dignity, ơ $c$.

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This Indictment following was preferr'd at the Seffions bolden at Guild-hallLondon, arainft a Man anda Woman Partners Offenders in the Premiffes; and was removed by Certiorari into the Kings-bench-Court; and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.

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Lond. ff. Ml ${ }_{\text {dum, hat }}^{\text {Emoran- }}$ at the General Seffions of the Peace of the Lord the King, held for the City of London at the Guilddaall of the fame City, and within the fame City, on Wednefday, that is to fay, the $14^{t h}$. day of November, in the Nine and Twentieth year of the Reign our Soveraign Lord Cbarles the Second, by the grace of God of England,Scotland, France and Ire$\mathfrak{M E i l i t}$

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land King，Defender of the Faith，ơc．Before F．G．Knight，Lord Mayor of the City of London，T．A．Knight and Barronet，7．L． Knight，T．B．Knight， $C \cdot D$ ．Kinght，and 7．E． Knight，Aldermen of theCity aforefaid，Jufti－ ces Affigned to keep the Peace of the aforefaid Lord the King in the City aforefaid；as alfo to hear and determine divers Fellonies，Tref－ paffes and other Mifde－ meanours within the fame City committed， by the Oath of twelve of the Jury ，good and lawful men of the City of London aforefaid； who then and there be－ ing Sworn and charged to enquire for the faid Lord the King，and the body of the City afore－ faid；it is prefented that $E . F$ ．of the Parifh of St．Andrew Holborn，in the Ward of Farringdon without Lendon afore－ faid，Goldfmith ；other－

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wife called $\bar{E} G$. of the Parifh and Ward aforefaid Goldfmith ; and H.7. of the Parifh and Ward aforefaid, Widdow; who for three years and more, now laft paft, the Trade of a Goldfmith in the City of London and. Subburbs of the fame, have Exercifed, and either of them hath Exercifed; and there by colour of the faid Trade, they made and caufed to be made, and cither of them made and caufed to be made very many things of Silver, and to divers Liege people of the faid Lord the King, that now is, then expofed to Sale, and either of them expofed to Sale: And that the faid $E . F$. alias $G$. and H.7.well knowing, and either of them well knowing,that all things made of Silver, and by perfors ufing the Trade and Miftery of Goldfmiths, expofed and trmonti

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fet to Sale within the City aforefaid,and elfewhere within this Kingdom of England, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver, A freeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of the faid Lord the 'King. Neverthelefs, the faid E.F. alias $G$. and 1H. 7. being perfons of an evil and difhoneft difpofition, and evilly devifing and fraudently intending the Liege people and Subjects of the faid Lord the King. Then fally, unlawfully, craftily and fubtilly to deceive and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the Thirtieth day of $A u$ $g u f$, in the nine and twentieth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, \&c. At Lon-

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Now will any perfon be difcouraged, by the apprehenfion or fancy, that the trouble will be fo great in getting recompence, that it were better to bear the lofs and be contented fo to be cheated, when the way and rules I have laid down are fo plain, founfeignedly true, and fo eafily to be followed, that every perfon (of the capacity but one degree above a Natural) may be capable thereof.

And fince there Directions are fo plain, 'tis pity but he fhould be cheated that will not ufe them for prevention, or to get recompence when deceived.

But it is to be obferved, that there is a fet and limited time for proceeding in thefe cafes in courfe of Law ; which time being expired, all perfons are totally barr'd therein: See the Statute $3 \mathbf{r}$ Eliz. 5. \& Stat. 2 I fac. 16. the branches thereof to this purpofe are Verbatimathus (viz.)

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And my further Advice is, That every perfon be careful to buy no Silver Work but what is

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markedas the Laws xequire:That is, the Ineoperdg: $\mathfrak{b e a d}$, or IDon, or both; and alfo the Môkerg marh be fet on all manner of Befficti, and all manner of $\mathbf{f i l t y}$ for $\mathfrak{s w o z} \mathbf{w}$, and 25 uthles (for Girdles and Belts) andotber Harnefs of Silver; and alfo the Workers mark on allother fort s.of Silver Workswhatfoever (except as aforefaid) and if that proves naught,recompence is eafily.had; either of the Company, if marked with their Marks (which by reafon of the care taken therein are not fet on Silver, worfe than Standard, in compafs of my Experience,) or the Maker or Seller by his Mark will be eafily found out whereby to obtain recompence of him.

And in cafe of hafte, where the Buyer cannot ftay for the Companies Marks, I advife him to take care that he know the Workman to be able and honeft, and his mark upon every part of the Work that is wrought afunder, and afterwards foddered together as aforefaid.

The Intent thereof is, that the Buyer fhould take care that the Worker and Seller be Honeft; then there will be the lefs fear of being cheated: But if the Work happen amiss, unknown to the Maker, by ill Servants or the like, and he be only Honeff, and not Able; how then will the recompence be made ? But if he be both Able and Honeff, his Honeft Inclinations with his Ability of Purfe, will never fuffer the wronged perfon togo without fatisfaction.

It is queried, Whether it be lawful for a Goldfnith, or other Trader in Goldfmiths Works, to Sell, Exchange or Barter Gold or Silver Works that is worfe than Standard, if he take no more

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for the Mettal then'tis worth: Or for a Goldfmith to work it, if it be brought by the perfon that is to receive it again when wrought up into Wares; or to work it when 'tis befpoke fo to be by the perfon that will receive it when fo made up; or (it being the Traders own) to keep it in the Shop or other place where the Goldfmiths works are ufually expofed to Sale.

The Solution hercof is of great concern to the R eformation, for thercin is comprehended the grand creeping holes of all Diffenters: Therefore I offer (with all its Circumftances) to the ferious confideration of the Shop-keepers and Workmen, and all other perfons concerned, this my anfwer, which is by way of Caution and Advice.

That it is Pofitively againft the Laws afore recited, for a Goldfmith to Shape or Fa/bion Gold or Silver that is worfe than Standard into any fort of Work, and the fame Workmanfbip to Sell, expofe to Sale, Exchange or Barter; And all fuch Works be utterly unlawful, and therefore not to be Sold, expofed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered by any Trader thereon, under any pretence or colour whatfoever, be it for the juft value, or more or lefs. And if the Worker do receive Courfe Gold or Silver to Work for another, and is only payed for the Fafbion; or the Courfe Gold or Silver being his own, do receive but the juft value thereof, and any thing above that for the Workmanhbip; yet fuch Metal and WorkmanThip being Sold or Bartered, if it happen to be queftioned, both the Maker and Seller will be lyable, and may be punifhed as the Laws appoint.

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For although the firt Buyer, or Receiver-Shopkeeper, may not be cheated, yet its too true that fuch falfe Works will by him be fold or Bartered to the Wearer in the ftead or name, and for the price of good and lawful Gold or Silver-Works: Therefore to prevent all Confequential Deceits in thefe Cafes, the Laws are pofitive, that no Gold or Silver worfe than Standard, fhall be wrought, thaped or fafhioned into any manner of Goldfmiths works whatfoever; and (having any the leaft of Fafbion or Workmanfbip, fit for the ufe it was made ) be Sold, put to fale, exchanged, or bartered by any Trader therein, under any pretence or colour whatfoever. See the afore cited Statutes 28 Ed. 1. 20. 37 Ed.3.7. 2 Hen. 6. 14. 18. Eliz. 15.

The beft Excufe that can be made in thefe cafes is, That fuch courfe Work is for the bringers or befpeakers own wearing: If that be true, the danger is the lefs, becaufe the Worker lyes open only to one; But his Wirdom would be the greater, not to lay himfelf open to any.

And if any fuch unlawful Works (either new or old) do happen to be bought, or received in barter, by the Worker or Shopkeeper in the way of their Trades. The fecurelt courfe to prevent danger therein, is to immediatly fuoil and deface the Fajhion or Workmanfbip thereof, and then the Wardens or Surveyers have no Authority to Seize it in their Search; and the Selling, expofing to Sale, Exchanging or Bartering fuch Metal without Workmanfhipis pofitively lawful.

Upon what is here declared, It is hoped no perfons will fuffer themfelves to be deluded with

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the pretences of the Seller of unmarked and fufpected Silver Work, (viz.)

That the Work will not Bear the Marks as before is mentioned; for 'tis manifeft and well known by great experience, That all Silver Works comprehended under the name of $V_{e} \int f e l s$, and under the name of Harne/s, (Hilts for Swords and Buckles being included under that denomination) will bear the Marks appointed with as much conveniency as need to be defired, for the Veffels are generally marked with the bigger Marks aforefaid without exception; and for Silver Hilts and Buckles, (wherein the difficulty is fuppofed to lie) the Company have fmall Marks made on purpofe for them, and the Work being firft marked by the Worker with marks of Ink thus (0) on every place where the Workman thinks if molt convenient to bear the Companies Marks; And the hollow Work being filled with Lead, (which is afterwards to be melted out again) the Wardens will, or may, fome on the Anvil, and fome on other Lead which is put into a Vice for that purpofe, frike their Marks on thofe places,both of wrought and plain Work, without defacing or hurting the fame.

Nor need any perfon be deluded by pretence that the Workmen have not time to get it marked at $G$ Ildfmiths Hall; when if the Work be carried to the Office on any of the Affay-dayes aforefaid, before the hour of Nine in the Morning, they may (if it be good Silver) have it out ready marked at 6 of the Clock, or before in the Afternoon of the fame day.

Nor by pretence that the Work will be fo abufed

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abufed by the frriking thereon the Companies Marks, that it cannot be finifhed Workman-like, or that more Silver will be detained from the Workmen than the allowance of four Grains out of every pound weight of Work.
Nor by the pretence that the Servants of the Companies Officers will abufe the bringer or owner of the Work either in word or demeanour, though fome have been too rude and malapert.

There indeed are principal (though vain) excufes for not bringing their Works for the Companies Marks: for certain it is the Wardens will not allow, but feverely reprehend their Officers and Servants that fhall abufe any perfon or Work whatfoever; or refufe or neglect to make, or return the Affays as before is mentioned; or not return all the Silver with the Work, except the allowance aforefaid.

And if the Wardens refure or neglect tofer their Marks on Silver Work that is Standard, or do not fet thern as they ought; or if they or their Officers or Servants fhall do any daminage to the Work by ftriking the Marks, or refufe to make and report the Affays as aforefaid; or fhall detain any Silver from the Workmen above the allowance of four grains out of every pound weight of Work, an Action well lies againft them; and they are befides by Law otherwife punifhable, and compellable to ftrike their Marks as Work-man-like on the Work as the Maker ftrikes his own Mark thereon : and alfo to perform all other things according to the truft repofed in them: and for neglect or abufe thereof, their Franchifes may be feized into the Kings hapd.

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The truth is, the ready and carefid making and returning the Affays, and marking and returning the Work is of fo great concern, that if it be neglected, and the Workmen thereby difcouraged, they will make any fhift rather than bring their Works to be there approved; and then by confequence fall to working as courfe Gold and Silver as (by their fubtilties) they can put off, to the unskilful.
Nor let the Buyer fuffer himfelf to be deluded at any time upon pretence that Standard Gold or Sifver is toofoft, and not fo ferviceable as that which is courfer; for that pretence is vain: and 'tis well known by great experience (to the honor of the contrivers of that Allay) that both Gold and Silver of the Standard goodnefs well wrought into any forts of Wares, is in every refpect, better and moreferviceable than a courfer Allay.

For Inftance, in fome particular Works on which thofe idle pretences are ge-

* Collets of Rings are the thin Plates that encomparf and faiten the Stoncs; which being made of Gold or S:lver worfe than Standard, will not cloze, but foring from the Stores, and thereby endariger then falling out; but if made of Standard, will comply, and cloiely clinch, and joyn to the Stones, ard the work will be more compleat, and the Stones more fecurely preferved.
nerally grounded; as GoldRings of all forts, with Stones and without, and *Collets of Rings, and all other Jewels whatfoever; and Gold and Silver WatchCafes, and fuch like works: for all which I do further affert, that the honeft and ingenious Artifts or Workers of thefe Works, and of all other forts of Gold and Silver Works whatfoever, will avouch the truth of my Ar-
fertion;


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fertion ; and if queftioned upon the fame before a Court of Judicature, they will not, neither dare they fwear the contrary ; but that both Gold and Silver of the Standard goodnefs well and Work-man-like wrought into any forts of Rings, Jewels, and any other forts of Goldfmiths Works whatfoever, is for deciency, credit, and Service, and in every other refpect whatfover, better than a courfer Allay, which moft times by reafon of the adulteration is found in the wearing not only of a cankering and ftinking nature, and a braffie complexion, but very brittle and rotten.
The truth is, the gains by adulterating the Gold and Silver Works is fo fweet and enticing, that what excufe will not thefe Adulterers find, that they may have their unlawful liberty. I remember, that when Silver Hilts were firft taken notice of to be fo exceedingly adulterated, and debafed, it was the pretence of many of the Workers, that Sterling would not ruin into Hilts to make good work; and therefore they muft of neceffity make them courfer; and to my know-: ledge Sterling was delivered to a Worker to make a Hilt ; and becaufe he would not thereby betray or prevent the difhoneft gains in fu: h Works, he gave it a balf-beat; by which, and fome other means, it became detective, and unfit for ufe: and fo he returned the Silver as too finc to make fuch Works. Which I coming to underftand, fet to the work my felf, and made Sterling run into the moft difficult fort or Hilts, without any defect in the Work, and as ferviceable as Iron; upon which I gave out, that this was a new Invention; and being fo confiftent with the Laws, I would

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Petition his Majefty for the fole making of Ster-ling-Hilts for fourteen years : which the reft of the Silver-Hilt-makers hearing of, every one then could, and did, make Sterling into all forts of Hilts in every refpect better than the Silver of a courfer Allay. So evexy evil difpofed Goldfmith will make a hundred falfe pretences to continue their cheating gains. But if the honeft Workers of Standard would but joyn together, and make but the leaft attempt for a Patent to have the fole Working of all Gold and Silver Works that are fo much talked of, that they cannot be made of Standard, 50 decent and ferviceable, as of a courfer Allay; I dare aver, that then you would find every Worker can and will make all their Works of Standard (as the Laws require) without fuch frivolous fcruples or pretences, rather than to be put by their Trades; but if there foould be any fort of Works that camno: (for the conveniency defired) be made, but of Gold or Silver courfer than the Standard-Allay, fuch Works are not to be made, but wholly omitted as things directly repugnant to our Laws.

Neither let the pretence of the Seller of adulterated Wares delude you, (vir.) That he abates as much in the Fafhion as the Silver is allayed worfe than Standard; when 'tis well known, that moft times for every fix-pence he abates in the fafhion of fuch courfe Silver Works, he gains one fhilling fix-pence, or two fhillings, or more by the Allay in fuch work.

Or by his promife, that he will at any time allow five fhillings the ounce for the Silver again, though it be broken to pieces: For by experience it is evident, that very few Silver Wares come again

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 again to be fold to the fame hand, many being either kept to pofterity, or transferred by gift; and if neceffity induce a fale, it is moft commonly in fome place remote from the place where it was bought. and then they mult take what they can get for it ; which (if unmarked Wares) will not be more than 'tis worth.Neither let the wearing Buyer fuffer himfelf to be deluded at any time by pretence of thofe that are only buyers and fellers of Goldfmiths Works, that they buy and receive all their new Silver Works for Standard, when 'tis too frequent that their meanings are, that the money they paid for it is Standard, and know the Works to be much worfe..

Or that they give a Standard price for all their new Silver Works, when 'tis too frequent, that the value of the Mctal and Workmanfhip are both included to make up that firm by the ounce: then it may well be imagined what fort of Silver that muft be, and how neceffary it is for the wearer to obferve the rules I direct in buying either Gold or Silver Works.

I have made but little mention of Gold Wares, and of the provifion made, to prevent deceit therein, becaufe Gold Wares are much lefs common than Silver Wares; I thall therefore only propore, that by the fame ways and method by which you make difcovery of the goodnefs or badnefs of Silver, you may alfo make difcovery of the goodnefs or badnels of Gold, and recover recompence if wronged, and punifh the Offenders; only with this difference, (viz.)

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Gold of the deepeft yellow is the beft ; and the more the Gold inclining to a red or a pale yellow, 'tis fo much the courfer.

And as the Affay-Mafter in his Reports of the goodnefs of Silver; fets it down by half-penny weights, and penny weights, and ounces Troy; fo in his report of a Gold Affay hefets it down by Carracts and Carract-grains, and half Grains, and quarter Grains.
For the underftanding of which you are to know, that Carract is a term given (by the Oft.cers of the Mint, and the Wardens of the Gold(miths) to a certain compofition of weights, that are only ufed for Affaying and computing the Standard of Gold, and contains either the twenty fourth part of a pound Troy, or the twenty fourth part of an ounce Troy, and are compounded thus, (viz.) of the pound Carracts, two penny weight and twelte grains Troy make a Car-ract-grain ; four of fuch Carract-grains make one Carract (which is half an ounce, or ten penny weight $T_{\text {roy }}$ ) and twenty four of fuch Carracts make one pound, or twelve ounces Troy: And of ounce Carracts, five Troy grains make one Car-ract-grain, and four of fuch Carract-grains make one Carract, and twenty four fuch Carracts make one ounce Troy.

Thefe two forts of Carracts are to one effect in Affaying and Computing the Standard of Gold: for if you calculate the Affay-mafters reports by the pound-Carracts, you muft caft up the value of a pound weight of Standard-Gold, which fuppofe to be 48 l . and out of that fum take fo many 24 th. parts, , that is, 40 s. each part) as he reports

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the number of Carracts that'tis worfe; and after that rate for every grain and half grain; and for every Carract of this fort that 'tis reported worfe, you muft alfo deduct 4 s . for charge, and for every grain of this fort is. charge, and for half a grain $6 d$ charge for work, and lofs, to make it of Standard goodnefs: all which being taken out of the $48 l$. divide the remainder into twelve parts, every of which part is the value of an ounce of the courfe Gold. For example.

In the Copper cut aforefaid is a Gold Aflay reported by the Aflay mafter, wore two Carrants three Grains: Firft caft up the value of a pound of Standard Gold at 48 l. then count what two Carracts three Grains of fuch Gold is worth, which is $5 l$. $10 s$ s. to which add the $4 s$. per Carract, and one fhilling per Grain for charge, which is II s. all which comes to $6 /$ I Is. which take out of the $48 l$. and there remains $4 \mathrm{I} l$. 19 s . which divide into twelve parts, every of which parts or ounces of fuch courfe Gold will be worth $3 l .9$ s. IId. which is ros. $\mathbf{I}$ d. worfe than Standard Gold, as in the Copper Cut aforefaid.

If you calculate the reports by ounce Carracts; Firft, confider the valueof an ounce of Standard Gold, which fuppofe to be $4 l$. then out of that fum take fo many 24 th. parts (that is $3 s .4 \mathrm{~d}$. the part) as the Affay Mafter reports the number of Carracts that 'tis worfe, and after that rate for every grain and half grain, and for fo many Carracts (of this fort) that 'tis reported worfe, you muft alfo deduct $4 d$. for charge of work and lofs to make it of Standard goodnefs, and for every Grain I $d$, and for halfa grain $o b$. For example.

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In the Copper Cut aforefaid, the Gold Affay being reported worfe two Carracts three Grains; firft count the value of an ounce of Standard Gold at ${ }_{4} l$. then count what two Carracts three Grains is worth (at that rate) which is $9 \mathrm{s}$.2 d . to which add the $4 d$.per Carract, and 1 d. per Grain for charge, which is in $d$. all which comes to 10 s . Id. which take out of the $4 l$. the remainder is 3l. 9 s. 11 d. the value of an ounce of fuch courfe Gold, which is ros. $\mathbf{I}$ d. worfe than Standard Gold; asin the Copper Cut.

The calculation of the Affay-Mafters Reports by the pound Carracts, being the harder way, I advife the ufe of the ounce-Carracts before the other.

So that if Standard Gold be worth four pound the Ounce, for every Cararct he fets down 'tis worfe, you muft account that in the Ounce Troy tis worle by fomany times 3 s .8 d . And for every grain he fets down tis worfe, you muft account it worfe by fo many times $1 I^{\text {d }}$ in the Ounce Troy. And for every demy or half grain, $\boldsymbol{S}^{4.06}$. for fo much it will coft to make it of Standard goodnefs, or to change it for Standard.

And further you are to know, That twenty and two of the aforefaid Carracts of the fineft Gold, and two Carracts of fine Copper and Silver equal parts, makes an Ounce or a Pound of Gold of the Allay, appointed (by the Stat. 18 Eliz. 15. afore cited, by thefe words (to wit) not lefis in finturen, ryan that of twenty tho darratio) to be the Standard for all Gold Wares, (worfe than which Allay no Gold Wares are to be made, upon the penalty therein mentioned.)

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And that 12 Grains Troy is enough for making an Affay of Gold: The accuftomed Fee for making fuch Affay at Goldfmiths-hall is 6 d .

But if any fhall be dif-faitsfied with the Affayings and reports of the Affay-Mafter of Gold-fmiths-Hall, or fhall receive any difcourteous words; or be difcouraged by any uncivil demeanour in him or his Servants, may have Affayes made by His Majefties fworn Affay-Mafter of his Mint in the Tower of London, who has been often experienced to have Carefully, Courteounly, Readily, and Truly, performed the fame ; his Fee for a Gold Aifay is $\mathrm{I} s$. and for a Silver Affay $6 d$. And he will make his reports in the fame manner with numeral Letters, as the Affay-mafter of Goldfmiths-hall.

Concerning Silver Work made remote from London, I fhall only infert, that it is to be obferved; That by the firft recited Statute, all the Goldfmiths in England, were appointed to bring all their Silver Work (comprebended under the name of Veffels) to London, to be there Affayed and Marked with the Leopards Head; but the compelling thereof, under fuch great penalties as are therein mentioned, was found to be a grievance: Therefore by the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. for the better conveniency of the Goldfiniths remote from London,Seven places are appointed wherein fuch Work fhall be affayed and marked, viz.

York, Newcaftle upon Tine, Lincoln, Norwich, Brifow, Salisbury, and Coventry.

And as the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, London,

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are to affay and mark the Silver Work that is made in and about London, and three miles of the fame, or to procure an Arcilt to do the fame, (for which they mult aniwer) fo, in every one of the aforefaid Seven feveral places, the Chief vagiftrate' or Governor is to aliay and mark the Silver Work that is made therein, or to procure an Artift to do the fame, (for which they muft alfo anfwer.)
But what are the particular Marks the refpective chief Govcinors of thofe feven places fet on the Silver works, I can give no certain account thereof.

But this I can affert, that by reafen the Marks of thofe places are little known, they bear as little Credit ; and therefore the Goldfmiths in thofe and other remote places, do frequently fend up their Silver Works to receive the London Touch.

And in like manner, as every Mafter-worker in Goldfmiths Works in London, and 3 miles compafs of the rame, are to make their Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldfnittbs, fo every Ma-fter-Worker in Gold and Silver in every of the faid feven places, are to make their Marks known to the Surveyors there (that is) to the Chief Magiftrate of fuch Place.

And every Mafter-worker in Goldfmiths Woak in all other places throughout England, are by the Statute of 37 Ed.3.7.(afore cited)not only to have their proper Marks, but alfo to make the fame Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, by entring them on the Table in the Goldfmiths Alfay-Office as afore is fhewn: The words of the Statute to this purpofe are thefe (to wit.)
chat Golamithy, as well in London as elfewhere within this Realm, faall makie, \&x. 30nit

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 every Mafter Goldfmith, $\mathfrak{f h a l l} \mathfrak{j a b e} \mathfrak{a}$ : $\mathfrak{A x f}$ Gy fimedf, and the fame gigarte fhalf be fanown fit them, whity fatf he taigned lap, \&c. Slnd that whity fhall be in tye Goldimityg default, then fhaft intur tue pain of fozediture to the fing the baluz

(That is to fay) the Mafter-Goldfmiths in each of the feven Touch Towns, fhall make their Marks known to the chief Magiftrates there; the King having Affigned them power by their Charters to Survey the Gold and Silver Works that are made in thofe places.

And the King having Affigned to the Wardens of the GoIdfmiths of the City of London, full power and Authority by their Charter ; to Survey all Gold and Silver Works in all places whatfoever throughout England: Fherefore the Workers in the feven Touch Towns are to make their Marks known both tothe chief Magiffrate in each of thofe Towns where they refide; And alfo to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths aforefaid: And all other Mafter Goldfmiths throughout England, to make their Marks known (as aforefaid) to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths upon the Penalty of forfeiting the value of the Silver-Work not marked with the Makers mark, or marked with a mark not fo made known as aforefaid.
Now fince (through the Favour of our Kings Predeceffors and their Parliaments) the Goldfmiths in thofe feven Touch Towns are remitted thofe extremities of bringing their Veffels of Silver to London to be ftamped with the Leopardsbead,

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head, but are allowed each of them a Touch by themfelves to pafs their Works upon. It behooves the chief Magittrate and the Goldfmiths in thofe places to be circumfpect and careful, not only in Affaying and Marking the Works, and alfo to fearch for, fupprefs and prevent the Working and Selling any kind of Gold or Silver Work in thofe places, that is worfe than the Standard: But alfo (as the Leopardsnheadand Lyonare generally known to be the Standard Marks for the City of London) to ufe fome means that it may be as generally known what are the refpective Standard Marks of thefe places; to the end, that nothing may be neglected that may prevent Fraud in this kind ; which will fecure thefe Corporations from having their Charters called in queftion, and of being disfranchifed for their neglect herein, and the Goldimiths and other fellers of their Works from being called in queftion, for the trangreffions of making or felling unlawful. Goldfmiths works.

And for the fake of you the wearing-buyers of Goldfmiths Works, that refide in the Country or remote from London: I will cite you this obfervation worthy your notice (to wit) that by reafon the Magiftrates in the feven Touch Towns have been and now are very remifs in profecuting their Authority in making fearch and Affaying and marking the Goldfmiths Work, and that the Wardens of the Goldfmiths London, do very feldom make fearch in the Country. Great part of the Gold and Silver Works (efpecially the fmall-works) made and fold remote from London, are notorioully known to be exceedingly

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Adulterated apd debafed, and great part of what is made by the Loridon Workers and fent into the Country to the Traders there, are as notorioully known to be as bad as any.

This deceit feems to take the more courage, by reafonalfo of the Country peoples unskilfulnefs, and the difficulty of proceeding in courfe of Law againft thefe Country Offenders.

Wherefore my advice is, that you buy thefe Works at London only, cunlefs they have on them the London Touch) either your filf or by fome friend that lives there, or frequently comes thither; and if any deceit be found in fuch works, there be the Wardens of the Goldfmiths to complain to, who will affift you ; there are the AffayMafters to make your Afiays and give evidence of the value of the Metal ; there is the Seffions in London, and at Hixes-ball, and the Courts at Weftminfter, that will underftand your agrivance, and give you recompence, and punifh the Offenders fuitable to the offence and the ill confequences thereof; but you will find it very chargeable to Profecute a Country Offender in the Country, if you be necefficated to have the Teftimony of the Affay-Mafter of Goldfmiths-hal!, or the Affay-Mafter of the Tower of London.

But if the fuftices and Fury in the Country, Jeeing the cheat apparent (by the difference (from Standard on the Toach-fone) will infift upon no further evidence, as to the value of the Metal, but find the Offenders guilty (which I conceive may be done very fuitable to 7 ustice) it will much facilisate the Profecution.

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try may become the more practicable: I will here direct an infallible method and rule by an Inftrument for the certain knowing (within three pence or lefs in the Ounce) the juft difference that any fort of Silver is from Standard, without the Affaying it by Fire.

## The manner of making the Infrument is thus.

Make feveral Needles of Silver Wier, (each of them about four Inches long, and as big as a large Pack-needle)of feveral worfenef in Allay; as one Needle $3 d$. another $6 d$. another $9 d$ another is. anotheris. 3 danother Is. $6 d$. in the Ounce worfe then Standard Silver,and as many degrees lower as you pleafe; make them all with Loops at one end, and put them on a ring of Silver Wier, and upon every Needle (being flatted on one place;) make or mark with Figures the value (by the Ounce) of each Needle, reckoning Standard Silver at $\varsigma$ s. the Ounce Troy : And obferve, that the Allay in each Needle be half fine Copper, and half fine Brafs, and being all made with blunt fmooth points : Firft rub your courfe Silver on a good fmooth clean Touch-ftone, as afore is directed; then by it rub one of your Needlesthat youthink is neareft the Allay of yo ir courfe Silver, and if that be not like it, try another, and fo feveral of the Needles, untill you find the Touch of your Needle, and the Touch of your courfe Metal to be alike; then you have the Price of that Allay Marked on the Needle.
This Inftrument may be made to contain in weight under two Ounces; and if ingenioully

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 made and managed, will make a difcovery very near of the badnefs of any fort of Adulterated Silver.The like Infrument may be made of fmall pieces of Gold of feveral Allays fixed at the ends of Needles of Silver, for the knowing the worfenefs of any fort of Gold.

It is not material to know the juft value of the Adulterated Silver to the Scrutiny of one Penny in the Ounce to proceed to convitt the Offenders, but if it be apparently worfe than Standard, the Offenders ought to be found guilty and punifhed according to the uttermoft Severity of the Law. See all the before recited Statutes for regulating the Goldfmiths Trade.

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& \text { aforefaid Needles (viz.) }
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$9 \circ$ Of Sterling Silver, and Thefe well melted o. 12 Of Copper, and
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0 12 Of Brafs. $\begin{aligned} & \text { together will be } 6 d \\ & \text { Sin the Ounce worfe }\end{aligned}$ dapt. grs.
812 Of Sterling Silver, and Thefe well melred $\therefore \quad 18$ Of Copper, and $-\begin{gathered}\text { together will be } 9 \text { d. } \\ \circ \\ \text { in the Ounce worle } \\ \text { than Standard. }\end{gathered}$

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And fo by fuch degrees of a penny weight of Allay in the ounce you may compofe feveral Allays for 4.6.8.10.12.14. or 16. Needles differing three pence in the value of each Needle by the ounce ; and the fureft way is, when the Needles are all made, to have a diftinct Affay made of each Needle, and that reported goodnefs marked on every of them.

Here followeth the Goldfmiths C HARTER truly rendred into Englif from the Copy thereof taken from the Record now remaining in the Claappel of the Rolls, under the Title Confirmation, Part 2 : Number 4. Confirmed in the fecond year of King James.

THE KING to all to whom, efc: fendeth Greeting. We have perufed and feen the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our moft Dear Sifter the Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, made in thefe words; Elizabeth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, $\mathcal{G} c$. To all to whom thefe prefent Letters Patents fhall come, Greeting.
${ }^{2}$ We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of the Lady Mary, late Queen of England, our moft Dear Sifter, made in thefe words, Mary by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth over the Englifh and Irifh Church the Supreme Head, To all to whom thefe prefents thall come, Greeting.

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We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our dear Brother Edward the Sixth; late King of England, made in thefe words, Edward the S:sth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faiths and on Earth over the Englifs and Irifo Church Supreme. Head, To all to whom theie prefent Letters fhall come, Greeting.

We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our moft dear Father Henry the Eighth, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in thefe words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom thefe prefent Letters fhall come, Greeting.

We have perufed the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our moft dear Father Henry the Seventh, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in thefe. words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom thefe prefent Letters fhal come, Greeting.
Know ye, That we have perufed the Letters Fatents of Edward the Fourth, late King of England, made in thefe words, Edward by the Grace of God King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom thefe prefent Letters fhall come, Greeting.

We have perufed the Letters Patents of Edward the Third, late King of England, our Progenitor, made in thefe words,
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 ta Ha and our council in our plat. luament holdicn at Weftminfter after the Fieaft of the fourifitation of our Iady laft palt, $\mathfrak{y}$ abe fuelon,
That whereat no pithate werchant no: Stranger teretofactuere wont to being in to thix 变and anp somep coinet, fut


Stno that it hathen alfo ozdained, dyat all thofe wha mere of the Goldfmiths crabe were to ft in their $\$$ hope in the igly Stret of Cheap, and that no silber in Folate, nos befiel of bola oz bilver ought ta be fold in the city of London, $\mathfrak{E x c e p t}$ at (10) Exchange, of in Cheapfide amonig the Goldfmiths, and that pufilickly, to the cnil the percong af the fait crade midgt jafoem themfelbes whether the (xeller came latufulft be fuct Brifi of not.
ghut that now of late the faid sherchanty ayimell peivate ay strangers, do being from fozeign countriex inta thit mation dounterfeit atering, whereaf the paund if not wath abobe fixteen soly of the right Sterling ; and of thit monep noat ean hnom the true palut, but be melting it tomn.

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 of $\mathfrak{b o l d}$ ans ${ }^{\text {silber }}$ fecretly, wityout enquiring if futy Beffict mere foln, $\mathfrak{a}_{2}$ latufuts Ip come by, and immediatelp melting it odolun, bo mahe it into flate, and feflit ta suercyantg exading fepona sea, that it map fe elpasted, and fory thep matie fafie Hazk of sold and sifber, as wisctets, Wachety; finty, anir other Truvets in which they fet whafs of biverg coloury, Countcficitims right stoncg and put maze zllfay in the bold and silber than then ought, whithtyen fefl to futh ag hane natikiff in futh thingt.Ind that the Cutlers in their nowerthoules cover Tin with Silyer fo fubtilfy, and bity fued fleight, that the fame camot he difeerned and fruerco from the cin; and hip that meand thep fell the Jin fo cobrred fas fine Biluce, to the ercat damagr and deceit of lis and ©ut foxple.
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Oind Ler foing biffing to pecuent the faid puil, Bo fin and witlit the 3ifent of the lowion spiritual and rempozal, and the commong of but fiealm fas the common pzofit of tax and Mur beople, Moifl and grant foz ly, and (aur lecirs,
That hentefoth no mperchant, cither peic $^{\text {and }}$ vate oz Etranger, fall fing into this Tand anp fozt of gemey, fut only jofate of fine siluer; noz that ant toold of Siluer


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Sillaer be fold to the secrefyant to fell fagain, and be carricio out of the mingamm, fut fiall fr forn at ©ur faid Exchange, de openfuamang the faid (boldimitiai foe pet: bate wat onld.

3nd that none that pertend to he of the fame crade mafl fexp any shop hut in Cheapfide, tyat it may fe fex that thetr 3nozif begood and right.

3lind that thof of the faid Jrade map fip birtuc of thefe pecenta cleat honeft, labutul and fufticut men hef wifled in tije faid arade, to cnquire of the mattcrg afoerfaid; and that they forhorn may wion due cont fideration of the faid ornft, reform what aefega they fhall find thercin, and thercup= on india due pumifment upon the (1ffin= ueta, and that hithe help and afffante of the $\mathfrak{m p a p o z}$ and sheriffu, fí ortafion fie,

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 London; and that ane ea tho of corey fuch Tituraz ©own foe the reftof that trade fhalf came to London to be aftertainco of tyeit Tatch of boid, and there to yabe a stamp af $\mathfrak{a}$ funthion with a Leopards-Head max= hed upan their monita, ax of ancient time it haw bern didaincid. Gin witnefa whereaf lue hate cauld thrfe (our Stterg to fie made fatcntw. Giocn at Weftminfter the Thirticty bay af March, in the firf praraf our feign.

We have alf: porufed the Letters Patents of Richard

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 Richard the Second after the Conqueft, late King of England, made iis thefe words, Kichard by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Irel.and, To all to whom there prefents thal come, Greeting; Know ye,That whereas Edward our Grandfather, late King of Engiand, at the Suit of the Goldmiths of oir City of London, fuggefting to bim, how that manv of that Trade by Fire and the booke of Quickfilver had loft their fight, and that others of them by the ir working in that Trade became fo crazed and infirm, that they were difabled to fubfift, but by relief from others.

And that divers of the faid City compaffionating the condition of fuch, were difpofed to give an 1 grant divers Tenements and Rents in the faid City to the va:ue of Twenty pounds per ann. to the Company of the faid Craft, towards the maintenance of the faid Blind, Weak, and Infirm; and alfo of a Chaplain to celebrate Mafs amongit them every day for the Souls of all the Faitlfful departed, according to the Ordinance in that behalf to be made, Did by his Letters Patents for the confideration of a Fine of Ten Marks, for himfilf and his Heirs, as much as in him lay, grant and give licenfe to the men of the Community aforefaid, that they may purchare Tenements and Rents in the fame City of the value of Twenty pounds per ann. and not above of the Men of that City, for relief and maintenance of fuch blind and infirm, and of fuch Chaplain as aforefaid, to hold to them and their Succeffors of the faid Society for ever, for the purpofes aforefaid, The Statute of Mortmaine, or any other Stature

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or Ordinance to the contrary thereof notwithflanding, as in and by the faid Letters Patents more fully and at large it may appear.

And forafmuch as the Men of the faid Myftery have humbly Petitioned $\mathbf{u s}_{s}$, That forafmuch as our Grandfathers faid Letters Patents are not, nor can be put in execution for want of naming Perfons capable therein, That we would gracioully provide fome remedy for them in this behalf. Wo taking the Premiffes into Confideration, of Our efpecial Grace, and for the confideration of twenty Marks by them paid unto Us in Our Hanaper,

Have for Us and Our Heirs, granted and given Licenfe to the men of the faid Craft, That from benceforth they be a perpetual Community or society of themfelves.

And that the faid Society or Company may for ever yearly Elect out of themfelves four Mare tend to overfee, rule, and duly govern the faid Craft, and Community, and every Member of of the fame.

And further, We have according to Our Autherity in this behalf granted and given Licenfe for $u_{s}$ and Our Heirs to the fame Wardens and Company, That they may purchafe and have to them and their Succeflors, Tenements and Rents, with their Appurtenänces, within the faid City and Suburbs thereof to the value of Twenty pounds por anm. for the maintenance of the blind, weak, and infirm Men of the Company aforefaid, and of a Chaplain to Celebrate Mars amongft the faid Infirm every day; for the Souls of all the Faithful departed, for ever, according to fuch Ordinance, as the fame Wardens and Company

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Thall make in this behalf, (the faid Statute, or the Statute in that cafe made in Our laft Parliament at Westminster, notwithftanding) or notwithftanding that the faid Tenements and Rents be held of $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{s}}$ in Free Burgage, fo that it be found by Inquifition thereupon duly had and returned into our Cbancery, that fuch purchafe may be made without any dammage or prejudice to $u s$ and Our Heirs, or any other perfon whatfoeuer. In witnefs whereof We have caufed thefe our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Wincheffer the Sixth day of Fibruary, in the Sixteenth Year of our Reign.

And We ratifying and allowing the faid Letrers Patents, and all and every thing thereincontained, do for Us and Our Heirs, according to Qur. Power in that behalf, Approve and Confirm the fame, and do by thefe prefents Grant and Confirm the fame unto our Well-beloved the now Wardens and Company of the faid Craft,and their Succeffors for ever.

And of Our further Grace in this behalf, We for Us and Our Heirs, have granted to the fame Wardens and Company, That notwithftanding they or their Predeceffors have not hitherto upon any occafion in any fort ufed the Liberties in the faid Letters Patents contained, Yet henceforth it Thall be lawful for them and their Succeffors to ufe and Enjoy the faid Liberties and every of them, without any Lett or Impediment by or from Us or Our Heirs, or any of Our Juftices, Efcheators, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliff, or other Our Minifters wherefoever.

And We have further granted, and by thele

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prefents, do for Us and. Our Heirs grant to the faid now Wardens and Company of the Craft aforefaid; That they and their Succeffors be a Corporation or Body Incorporate, confifting and called by the Names of Wardens and Company, and be perfons capable in Law to purchafe and take Lands and Tenements, Rents and other Poffeffions whatfoever, for ever in Fee-fimple of any perfons whomfoever that fhall bewilling to Give, Devife, or Affign the fame to them.
ad have and to thold the fame to the faid Wardens and Company of the faid Craft, and their Succeffors for ever.

And that they may and fhall have perpetual Succeffion, and a Common Seal for the Affairs of their faid Myftery.

And that they may by the name of the Wardens and Company of the Myftery of Goldfmiths of the City of Londan, Implead and be Impleaded in any Court and place whatfoever, before any Judges whomfoever, in any Actions, Suits, Plaints, Demands and Pleas as well real as perfonal, or mixt of what nature or kind foever they be.

And that the faid Wardens and Company and their' Succeffors may from time to time as often as they fhall judge it expedient, make good and reafonable By-Laws and Ordinances for the better regulating the faid Myftery.

Wehave alfo granted, and by thefe prefents do grant to the faid now Wardens and Company and their Succeffors, That they may have and hold to them and their Succeffors for ever, all and fingular the Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reverfions and Services heretofore given, granted or devifed

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to the Wardens of the Myftery aforefaid, or to the Wardens or Guardians and Company of the Myftery aforefaid, by the Name of the Wardens and Company of the faid Myftery, or by the Names of the Company of the faid Myftery, or by what other Name foever or heretofore in any manner purchafed by the Wardens aud Company of the faid Myftery, or by the Company of the faid Myftery, without Impeachment, Difturbance or Lett by or from Us or Our Heirs,or by or from Our Juftices, Sheriffs, Efcheators, or other the Officers and Minifters of Us and' Our Heirs whomfocver.

And we do hereby ratifie and confirm all and every the fame Lands and Tenements, Rente, Reverfions and Services to the faid now Wardens and Company, and their Succeflors.

And for the Credit of the Men of the faid Craft dwellitig and refiding in the faid City for the time beings, and for the preventing and avoiding the dammage and lofs which do or may daily happen and arife as well to $U s$ as to any our Liege People, for want of a due and provident Care in regulating certain of Our Subjects and others Ufing and Exercifing the faid Trade, without any regard to the Credit of the faid Company ; and alfo for the preventing and taking away the Subtheties and Deceits practifed in the faid Trade.

We have further granted, and by thefe Prefents do grant to the faid now Wardens and Company and their Succeffors for ever, That the Wardens of the faid Myftery for the time being, fhall and may for ever have the Jearch, inpection, tryal, and regulation of all forts of Gold and Silver, wrought or to be wrought, and to be expofed to

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fale within the City of London and the Suburbe thereof, and in all Fairs and Markets, and all Cities, Towns, and Burroughs, and all other plaees whatroever throughout our Kingdom of Eingland, and allo thall and may bave power to prnifo and correct all defects that thall be found in the working of Gold and Silver.

And to that end, if need be, so call to their affiftance the Mayor and Sheriffs of the faid City, and the Mayors and Bailiffs, or other Officers whatever in any Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places out of the faid City where any fuch Search or Tryal hhall happen to bemade.

And that the Wardens of the faid Myftery for the time being fhall and may have full Power and Authority forever by themfelves or any of them, duly to fearch and try all and fingular the premiffes, and alfo all manner of Work touching and concerning the faid Craft, found or being in the hands of the Goldfmiths, or any otber whamfoever felling, making or working any Wares or Works pertaining to or concerning the faid Myftery, as well within Our faid City of London and the Suburbs thereof, as elfewhere out of the faid City in all Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places whatfoever throughout Our Realm of England; And alfo by ahemfelves or any of them to break all fuch deceitful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver of what fort foever, if any fuch they thall find to be made, wrought and expofed to fale in deceipt of Our People.

And alfo according to their diferetion, and as often

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often as they fhall fee it neceffary to punifh and correct the Makers, Sellers, and Workers of the fame Works according to their demerits, by the affiftance (if need be) of our Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Reeves, and other fuch like Officers.

We alfo will and grant, and frictly Charge and Command, That all Mayors, Bailiffs, Reeves, and other Officers whatfoever in Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs, Towns and other places where fuch Search thall happen to be made, be ready to Aid and Affift the faid Wardens and every of them making fuch Search as aforefaid, in the execution of the premiffes, and that in all things according to their Duty. In witnefs whereof We have caufed thefe our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Leicester the thirtieth day of May in the Second Year of Our Reign.

And now We ratifying and approving the faid Letters Patents, and all things therein contained, do for Us and Our Heirs according to our Authority therein, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do ratifie,grant and confirm the fame to our Wellbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid, and their Succeffors.

And further, We being certainly informed that divers perfons both Natives and Aliens, exercifing the faid Trade in divers parts of this Kingdom, ftudying and contriving their own difboneft Gain, and purpofing by various ways to deceive and endammage the reft of our Subjects, do work and expofe to fale Gold and Silver cunningly and deceitfully wrought and debafedmore than the Standard allows, contrary to the Ordinances in that behalf made.

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And Counterfeit-fones (which are of no value, cunningly fet in fuch kind of Gold and Silver) do daily fell for true Jewels at great rates todivers of our Subjects (not underftanding the fame) as well in places priviledged, as in Fairs, Markets and other places within our Cities and Burroughs of, this our Kingdom of Engiand, and neither fear nor doubt to be punifhed or call'd in queftion for the fame.

And the reafon is, for that due fearch or any due punifhment is feldom executed upon Offenders in that Myftery out of the City atorefaid.
And although the Wardens of that Myftery in the faid City for the time being, have (by virtue and power of the aforefaid Letters Patents in form afo:efaid granted to them and their Succeffors) had the fearch, infpection, tryal, and regulation of the Gold and Silver fo wrought and to be wrought, and expofed to Sale, and power by themfelves or any of them, to fearch and try (continually from the aforefaid 30 . day of May, in the faid Sccond year of the late King Edward the Fourth hitherto by virtue of h:s faid Letters Patents to them in that behalf made) all fuch kind of deccitful and fraudulent Works and Wares made ald to be made of the Gold and Silver aforefaid of any kind whatfoever.

And the faults and decetits in thofe Works deceitfully and fubtilly contrived or to be contrived by the Workmen and contrivers thereof, to punifh and correct, as alfo to execute and perform fuch other things as they ought to do by virtue of the aforefaid Letters Patents of the faid late King Edward the Fourth.

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Neverthelefs, as We are informed, That notwithftanding the aforefaid Wardens of the faid Myttery for the time being have (ever fince the aforefaid Grants to them and the Company of the faid Myftery in form aforefaid made) been at great trouble and charges (as well at their own proper Cofts, as at the Colts of the faid Company) to put in execution their Authority of fearching, infpecting, and trying fuch kind of Gold and Silver (as is before-mentioned) and the defects therein, io wrought and put to fale by the Workmen of the faid Trade in divers of the Cities, Burroughs, Fairs, Markets and other places of this Our Kingdom, for the common Ule of Us and of all Our good Subjects.

Yet they have received very little or no profit thereby, but rather have been fubjedt oftentimes not only to pains and perils of their bodies, but alfo to the lofs of their Goods and Chattels by reafon and occafion of their fearching, trying, and putting in execution their Authority aforefaid, in punifhing and correcting the defects of Work upon proof thereof made unto them.

By means whereof, and that the faid Wardens of late in regard of the great menaces and affaults which they have received from thofe Workmen and Tradefmen of that Myttery (that deceitfully fell fuch Gold and Silver in the Countrey) and their Accomplices and Adherents, could not execute their faid Authority any where within Our Kingdom of England, except within Our faid City of London, and the Suburbs thereof.

So that the faid Search, Tryal and Exccution of the faid Authority ceafing, very many frauds, de-

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ceits, Works unskilfully made of Gold and Silver, and of counterfeiting of Jewels in Works of Gold and Silver and otherwife, are daily divers ways increafed in the Myftery aforefaid, by the Workmen of the faid Trade in every part of this Our Kingdom, to the great lofs and detriment of Us, and all Our Liege People.

And We being willing (all the deceitful infuffcient, and unlawful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver, Jewels and Stones, Pearl or Coral, or fuch like, in the Trade aforefaid unfufficiently and unlawfully made and counterfeited ufed to be put to fale) to abolifh and punifh in all things as it ought to be, of Our certain knowledge and meer motion, have given and granted for Us and Our Heirs (as much as in Us lies) to the aforefaid Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid, and their Succeffors.

That the faid Wardens and their Succeffors, and every of them for the time being, fhall have for ever full Power and Authority over all and fingular the Defects, Offences, Faults and Deceits made and attempted or committed contrary to the Ordinances of the Myftery aforefaid in all their fearches and tryals of Gold and Silver, or of Wares Jewels, Stones, Pearl, Coral, or of any other Jewels or Counterfeit Stones whatfoever wrought or fet in Gold or Silver, as in Necklaces, Lockets, Rings or Bracelets, or otherwife, howfoever wrought or fet, within this our Kingdom of England wherefoever, againft theWorkmen or Owners of any of the faid premiffes expofing them to fale.

And all aind every perfons of or ufing the faid
Myftery

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Myftery whatfoever fo deceitfully working, having, or expofing to fale the premiffes aforefaid, (upon due proof made) fhall be by the faid Wardens for the time being committed to the next Goal or Prifon, therein to be punifhed by imprifonment of their Bodies according to the nature of thoir Offences, and out of the faid Goals or Prifons to be delivered at the difcretions of the faid Wardens or any of them; Or be punihed by Fines to be fet and impofed upon fuch Delinquents, equal to their Offences, Faults and Deceits, as by the found Difcretions of the faid Wardens or any of them for the time being, fhall be efteemed juft and reafonable, and in that behalf convenient.

We alfo grant for Us and Our Heirs to the faid Wardens and Company, and their Succeffors; That whenfoever, wherefoever, andas often as any Wares of Gold and Silver or Pearl,or of any Counterfeit Stones whatfoever, deceitfully, wrought or fet in the nature of Jewels or Pearl in Gold or Silver, which by Allays thereof are of lefs value and more debas'd in the working of the faid Gold and Silver then of right it ought to be wrought, (that is to fay) not being of the value of Sterling or Standard, (according to the Ordinances and Statutes of $u_{s}$ and our Progenitors or Predeceffors late Kings and Queen of England in this behalf made) that fhall be found any where as well within any of Our Liberties as without;
Or any Wares of Gold or Silver made within this Kingdom by any Native or Forreign Workmen Tradefmen of the Craft aforefaid wherefoever that thall be fold or expofed to fale (not be-

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ing tryed, approved and marked as they ought to $b_{c}$ ) according to the form of the Ordinances and Starutes aforefaid, that then the faid Wardens for the time being, or two of them, fhall have power and Authority all and every fuch. Wares of Gold and Silver, Counterfeit Stones and Pearls, and other Stones whatfoever (fo deceitfully or unlawfully wrought and expofed to fale wherefoever they thall be found) to arreft, feife, and to break and fpoil them, fo that Our People may not be any more deceived thereby.

And that in all and every the Searches of the faid Wardens and their Succeffors for the time being, of or in the premiffes from time to time in whatfoever places within Three Miles in and about the aforefaid City of London; where any the faid Workmen or Tradermen of the faid Craft fhall happen to remain, work, or inhabit, the faid Wardens or any of them for the time being fhall caufe to be brought all manner of Works and Wares of Gold and Silver aforefaid, or what Jewels and Precious Stones foever (fet in Gold and Silver) are there wrought or to be wrought, to the Common-Hall of the Wardens and Company of the faid Myftery being in the aforefaid City of London wherein the .Common Standard rr Affize of Gold and Silver (according to the Ordinances in that behalf made) is kept, there to be tryed and affayed, And to be reformed if defects fhall be any manner of ways found therein; and after they thall be fo reformed, to be there then affirmed for good, and ftamped with their Marks which they ufe for that purpofe.

And all defective works whatfoever deceitful-

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ly wrought as well of or in Gold as Silver, Counterfeit Stones pur for Jewels therein and falfly made, (or found to be of a worfe Allay than it ought to be) fhall there (according to.their difcretions be utterly condemned, without Accompt or any other charge or Anfwer to $U_{s}$ or any of Our Heirs for the premiffes or any of them to be rendred, made or paid tor ever; In witne/s whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents: Witnefs Our Self at Weftminffer the Third day of February, in the Twentieth Year of. Our Reign.
Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents, and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs (as much as in Us lyes). allow the fame, and by thefeprefents do Ratifie; Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery. aforefaid. In witnefs whereot we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made. Patents. Witnefs Our felf atWefminffer the fixteenth day of March; in the firft Year of our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes; allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do Ratifie; Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbelored the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery. aforefaid; In Witnefs whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Weftminfter the Sixth day of 7 une, in the Firft Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained; K


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Do for $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{s}}$ and Our Heirs as much as in Us lyes; allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do Ratifie, grant and confirm the fame to our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid. In Witnefs whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witne/s Our Selfat Wefminffer the Fifth day of December, in Firft Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained, Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do ratifie, grant and confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid; In Witne/s whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Weftmingfer the Third day of fankary, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents, and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the fame, and by thefe prefents do Ratifie, Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Myftery aforefaid. Ia Witnefs whereof, $\sigma r$. Witnefs the King at Weftminfter the Thirtieth day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of King fames over England, \&cc.
THat all Geldfwiths in London, and other Traders in Gold-

1. That in London, every day in the week is a Market day, except Sanday, and a fale (bonof fite)

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 in a Shop therein any day of the week is good2. The fale in fuch Shop muft be of things proper to the Trade of the Shop-keeper, and fo a fale of Plate in a Scriveners Shop is not good, and fo of every other Trade.
3. If a fale of Plate be in a Goldfniths Shop (where it is properly to be fold) it muft be publickly and open; for if a fale be there of Plate in an inner Shop, or bebind a Curtain, or a Cupboard, or fuch like, or all or any the windows be fhut, or any thing elfe bides it $f_{0}$, that he that paffes by cannot readily fee what is done there, it will not: alter the property: All this was refolved on $\boldsymbol{H}$. 38. Eliz. Co. 5. 83. Moor's Rep.p. 36. Evefq; de Worchefter's Cáfe. Moor's Rep. p. 624.
4. If a fale in a Market overt be covinous, or the party that buys the Goods, knows they were folen, this fale alters no property, 33 H. 6. 5 . Co. 3.78. as the buying any ftolen Goods at any great under value, as Standard Plate under 5 s. the ounce Troy, or other ftoln goods for 5 s. which are worth 20 s . or to buy ftoln Plate or other Goods at the full value, having notice, or warning, or caufe of furpicion, (at or before the fale) that fuch Goods were ftolen, fuch fale alters not the property, but inftead thereof makes the Buyer accerfary to the Fellony. See Mr. Cromp, fol. 43.

Note, In that part of the Goldfmiths Charter confirmed by Parliament it is ordained, that nonethat petent to fee afte boldmithy Crade fall tixp any shop hat in Cheapfide, which feems to confine the Market Overt (for that Trade) only to that place.
But the preamble to that part of the Charter

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being confidered, and the extent of the City of London, and the imall number of Goldfmiths at that time, it may be collected, that the defign by the King and Parliament was, that all the Shopkeeping Goldfmiths in London (which are fuppofed not then to exceed the number of twenty) fhould be confined to the High-street ( otherwife called Cheapjide, that being then the only High-ftreet in London, and would then conveniently contain fo fmall a number of Goldfmiths) that their living fo publickly together might be a means to prevent the deceits in their Trade, which their living inobfcure Tuinings, and Bj-Lanes and Streets would increafe and promote; and that if the Goldfmiths thould (as they are) become very numerous, and the City of London fhould be extended larger, that then all the Shop-keeping Gol dfmiths thould keep Shop in, or be confin'd only to the High-Streets of the City and Suburbs thereof, andevery Goldfmiths Shop therein, to be (in the legal ufage thereof) a Market overt: This feems not to be inconfiftent, (but very agreeable) to the meaning of that part of the Charter: And now it is (as then it was) of great concern to the fafety of the people, that no Goldfmiths be fuffered to keep Shop in obfcure Turnings or by-Lanes or Streets; neither in the City of Iondon, nor the Suburbs thereof: for they are not only the grand Receivers of Stolen Plate, but the venders of falfe, adulterate, and unlawful Goldfmiths works. And affuredly the fale of frolen Plate in fuch Shops, be it in the cleareft day; and not in the leaft obfcured from the fight of Paffengers, alters not the property, but may make the Buyer acceffary to the felonious ftealing thereof.

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The Goldfmiths ORDER lately made and ret forth for Prevention and Redrets of the great Abufes committed in the feveral Warcs aforementioned.

Goldfmiths-Hall the 23. day of Febryary 1675.

wHEREAS Complaint laty bein made to the Bloadinti of the com= many of Goldfmiths London, what diberg
 ber milta, and the pieceg thereta biclons $=$ ing with diberg other mafl bares both of Gold and Silber, are frequently bozugbt and put to fale fon bincrg Bolumitlgs aniu others, moze than Etandara, to tlie abure
 diferedit of that ghanufarture; Snu lisat there are alfo sibrte piefeg of sifure blate fold, not heing 3 flaned at Goldfinithe-Hall, and fo not marfed witly the Leopards Head dromned, as fu Halw the ame ourtit to be: Эind whereag the \#loardens of the faid company to peevent the faid frauds, babe fozmerty reguired afl perfong to forbeat putting to fale anu adulterate 10 ares $\mathfrak{c i}=$ ther of bold os sifuer, fut that they caule the fame foethluith to be uefaceo; 3nd that
 fhould caule their refueatue gharta to be foyught to Goldfmiths-Hall, and there ftrike the fame in a wafle kent in the 3 flap= $\mathfrak{B}=$

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fite ; Ond liftemife enter their pamegi ant placeg of 期afitationg in a $2500 f$ there ficpu foz that purpare, wherefop the periong and their starkg might le Inolun unta tye mardeng of the faid com: pany, whith habing not hitferto bex dut Ip obierucy, Shele are therefoze to give no tite to, and to require again aill thofe who exercife the faid 3art oe gryitcry of Goldfmiths in of afout the ditivg of London and Weftminfter, and the suburbig of the fame, ©hat thep fosthmith repair to Gold-fmiths-Hall, and tyere frife their warkzi in a Jable appainted foe that purpore, and Yikemile niter their fameat, mitly the pla tew of their relpentiae Bluclling , in a $\mathfrak{W}$ Wolf $\mathfrak{r e m a i n i n g}$ in tye Affay-Office there:
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 ing agreable to standard, that ig to fag. (Holid not lefi in fincneta than two and
 finenefo than eleven auntex twa penny weight : Zand that no perfon oz periong on from hentefoety put to fale any of the faid mbateg either fanall of grat, befoge the Bonkmang marft be frucla thereon, and the fame 3ffand at Goldfmiths-Hall', and there appzobed fo? Standard, fo firi Fing thereon the Lyon and Leopards-Head frowned, as ane of them, if the faid Works

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will conveniently bear the fame: \$ndid hereof afl perfoni concerned are tefired to tafke notite, and demean thembelved atcozaing= In : othermife the noarders will mafte it their care ta peacure them to be peotexed againf actozping to labu.

Goldfmiths-Hall the 7 th. day of January, 1677 .

wHEREAS $\mathbb{C o m p l a i n t}$ hath heen made to the naardeng of the company of Bolarmitg: London, Jyat dibers mafl morekio ax siluer Wuckleg foz $\mathfrak{B c l t y}$, Silder litity, and the pieced thereto be= fanging, with biverd other $\mathfrak{m a f l}$ maresi baty af onolo and siluer are frenuentle
 fimitya ano otherg, mote than srandari, to the great abufe of hite gajelties good Subjens, and Bifcredit of tijat Mqamita: tute, and repzoach in fozein party to the engliff batarmiths: 2nd that tyere are alfo biverw pieted of silher 界late fold, not fring 2lfaped at Goldfmiths-Hall, and co not marked with the Leopards-Head aroluncis, de Lyon, agi bp Iam the fame bught to he. 3fnd mhereag the meardeng of the fain company, to peevent the faid jraudi, bave fozmerly reguired aff perfong to foz= bear putting to sale any abulterate maxey either of $\mathfrak{G b o l i}$ az siluer, hut that thep caufe the fame fatthmith to be iefaced. 3Ind that ax well plate=mbaftex ax \$malt:maktera fould caute their refpe=

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atife giantit to he frought to GoldfmithsHall, and there frike the fame in a cable Keptin the alfay= ©ffer, and yikemife cnter their famex and Blaces of fabitationg in a 2300 hat there litpt faz that purpore, wherefo the perfong and tycir sarkis might biefinown unto tye marocna of the faid company; which tabing not of rate bien bulp obterved, and many of the ©ffor dery fem to be intortigitic. There are therefoee togive notice to, and to require a gain, aft thofe who exercife the faid 3 art of ghpfterp of Boformithe in oz ahout the Cities of London and Weftminfter, and the Suburbs of the fame, and in and about the 23 urrough of Southwark, that thep fozth: mith repair to Goldfmiths-Hall, and there frifite their sqartai (firft appzabed of hp the mardeng in (dourt) in a $\mathfrak{c a b l e}$ appoin: ted foz tyat purpafe; and lifewife enter their famed with the places of their $\mathfrak{r e}=$ fpecibe Bmefling in a 2300 hremaining
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 either fmafl oz great, fefoze the Bozemany mare fe fruth dear and bifible therean, and upon eberp part thereof, that iax bozoght afunder, and aftermarda fodered of made faft tyereto, infinifhing tye fame, the mardeng, that it wifl not conbeniently hear the mobtera ghark. Snd tyat (ail manner of silder Beffly, and all manner
 ner of $\mathfrak{s i l b e r} \mathfrak{W u t h l e g}$ foz $\mathfrak{D C l t w}$ and $\mathfrak{G i r}=$ oleg, and other tarners of siluer be zere faped at Goldfmiths-Hall, and there appza= ucd foe ${ }^{2}$ tandard ; fop friking therenn the Lion and Leopards Head ©romned, az ane af them, hefoze thep fo expored to Sale. Sand bereof all foerfant concerned ate requis red to take notice, and demean themfeluex actozainglp: othermife the marbent re= folbe to make it thrir rare to placure them to he proceeded againfe atcozaing to Eab. 3 Ind mill reward eucre perfon foz theix paing in ditcobering fiefoze them(incourt) the matter of fact of anp crantgrefioz (int the plemifirg) upon the fonvidion of the Bffender.

Touching the feveral Weights now in ufe amongft us, for the buying and felling of Gold and Silver, and precious Stones, the Reader may obferve,

That no other weights are (by our Laws) to be ufed in weighing Gold and Silver, but thofe called by the name of Troy Weights, of which

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24 Grains make a penny weight, or the weight of an old Sterling penny, (which now goes for three pence.)

20 penny weight makes one ounce.
12 ounces make a pound.
The compounding thefe weights (being ufed in Affaying of Gold, and computing the Standard of Gold ) are called by the name Carracts, of which a large account is given before.

There be other forts of Carracts compounded of Troy grains, thus;

4 Grains make a Carract.
6 of fuch Carracts make a penny weight.
120 of fuch Carracts makes an ounce Troy; Thefe are only ufed to weigh Diamonds and Pearls.

That all perfons may know the difference of Tray. weights from others, they are to obferve that there weights are made in the fhapes, and of the Metal, and marked as hereafter is mentioned, (viz.)

The Grain weights are made of pieces of thin Brafs, commonly called Laten-Brafs, and are cut near four fquare, and proportioned from half a grain to fix grains; and fo many grains that each piece contains, it is marked with the like number of round Marks thus (o) And alfo on every piece is (or fhould be) fet the letter $G$ with a Coronet at the head of it, thus ( $\boldsymbol{G}$ )

The next weights above them, are the penny weights, which are made of thick quare pieces of Brafs, proportioned from a half-penny weight toa five penny weight, and not ulually higher:

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And fo many penny weight that each piece contains is made or marked thereon, fo many round marks thus ( 0 ) as abovefaid; and alfo is or fhould be fet the Lion on every piece.

The next above them is the ounce weights, they are allo of Brafs, and made round in nefts, (that is to fay) to fall or fand one within another, and are proportioned from a drachm to 32 ounces, and fometimes to 64 ounces, (viz.) the leaft is a * Drachm; the next half a quarter of an ounce, the next a quarter of an ounce, the next half an ounce, the next an ounce, the next two ounces, and foevery one dou-

* A DrachmTroy is one penny weight and fix grains; Sixteen of fuch drachms make an ounce Trcy: Half a quarter of an ounce is two penny weight and 12 grains. ble the weight of the next leffer, and every one from an ounce upwards, are marked with numeral Letters of fuch number, as the pieces contains ounces, and alfo every weight marked with two Letters, made thus ( $\mathbf{R}^{\prime}$ ) for Troy, and are or fhould be marked with the Lion and Leopards-Head Crowned.

The next weights above them are fafhioned like a Bell, and are called Bell-weights, and are proportioned from one pound or twelve ounces Troy, to thirty two pounds, and fometimes higher, every one being double the weight of the next leffer, as before of the ounce weights, and are or fhould be marked with the fame Marks.
The Standard of thefe weights is kept in the Tower of London, andalfo in the Goldfmitbs-Hall, and the Officers there and none other fhould have the Sizing or Gauging of them; but that being accounted

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accounted too chargeable, the feveral Weightmakers in and about London do ufually Size and Gauge thefe weights themfelves, according to the aforefaid Standard, and do fet marks on them fomething refembling the right; but by what authority they fo do, l leave to the confideration of thofe immediately concerned therein.
There are other forts of Weights, by fome ufed amongft us, called by the name of Venice-Weights, and are made in nefts of the fame fafhion, as the nefts of Troy ounces are, and every one double the weight of the next leffer, but very much differing from the Troy Weights thus, (viz.) as the Troy ounce contains twenty penny weights, fo the Verice ounce contains but thirteen penny weight and a half. But there being no Law for thefe Venice-Weights amongft us, only the Sellers of Gold and Silver Lace (but without any warrant or authority fo to do) do too often for their private lucre, ufe the fame. But what l have before mentioned of them, is fufficient to prevent their being ufed inftead of the Troy weights.

There are alfo other forts of weights (by our Law) in ufe amongit us, called by the name of Averdupois (the leffer fort of them) are made of Brafs, and fhaped round and flat, and every one double the weight of the next leffer, and are or ought to be Sized and Marked at Grild-Hall London, (where the Standard of thofe Weights is kept, with feveral Marks, (viz.) the City Arms in a Shield, the Dagger, the Letter A for Averdupois, a Flower-de-luce, and the Effigies of a Veffel or Ewer. Thefe Weights differ from the Troy weights thus, (viz.) that as the Troy ounce Averaupois contains but 18 penny weight; and as the pound Troy contains twelve ounces, fo the pound Averdupois contains fixteen ounces: But thefe not being for the weighing Gold and Silver, what I have mentioned of them, is fufficient to diftinguifh them from the Troy Weights.

THus I have given you a plain account of what Gold and Silver is produced, and their natures, and that the noblenefs and excellency thereof is the caufe of thefr being in fo great efteem.

I have alfo fhewed what induftry hath been ufed heretofore to make thofe Metals the more ufeful and ferviceable in works by Allaying them to a certain Standard, the beft (for the intended purpofes) in the world, and what that Standard is, I have plainly fet down.
l have given you a true and faithful account of the Laws and rules in force, made for keeping all Gold and Silver Works up to that Standard, and for regulating the Goldfimiths Trade, and what perfons may lawfully follow that Trade, and fome notes for the better underftanding thore Laws and Rules.

I have given intimation of the tranfgreffion of thofe Laws by the making and felling feveral works of Gold and Silver, of a worfe and courfer Allay than that Standard, and the proper means and ways how every perfon may eafily difcover the fame, and the greatnefs or littlenefs of the deceit, and the right method of proceeding for recompence.

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If for all this any Workers or Sellers of Gold or Silver Works (in any place within this Realm) Thall refolutely perfift in breaking thofe Laws by Working, Selling, or expofing to Sale fuch adulterated and fraudulent Works, to the great difcredit of thofe Metals, and deceit of the people, and difhonour of this Kingdom and Government, and (in particular) the Corporation of Goldfrmiths: Yet I hope all wearing buyers of thofe works will confider, that to buy a thing for Gold or Silver, which is but a ceunterfeit thereof, without diftruft or fcruple, argues a weak credality: And to wear Brafs or Copper, fuppofing it will be efteemed Gold or Silver, may (inftead of fuch efteem) merit a fufpicion that'ti, fo worn becaufe of dijability to buy better, or of ambition to have a counterfeit Ornament appear a reality.

Now will any wearing Buyer be fo inconfiderate as to fancy or fay this concerns not him, or it only concerns the Corporation of Goldfmiths; when indeed the evil practices of the Workers and Sellers of Goldfmiths Works will be no ways fo curbed and prevented, as by the ingenuity of the we arcug Buyers and their underftanding what they ought to bave, but if they fhall only underftand what is their property, and not purfue it; I fay (as before) fuch perfons are not only (in this cafe) worthy to be cheated, but are encour agers of fuch evil docrs, and have no excufe left them, when they are hereby fo plainly directed to difcover the cheat, and fo eafily to get recompence, either (immediately) of the Seller, or by application to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, or to the chief Magiftrates in the feven Touch-Towns, who are bound

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 bound by Law (as aforefaid) to frand by the paira ty wronged, and endeavour what in them lies to purfueall courfes of Law to obtain their recompence.And I do affert, that feveral perfons to my knowledge have made complaint to the Wardens in the method as afore is directed, and have had a quick and fpeedy difpatch to their full fatisfaction; and others who having difcovered their being cheated, have applied themfelves to the perfon of whom the falfe work was bought, who have either returned the money which it coft, or good work of the Standard goodnefs inftead thereof, rather than a farther clamour fhould be made to his difgrace, or be called in queftion before Authority for the offence.

But to fuggef that this deceit is only, or for the moft part in the fmall Silver Works, and therefore inconfiderable and not worth the trouble of the Magiftrate, nor others to fupprefs it; when'tis well known.

That the fmall Works are near as much confiderable as the great Works; for counting the number of Workers and Sellers, and the mulcitude of Wearers, and the extraordinary wearing, and breaking, and alterations of Fafhions of the fnoall Gold and Silver Works, above the great Plate, it will appear to be ufed near equal in quantity, if not more.
For, it may be obferved, that in and about London, for one that works in great Plate, there is fix fmall Workers, and more; and that the great Workers do not always make their veffels and work of the largeft fort, but do make abun-

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dance inconfiderable in the weight; as of $5,4,3$, or 2 ounces each piece, and goes under the name of fmall Works; and that the Small Workers do fre-quently make heavy Works, as Hilts, and Buckles, and fach like, weighing $3,4,5,6,8 ; 10$, or 12 . ounces the piece or fett, and yet is accounted. SmallWork; and that when Trade has been indifferent quick, feveral of thefe Small Workers have each of them to my knowledge wrought into Buckles, and Hilts, and fuch like 200 ounces and more of Silver in every week of a very bafe Allay.

So that if half the Small Works be adulterated or made of Counterfeit Sterling or Standard, the wearers of fuch Works cannot be lefs cheated (by what may reafonably be collected confidering what is made and fold in London, and all parts of the Kingdom) than two hundred pounds in every week, reckoning but one 乃billing cheat in every ounce of Silver, and fo proportionably in Gold; but if any confiderable number of the fmall Workors fhould each of them cheat 5 , or 6 , or $\mathbf{1 0}$, or $15 l$. or more in every week in the Buckles and Hilts, and the pieces thereto belonging (which is well known fome have done) and fo of other fmall Works, it would amount to a greater fum.

And to fancy that this deceit being fo divided, fevered, and difperf, that no one perfon can complain of any confiderable lofs thereby, therefore: no need of punifhing or fuppreffing thercof.

By the fame reafon if Thieves and Robbers do craftily take or fteal but by little and little, to the value of 6 d . of one, I s. of another, 2 s . of another, $\rho s$ of another, 10 or 15 s . of another,

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 no need is there of punifhing or fuppreffing them: The inference thereof I leave to all, and do hope that the wearing buyers of Goldfmiths works, ( to wit, Sword-bilts, and the piecies thereto belonging, Buckles for Belts and Girdles, and \$hoo-Buckles, and Garter-Buckles, Watch-Cafes, and the Pins and Studs that are put into Watch-Cafes, Rings of all Sorts, Lockets, and other fewels; Money-Boxes, Tobacco-Boxes, Coral-Sockets, and the Brafs wier put in thofe Sockets, and Copper Clappers in the Bells; all forts of Buttons and Taggs for Garments; Chirurgeons Instruments, Clafps, Cbains, DramCups, and all otber forts of Small work, and of the great Plate that is made in the remote places from London) will not fuffer themfelves to be thus wheedlingly cheated by thofe Works, of 11 or 12000 l . or more, in every year: But that be the cheat fmall or great, or the offender rich or poor, the agrieved perfons will vigoroully profecute, and the Magiftrates feverely punifh every offender in the Goldfmiths Trade.And rather then the poverty of any offender, fhould deterr the profecution and fevereft punifhment, $\mathbf{I}$ do averr that (they being the firft and principal adventurers to make thefe fraudulent Works) it were better they were maintained by the Alms of the Rarifh, than thus to affift to cheat the people, and dijcredit the Goldfmaths Wares, and thereby fooil their Trade. And the more able Working-Goldfmiths, that would work honeftly, are forced to follow fuch their ill example, or procure them to be punifhed, or lofe their Trades. And certain it is, if the Fines on theefe offenders be fmall, it will be worth their while

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to pay it, and go on again in making and vending fuch cbeating Works : for true it is, that one weeks cheat, or lefs, may make double recompence for an orrdinary Fine, and it will be a great cbance if thefe punifh'd offenders, that live privately, be catcht once in balf, or a whole year after.

A more particular account of thefe deccits take thus: The Shop keeper buys in his Shop all forts of old courfe Gold and Silver works, and you may be fure not for above the juft intrinfick value that 'tis worth ; which courfe Gold or Silver, (inftead of caufing the Refiner to make it of the finenefs of Standard) he either works up again himfelf, or puts it out to his Work-men abroad (who live generally in private) to be wrought; or elfe the mean Work-men, having made up courfe Gold or Silver works of their own, abour with it they go to the Shop-keepers; and they, whether Goldfmiths, or Traders in their Works, (if evilly difpofed) do receive of thefe New works more or lefs, as they have occafion, and put in Gage weight for weight their Old courfe Gold or Silver againft the New, and only pay the Work-man for the Fafhion. And the Work-men dare not refure this way of dealing, for the number of them being great, and are generally very poor, that if one do refufe, another (efpecially an Alien) will imbrace it, and the refufer lofeth his Trade, and fo is undone: And the complying worker has this further advantage, he will make it courfer, and fo every time ('tis new wrought) cosrfer and courfer, and as bad as poffbly he can work it, and make it thew like Gold or Silver. And if the evil difpofed Goldfmiths deliver Gold or Silver

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 that is Standard, to be wrought into Works, or do work it themfelves, they will certainly mix, or caufe the Work-man to mix in it, fuch quantities of Copper as will make it of the cuftomary courfnets. Herein lyes the delufion of that pretence, (to wit): hat be takes (or delivers to bis Work-wen) no Gold or Silver but Standard to be wrongtt into Works.This counterfeit Gold or Silver work, is al-. ways fold to the wearing buyer (if Silver) at $s \mathrm{~s}$. the ounce, and (if Gold) at $4 l$. the ounce, although moft times it be not worth above half the price, befides the Fafhion. I charge not all Shop-keeping Go!dfiniths, and Traders in their Works, with thefe unlaw ful doings ; but affuredly 'tis an overfpread difeafe, for the evil-difpofed Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, will (as the Laws to prevent thefe deceits now are) in derpite of Fate practife it at all opportunitles, and the honeft Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, muft (though unwillingly ) do fo too, or lofe their Trades. Aind many loneft Worker's would gladly contribute largely both pains and money to punifh offenders, and obtain a thorow Reformation; but are fo over-awed by the evildifpofed Shop-keepers with whom they deal, that they dare not appear or give the leaft countethance to it, which if the Shop-keeper perceives they do, it will affuredly coft them the lofs of their Cuftom, unlers fome extraordinary thing prevent.

And that the honeft Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, are fo forc'd to prattice thefe deceits, it may plainly appear by thefe Examples:

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Suppore a Set of Buckles weighing two ounces be made of Sterling, which Silver the honeft Goldfmith fells for ros. 6 d . you may be fure he gains nothing by that ; but if he take 3 s . a reafonable price for the Fafhion, which is all his gains, O how 'tis fcrupled, as a great rate, and too dear! For the evil-difpofed Goldfmith will make a Set of the fame likenefs and weight, worth but 3 s. 6 d . the ounce, and take 10 s . for the Silver, and but 2 s . for the Fafhion, and this by the wearing buyer is counted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed 'tis the dearer by 2 s . than the good Silver Buckles.

Or fuppofe a Gold Ring weighing 6 dwot. be made of Standard, which Gold the honeft Goldfmith fells for $1 l .4 \mathrm{~s}$. you may be fure he gains nothing by that ; but if he take 3 s. a reafonable price for the Fathion, which is all his gains, 'tis fcrupled, and accounted a great rate, and too dear : For the evil-difpofed Goldfmith will make a Gold Ring of the fame likenefs and weight, and the Gold worth but 18 s . and take $\mathrm{I} l .4 \mathrm{~s}$. for it, and but 2 s . for the Fafhion, and this by the wearing buyer is accounted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed'tis dearer by 5 s . than the other. But if the Gold or Silver be courfer, as often it is, the bargain will be fo much the dearer, and the cheat the greater. And fo it is of all other Goldfimiths works which are adulterated, and this deceitful pretended cheapnefs draws away the boneft Go!d/miths Cuftom, and exceedingly cheats the wearing buyer.

Another invention is ufed among the evil-difpofed Goldfmiths, and Traders in their Works,

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 to defraud the mearing buyer: They will always (efpecially now there is fo great noife about thefe deceits) keep of every fort of Gold and Silver works, both of the Standard goodnefs, and of a courfer Allay, ready for Sale; and when the Cuftomer comes to buy, they will carefully obferve whether he has skill in the Silver or Gold, and whether he is fcrupulous of its goodnefs, by asking for the marks, and (the common, though frivolous queftion) whether they will warrant it to be Standard; then be fure he muft be very impusent that will put any Wares but good, into fuch fcrupulous perfons hands: But if they perceive the Cuftomer carelefs, or unskifful, then he is the perfon that fhall affuredly have the Adulterated Goldfmiths works.This artifice occafions the difficulty for perfons imployed on purpofe (by the Company, or others) to buy the deceitful Works, thereby to have the offenders profecuted according to Law : For fuch perfon imployed muft be very ingenuous in ma-. naging his words and carriage, and to make diftinction, elfe he may buy the good inftead of the bad, by which may accrue confiderable lofs by the Fafhion, they having not occafion for the fame.
I know many will be much offended at thefe difcoveries, and reflect on me that old faying; That 'tis a forry Bird that defiles his own Neft; but let fuch confider in thefe cares, that he is not the defiler, that difcovers and endeavours. to cleanfe the filthy corrupt doings in this Trade, But they that are the Actors and Abetters of adnLterating the Goldjmiths Works, are defilers of their

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Nests, a difcredit to their Warks, and difoonoser to the whole Trade and Nation.

I am the more plain in this cafe, becaufe I find this diftemper is contumacious, and the offenders incorrigible, and do impudently defie the Laws, and dare the Magiftrates to their faces; and do at every time they cheat in thefe Works, and efcape, conclude that no agrieved perfons will. trouble themfelves to call them in queftion for the fame; and the threatning againft them by others, to be but as an old Womans Fable.

Wherefore thefe offenders ought to be expofed to exemplary punifhment, not only to pay confiderable Fines, but with the Pillory, lefs then which will not fop the cariere of this fo grand deceit. And fince the counterfeiting a Pa/s, was punifhed with the Pillory, and a Fine, Lib. delib. Goal. Nevogate, 5 Docemb. 8 Car. I. and the like punifhment impofed for counterfeiting a Butobers Licenfe, 3 March. 7 Car. ead. Lib. it may be fuppofed that the counterfeiting the Sterling on Standard in Works of Gold or Siluer, and kelling, exchanging or bartering the fame, (being agreater. cheat) will not be lefs feverely dealt with.

And to the end thefe deceitful practices may be effectually fupprefs'd'and prevented, I will humbly propofe to our wife Law-makers, whether a further Authority (with reducing all Goldfinith into that Corporation as aforefaid) may begiven to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths, and to all other Surveyors as the King is Authorized by the afore-recitedStat. of 37 Ed. 3.7. to appoint, and afo to the parties grieved, to this offeot following; (viz.)

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THat it Jhall aind may be lawful to and for the Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths of the City of London, and either of them, and their Succeffors, and Such other skilfoul perfon and perfons as the Kings Majefty, his Heirs and Succeffors, 乃all froms time to time think fit to appoint, and authorize. under the Great Seal of England, at all times hereafter, in the day time, for the better redrefs of the evils aforefaid, to enter into all and every Shop and Shops, Work-houles and Ware-boufes of all and every perfon and perfons trading in, and felling any Plate Veffels, Harnefs, or any other work or ware of Gold or Silver, and furvey, view, and try the faid wares; and in cafe they Jall find any of the faid works or wares, whether they be fingle or mixt, or joyned with the works of otber Trades, to be deficient, ciiber for want of fuch Stamp and Marks as by the Statutes made for regulating Goldfmiths works, are required, or be not of good and warrantable Allay, or any Brafs, Copper, or Laten works, gilt or filvered, contrary to the Stat. s Hen. 4.13. That then it foall and may be lawful to and for the Wardens and their Succeffors, and fuch other Surveyors, perfon and perfons fo to be authorized under the Great Seal as aforefaid, reppectively to feize and Jecure the. Jame, aud the fame feizure Soall return and prefent at the next Seffions of the Peace for fuch County where fuch foizure is made; and in cafe upon fuch Prefentment, the owner of Juch Works Jhall not be fatisfied witb fuch feizure, but will juftifie the fame to be lawful Works, that thes the Jaid owner ßball fort bwith plead Not guilty anto the Said Prefentment, and the Court thereupon, at the fame Seffions, fball.canfe a fury ta

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be returned, to try the faid IJJue, upon which tryal the faid parties Joall be at liberty to give the $\cap f$ ecial matter in evidence: And in cafe the Verdict hall be given for the Profecmtor, or the faid Wares Jall be condemned on fuch Prcfentment, by Nihil dicit, that then in either of the faid cafes, the fard Wares foall be appraifed in the fard Court, upon the Oaths of two perfons, and the one moiety of fuch appraifement fball forthwith, before delivery of the faid Wares, be paid unto the Sheriff of the fard County, to be anfwered on his accounts in the Exchequer to bis Majefty, wherewith the Clerk of the Peace is bereby required to charge bim in his Estreats in the Exchequer; and the other monety Shall go and be to the perfon and perfons making fuch feizure. And the faid 7ustices of the Seffions to be bereby authorized and required, in caje of fuch tryal as aforefaid, if the Verdict foall be given for the Profecutor, to tax and affefs bim bes full coft by bim expended in fuch profecution, and alfo twenty Sillings for bis attendance, in cale the moiety of the Works feized be not of that value. And in cafe the Verdict frall be given againft the Profecutor, that then the faid Court feall tax and affers the Deferdiant bis full coft of Suit, and Joall from time to time grant Execution for levying all the Jame money fo taxed as aforefaid; and the faid condennation or tryal there to be bad, gall be concinfive to all parties, without further Appeal to any other Court by Certiorari, Writ of Error, or any other wife what foever.

And. in cafe any Goldfmith, or any other perfon or perfons, fellers of any works or wares of Gold or Silver, or gilt or filvered Brafs, Copper, or Laten, Joall refufe topermit ios fand Werdens, or other the perfon

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or perfons, or Surveyors fo to be autborized as aforefaid refpectively, to furvey, fearch and try, in the day time, all Such wares and works of Gold and Silver, or gilt or filvered works aforefald, as fhall be withen their refpective Shops or Ware-boufes; or Ball refufe, when required, to open. all their Compters, Cbefts, Glaffes, Cupboards, Boxes, Drawers, Workboufer, Ware-boufes, and all and every other place and places where the faid wares are i: wally made or kept, that then every perfon fo offending, to forfeit for every fuch refufal the fum of five pounds, the one moiety whereof to be to our Soveraign Lord the King, bis Heirs and Succeffors, and the other moiety to fuch perjon and perfons to whom fuch refufal is. made, together with full cost, in cafe the faid forfeitures be contefted, and recovery be had by Suit at Law.

And that all 7 ustices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other Officers, where any fearcb Sall be made by virtue of this ACt, fball be aiding and affifing to the faid Wardens and Surveyors refpectively, in making fuch fearches.

And that if ary perfon or perfons whatfoever, do or fball counterfeit or deceitfully make, or canfe to be counterfeited or deceitfully made, the Mark or Marks of the Corporation of Goldfmiths, or the Mark or Marks of any Goldfmith, entered and registred as by the Statutes aforefaid is directed, on any work of Gold or Silver what Soever, that then Such perfon fo offending, Ball for every fuch offence incurr the penalty of Fifty pounds, to be divided betwixt the King, and the party grieved that 乃all fue for the fame: And where the offender is not able to pay fuch Fine, be Sball undergo twelve months imprifonment

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prifonment without Bail or Mainprife, and be alfo publickly whipt upon bis naked back at the Carts Tail, once in every month during fuch imprifonment.

And that the Wardens of the Goldfmiths aforefaid, and all other Surveyors appointed for the AJaying and Marking the Goldfmitbs works, and their Succeffors refpectively, Jall and may lawfully detain and keep (the weight of) 4 grains of Silver, and no more, out of every ounce Troy, and fo proportionable out of every leffer weight, of all Silver works they do allow and mark for good, that Ball contain in each piece under the weight of fix ounces Troy, for and towards the extraordinary charge and pains about Affaying and Marking the fame.

And that if any Action, Plaint, Suit or Information, ßall be commenced or profecuted against any, perfon or perfons for what be or they flall do in purfuance, or in execution of this $A E t_{2}$ fuch perfon or perfons fo fued in any Court what foever, Sall and may plead the general Iffue Not guilty, and upon any. Iffue joyned, may give this $A C E$ and the fecial matter in evidence: And if the Plaintiff or Profecutor Sball become Non-Suit, or forbear further profecsetions, or Suiffer a difcontinuance, or if the Verdict pafs againft him, the Defendants 乃all recover their treble costs, for which they flall have the like remedy as in any cafe where cojts by the Law are given to Defendants.

And that it may be enacted, that from time to time, and at all times bereafter, when any perfon is or fall be agrieved, by having received or bought of any Golefmith, or other Trader in Goldfmiths works in London, or five miles compafs of the fame City,

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any manner of Gold or Silver werk what facver, that in nos of the finenefs, or is worre then the Standard appointed for Gald miths works by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; It fcall and may be lawful.to and for any one or more fuftices of the Pease, or chief Magiftrate of the place where the offance fhall be committed, be or they to be bereby required and exjoyned, apon proof ta him or them refpectively made. of fuch offence, by the Oath of the party grieved, of: his or bei receiving or buying the work, (and producing the Report of eitber tbe fworn Aflay-Mafter of the Goldfmiths-Hall, or the fworn Afay-Mafter of the Tower of London, under sitber of their. bands, that the Work is worfe thin Standard, and unlawful; which Affays and true Reports they and oither of them, to be required readily to perform for wnal Fees; which Oath the faid 7uftice and fuftices of the Peaee, and chief Neagiftrate refpectively, to be bereby impowred and required to adminifter) to make Record of euery fuch offence under bis or their, hands and foals refpectively, which Record fo made as aforefaid, to be to all intents and purpofes in Law taken and adjudged to be a full and perfect convittion of cvery fuch offender for every fuch offence. By vertue of which Record, the Wardens of the Goldfursithr, or any one of them, (baving the falfe Work, and a true Copy of the conviction, and Record of the affence, under the hands and feals of fuch refpective Fuftice or chief Miegiftrate, delivered to tben or any one of thems) foall and miay lawfully, and are hereby anthorized and required, wath tbe affiftance of a Conftable, Hoadborough, or Tithing-man, (who are heroby required to be aiding and affifing herein) to levie the fooll fums that fuch decesifful Goldh or Sil-

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vier works was fold at, to foch respective person erieved; with neceefsary charges, and also twenty fillings for a Fine, in cafe the false Works be not of that vatue, by diftrefs and Sale of Such offenders Goods and Chattels, rending the overplus; and with such mone to make re-payment to the party grieved bis reafonable charges, and the aforesaid Fine and deceitfut Work Shall be to the use of the laid Corforation.

Provided always, that where fuch offender goal find himself agrseved, by such conviction and distress as aforefaid, that it Ball and may be lawful for him, within one week after the fard diftrefs sal be mate as aforefaid, (and not after) to appeal in writing from the person convicted, (be entering into Recognizance before the 7 office or Magiftrate that made the Record, to prosecute the Said Appeal to effect) to the Judgment of the Fuftices of the Peace in their Quirrter-Seffions, to whom the fuftice of the Peace, or chief Magistrate, or Alderman that fir $f$ convicted the offender, Ball certifie under bis or their bands and foals the evidence upon which the convittion pafs'd, and the whole Record thereof, and the. Said Appeal and Recognizance; whereupon foch offender may plead and make defence, and have his tryal by a fury thereupon. And in cafe such Appellat Shall not profecute, with effect, or if upon $\int$ such try al be fall not be acquitted, or Judgment pals not for him upon bis said Appeal, the said fuftices at their Sefflons fall give treble cost ogainit such offerder, for bis Said unjust Appeal: And no other Court J ball intermeddle with any Cause or Causes of Appeal upon Such conviCtion, record and diftre $s$, but it fall be finally determined in the Quarter-Seffions only.

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This method may be fitted as effectual for all other places in the Kingdom, by impowring the Juftices and chief Magiftrates there, to iffue forth their Warrants (after conviction and record made of the offence as aforefaid) to make diftrefs, and to re-pay the agrieved perfon : and the falfe Goods to be to the ufe of the Poor of the Parifh, and liberty of Appeal as aforefaid.

If this or fome other provifion thall be thought fit by our Law-makers to be made, for the better enabling the Wardens of the Goldfmiths to perform their duty, and to make the profecution of thefe offenders quick, cheap, and eafie, it will doubtlefs totally fupprefs thefe deceits.

But now as the cafe is, the Wardens will fay, we are willing to do our duty to the utmoft, we have provided an Aflay-Office at our Hall, with Officers and all conveniences therein, for Affaying and Marking all Gold and Silver works that are Standard, and will conveniently bear the Marks.

We do not refufe, but allow all Workers in Goldfmiths works in London, and three mikes compafs, the AJfay and Touch at our Office, as thofe free of our Company have.

We are ready at all times needful, and do make fearch among all Workers and Traders in Goldfmiths works, and feverely punith the offenders for what offences we can find.

But here lyes the mifchief that marrs all, let us agree upon and appoint a fearch as fecret as we can, and fo fecretly proceed aboif the work, 'tis poffible we may furprize one, two, or three of thefe deceitful Traders at firlt, and view and try

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their works. But 'tis certainly true, they will give notuce one to the other; theri all the reft will prefently hide and lock up all their deceitful works, and when we come to fearch, fome pretend they have none but good, and most will refufe to open either Glafs, Prefs, Compter, Box or Drawer, or Back-room, (which is the principal place; ) And fome when having fecured their falfe Works, will abfent themfelves until we are gone; and we doubting of our power to break open or punifh the contempt, do depart : and thus our endeavours are made fruitlefs both in City and Country.

But Quere, Whether the Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, that do refufe to give free liberty of fearch, ( to all or any of thofe antbortzed by Law to fearch, view and try the Goldfmiths works) be Indictable and Fineable by the Comimon Law for the contempt; if it be fo, yet the charge and trouble, and bittle profit, will difcourage the profecution.

And, whether the Wardens of the Goldfmith's, and other the Surveyors, bave Autbority (upon refufal) to break open Glaffes and Preffes, and all place; where they do fee any works of their Trade, (among St any Goldfrniths and Traders in their works) and to view and try the fame; if they bave, yet that $A u-$ thority will avail little, for the Adulterated works are chiefly kept in more obfcurity.

And the agrieved perfon will fay, I have bought a Set of Silver Backles, and by the direction aforefaid do find I am cheated 2,3 , or $4 s$. or more in them; or, I have bought a Silver Hilt, and do find I am cheated 6 , or 8 , or 10 , or 15 s. in it, and the pieces thereto belonging; and fo of atl other

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 other forts of fmall works both of Gold and Silver, and the great Plate made remote from London: And he will fay, he that fold it me is a cheating Knave, I will go to him again, if I can conveniently, or can remember or know where he is, or inhabits, and Hector him to make me recompence; which if he refure to do, I confider that to profecute him at the Sefflons, will require the lofs of a great deal of time, and more charges than the fum I am cheated of, efpecially if he remove the Plaint into the Kings-Bench Court ; or if I begin with him there, or any other Court, it will be the fame thing, as to lofs of time and great expence, therefore I will omit the profecution: And becaufe of the dijparagement to wear fuch braffie counterfeit Goldor Silver, I will put it off for what I can get, and take more care the next time I buy fuch Works, or wholly omit the wearing of them.This is the common faying among the people, and the apprehenfion of the difcouragement in profecuting the Workers and Sellers of thefe Adulterated cheating Works, is a great encouragement to their proceedings therein.

But my good Country-men, I pray confider that none of you are born only for your felves, but ought to be helpful to the Publick ; if fome agrieved perfons are timorous, unable, or fo desll, that they will rather fuffer this way of cheating to proceed in a full torrent, than take a little pains, or be at a little charge to put a ftop thereto, yet I hope fome of you (having more generous Spirits, for the good and honour of your Country) will confider, that although the profecution

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cution of thefe offenders for fimall crimes, may be rather a lofs than gain to you; yet the brenging thefe offenders jomet emes to publick pünybment, will make them Senfible that they are not Jecure as beretofore from the lafb of the Law, for Juch their deceitful practices. But if the proceedings of the Wardens, and the grieved perfons, were made more effectual, ciseap, quick and eafe, where the Wardens go once in their fearch now, they would then go ten times; and where there is one agrieved profecutor now, there would then be twenty: then who would dare to offend in the Goldfiniths Trade ?
Now let me reafon the cafe a little with you, that will notwithfanding all that I have writ, and all the late punifhments that have been inflicted for thefe offences, obftinately and refolutely perfint in working and felling unlawful Gold or Silver works, what do you think will be the right ways cither to advance your Trade, or leffen it ?

Can you imagine that although the buyer perceive not the deceit at firft, (when the work is newly fold, and cunningly fet off, with all your skill) that he will not perceive it in the wearing like Brafs or Copper? and when fold again, be allowed but 3 s . or 3 s .6 d . the ounce for the Silver, and but $2 l$. 10 s. or $3 l$. the ounce for the Gold, when he paid $\rho s$. the ounce for the Silver, and $4 l$. the ounce for the Gold, befides the Farhion.
You may be fure he will not only repent the dealing with you, but publickly fay, You are a very cheating Knave; and fay alfo, Who would buy fuch fort of Works wherein is fo much deccit,

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ccit, but rather ufe any other thing inftead thereof? And tbus people are difcouraged to buy your Works, and your Trade decays; whilf you vainly think to treble your profit, but inftead thereof lofe your Trade.

When orherwife if your Gold and Silver works be of Standard goodnefs, your Cuftomess will fay, 'Tis as good as money in their Pockets, weingt for wewht ; and that they know what they paid for the Fafhior,, which is all the lofs they fhall be at, and the work wears creditable; and they will not repent of their bargain, but publickly commend it, whereby others will be encouraged to buy fuch Works, and fo your Trade increafes.

And I will affert, that if all the Gold and Silver works were made of Standard goodners, for one ounce that is thercin ufed now, there would then be three ources and more : And thus would your Trade flourifh, and the old Proverb would be to you experimentally true, that Honefly is the best Policy.

And although the old (but erronious) Proverb is, That howeft dealing is a Jewel, but they that life it thall die Beggars; yet I have obferved, and 'tis well known of feveral perfons that haye got confiderable Eftates by indirect and unjuft means, and it has mouldered and wafted away, and the parties come to a very mean condition.

And others who have ufed a good confcience in their dealing, and have what in them lay, proceeded in all their ways by the rule of juftice and honefty, have been very profperous, and arrived

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to confiderable Eftates, and it hath continued to them and theirs.

But fome Workers and Traders in Goldfmiths Works will fay, others do make falfe and adulterated Works, and lell cheap, and we work honeftly and have no gains coucht witdifcernably in the Motal, therefore muft have a fuitable and vifible profit to our labour; and by confequence our works mult bear a bigher prife than the adultereted works of the fame likenefs and weight, or we cannot live : And the falfe works being cbeaper, and yet more gainful than our honefl works, will be vended, and have free paffage amongit the unskilful people, whilft our good and lawful works will lie on our hands.

How then can we (by common reafon) beinduced to believe that our honefty will maintain us, or your obfervation of the good fuccefs of honeft dealing be ufeful to us to prevent the neceffity of our being brought to work; and fell as bad as any, or ftarve

To which my honeft Brethren, I fay, you are obliged by the Laws of this Land, and Principles of Chriftian Religion to be true and juft in all your dealings, neither to cheat by your felf, nor be acceffary to others cheating; not to work, or caufe to be wrought or vended, falfe and adulterated Gold or Silver work of your own, nor to work it for others: if you do the contrary, 'tis Rebellion, and as the fin of Witchcraft; in the practice of which you fhall never profper: and further, you are to confider, you are placed by providence in this Trade for your livelihoods, and I hope have ingenuons capacities to manage it fo, that you

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may appear to the woild to be curious Artifts. Then be you ingenious allo to keep a Brotherly Correfpondence one with the other, and every one endravoui his uttermoft (to obtain the New Laws afore-propofed, and in the mean time) to difcover, impeach, and profecute by the affiftance of the Waidens, and means, as afore is directed, all that do work or fell adulterated works, this (with the never-failing feverity of the Courts on thefe Offenders) will break the hearts of knavifh actions and defigns in your Trade, all then muft work Gold and Silver of a like goodnefs, none then can under-fell you but will ruine themfelves: And you cannot be accounted ignominicus Informers, which are thofe that jue upon Penal Statutes, aind aim more at the private lucre than the fuppreffing or preventing the Tranfgreflion, and will unlawfully compound the Offence, or take bribes to forbear profecution. Be you clear from thefe in your profecutions, and then you will be; nay you cannot be accounted other (without calumny and flander) than the parties grieved: and fuch your proceedings being fo juft and honeft, and honorable to your Trade and Nation, you will certainly have the Eleffing of Divine Providence in fo eminent a meafure, that you will be forc'd to confefs, that no ill courfe is comparable to the juft and honeft, for your growing rich, and that your Riches well gotten is bleffed to you and yours.

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TH AT my good intent for preventirg fraud not only in cafes wherere MajJy Gold and Silver are wfed, but alfo in other Works made or pretended to be made. thereof, may take the better effect, I foall give you another Statute fill in force, made as well to Jupprefs and prevent the Gilding and Silvering of Copper and Brafs Works, and the deceit therein ufed, as the wasting the Gold and Silver of this N'ation, (viz.)

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 Oinament foto fomade, the copper and the Iaten foalmeghain, to the intent that a man mag tie witeraf the thing ixi made, fos to deficlu the deceit afderand.

By which Statute the Gilding or Silvering any Locks, Rings, Beads, Candlefticks, Harnefs (that is, the Buchles) for Girdles, Chalices, Hilts, Pom.mels for Swords, Powder-Boxes and Covers for Cups made of Copper or Latea (to wit, Brafs) is pofitively forbid, upon the penalty of $\rho l$. for every offence. And one reafon thereof appears to be this, That fuch working Copper or Laten, and covering the fame with Gold or Silver, is not only a great wafting of the Gold and Silver, but the occafion of a great fraud, by making fuch Wares to be in appearance of the value of whole Gold and Silver, when indeed they are in the fubftance thereof but drofs and Counterfeit. And no doubt but fome perfons at this day (as well as when that Statute was made) are or may be deceived by

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fuch falfe Counterfeit Works, and perhaps (wheia it is too late) experience the old Proverb to be true; That all is not Gold that glifers.

And it is not to be doubted, but that the Makers of that Statute were well informed that Copper or Brafs may be wrought into very many forts of Work whercin Gold or Silver may be wrought. And becaufe much deccit was then ufed in the working of Buckles; and in Hilts and Pomme!s for Swords, ơc. as well as of later times, fuch fevere penalties were laid on the Workcrs of fuch falfe Warcs, purpofely tofipprefs all Countarfeit and deceitful Work.

Such works being not only a wrong to the wearer by doing little or no fervice, (by reafon of its brittlenefs, and its cankering and litinking quality, and foon lofing its Gcld or Silver Colour) but alfo to the workers of whole Gold and whole Silver works, who are much hindered and damnified in their Trades, by reafon fuch falfe works are made to refemble their true or right works, and fold and worn iniftead thereof.

Therefore it may be reafonab y conceived, that the workers of whole Gold and whole Siiver works are intended by the faid Statute, fartics grieved as well as the wearer, and fhall recover fatisfaction from the Offenders.

And I am well afiured, that the profecution of the Offenders againft this Statute (which may be done by Bill, Plaint or Informa:ion) belongeth to the Wardens and Company of Gold/mitts, London, as well as the private agrieved party.

And the makers and workers of fuch counterfeit works are fubjectcd to the Wardens and Com-

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 panies power to Correct and punifh in as full and ample manner as fuch workers who cover Tin with Silver mentioned in therr Charter.IWill further add Somet hing that may be ufeful to them that know it not, to prevent their being de. ceivedw ith the Connterfeit Coin, that (notwithftanding the great care ufed by our Governors to prevent it) is contunually made and vended amongft us. Wherefore they are to obferve,

Firft, That there is one fort of unlawful Money, that is made fo, (of the law ful Coin) by Clipping or Filing, or both, or otherwife lightening or impairing the fame.

Secondly, There is another fort of unlawful Counterfeit Money, made with the mixture of a little Silver and other bafer Metal, which by artificial working, boiling, and finifhing, will be made much like in countenance, and near as paffable as good Money.

Thirdly, There is another fort of unlawful Money, made of Colid Copper or Brafs, and covered or cafed over (on the flat parts as thick as paper, and on the edges near as thick as a fixpence) with good Silver, and is commonly as paflable as the other.

Fourthly, There is another fort of Counterfeit Money made only of fine hardened Tin, which comes near (at firft making) to the colour of good Silver Money.

For the knowing of thefe (one from another and all) from the Lawful Coin; Note further,

Of the firft, The good Silver Coin that is clipt, filed or leffened, although thereby made unlaw-

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ful, yet according as it is more or lefs by thefe ways abufed, the people do receive or refure it, as they can agree.

Of the ticond, This fort, although when artificially finifht, it much reiembles the proper Silver Coin; yet it cannot be fo cunningly done, but it may be difcovered by its different afpect from the good; if that give caufe of furpicion, rub eithcr the edge or flat part of it upon a dry board that hath graveily or gritty matter on it, as the ftep of a ftair, or fuch like; or elfe when the furface or out-part of the edge is a little rub'd off, rubit on a good clean Touch-ftone; as afore is directed: and if it be falfe, you will thereby difcover it. Or elfe take a Goldfmiths Graver made fharp, and enter it in fome part of the flat of the Money as if you begun to engravewit, and in that hole or entrance (by viewing it in the light) if bad, it will appear in its yellowifh colour:

Of the third, This fort is always different from the good Silver money thus, (to wit) as the good Silver money hath frequently (I mean the old Money) !mall cracks on the edges thereof, which is made by the forging it ; fo this fort of Counterfeit Money is generally fmooth on the edges without fuch Cracks; and as the good Money will(being let fall or thrown flat on a folid Board) ring fhrillifh; fo this fort of bad Money, by reafon its Cafe of Silver camot be fo united to its body of Brafs or Copper, but it will (if let fall or thrown as aforefaid) found like Lead, where thefe figns give caufe of fufpicion, the ufe of a Graver, as aforefaid, will plạnly difcover it.

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Of the Fourth: This fort is eafily difcovered thus, (that is to fay) it cannot be avoided but its countenance will look much dulier or darker than the good Money ; and if you bite it, you may make greater impreffions thereon with your teeth than on the good Coin, for it is fofter, and much eafier to be bent (either between the teeth, or in fome chink or joynt of boards) than Sood Noney.

There may be other forts of Counterfeit Silver money, and other ways to difcover the fame. But to enlarge this Difcourfe on the critick-niceties of what is, or may be obfervable thercin, and the Laws in force concerning the fame, would not only fwell this, but be matter for another Volume: Therefore I will only add, that ingenuous perfons, being well acquainted with the particulars of the foregoing Treatife, and thefe plain Rules here laid down, and by their care to obferve nicely the proportion, ftamp, countenance, and wearing of the good money, will eafily difcern its difference from the Counterfeit. And as the Counterfecting, Clipping, Roundizr, Wafking, Filing, Impairing, Diminibing, Falffying, Scaling or Legbtening, (for wicked lucrefake) the proper Money or Coins of this Realm, is High Treafon by thefe Statutes (to wit) 25 Edw. 3.2. and 5 Eliz. II. and 18 Eliz. I. And the Actors of thefe Crimes, their Counfellors, Confenters, or Aiders therein, to be punifhed accordingly: So the counterfeiting the Sterling or Standard Gold or Silver of this Realm, in any Works or Wares whatfoever, both the working, felling, expofing to fale, exchanging or bartering thereof, is fe-

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 verely punifhable, as is afore made manifeft : And it may be faid of the unlawful Money, as of the unlawful Gold and Silver Works, that if the people would (as they may) be fo ingenuous to know and refure them, the maker of either would foon defift from fuch unlawful employments.Here is the proper place to infert Reynolds his Tables, and Catalogue of Forcin Coins; but for fome reafons they are referred to the latter end.

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Here followeth the Charter of the Cutlers 0: the City of London, truly rendred into Englifh; the Inrollment wobereof is now remaining of Record in the Cbappel of the $\mathbb{R} \cdot \boldsymbol{u l}_{s}$, Confirmed in the Fitich Year of King James.

JAMES by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, $\in c$. To all men to whom thefe prefents fhall come, Greeting.

Whereas our noble Progenitor, Henry after the Conqueft the Sixth, having information, that by reafon of the loffes and unfortunate cafualties that happened to the men of the Myftery of the Cutlers of the City of London by Sea, they then were not able to live but by the benevolence of well difpofed people; whereof he having a Princely confideration, did by his Letters Patents of his efpecial grace, grant and give licenfe to the forefaid Cutlers of London, that they for ever after fhould have one perpetual Commonalty of theinfelves, and that the faid Commonalty fhould choofe, and make Richard Wellon Mafter of the Commonalty and Myftery aforefaid; and Martin Goddard and John Chad Wardens of the afore-

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aforefaid Commonalty and Myftery for one year: and fo every year one Mafter and two Wardens of the men of the forefaid Commonalty and Myflery to furvey and govern the faid Myftery and Commonalty, and all perfons and their works for ever.

And further of his neer grace did grant and give licenfe for him and his H cirs to the forefaid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, that they and their Succefors, Nafters, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery aforelaid for the time being, might purchafe Lands, Tenements, and Rents to the value of 20 l per atm as by the faid Letters Patents more at large appeareth.

And whereas the faid Letters Patents have been by divers of our Noble Progenitors fince that time allowed and confirmed, as by the feveral confirmations thereof likewife more at large appeareth.

Now know ye, That we at the humble Petition of the Company of Cutlers of Lonion, and the Suburbs thereof, for the better Rule and Government of the faid Company, and every of them; and for the avoiding of divers deceip:s and abufes ufed in the faid Myftery, to the great damage and lofs of our loving Subjects, of our efpecial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have willed, ordained, conftituted and granted ; and by thefe prefents for Uls, Our Heirs and Succeflors, do will, ordain, conftitute and declare and grant, that all and fingular the perfons of the Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of the City of London and the Suburbs thereof, for ever hereafter are and fhall be by virtue of thefe prefents,

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one Body Corporate and Politick in dced and name, by the name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of Cutlers of London.

And them by the name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myitery of Cutlers of London, We do by thefe prefents for $U s$, Our Heirs and Succeffors, really and fully create, make, ordain, conftiture and declare one body corporate and politick in deed and name.
And that by the fame name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of Cutlers of London, they fhall and may have perpetual fiucceffion. And that they and their Succeflors by the name of Maffer, War dens, aind Commonalty of the Myitery of Cutters of London, fhall and may be for ever hercafter perfons able and capable in Law to purchafe, have, reccive, and enjoy, Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Fürijditizons, Franchifes, and other Hereditaments whatfoever, of whatfoever kind, nature or quality they be to them and their Succeffors; in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life, lives, year or years, or otherwife, in what fort foever. And alfo ali manner of Goods, Chattels, and things whatfoever, of what name, nature or quality foever they be.
And alfo to give, grant, fet, let, alien, affign and difpore of Mainors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments; Goods, Chattels, and things whatfoever : And alfo to do and execute all and fingular other Acts and things whatfoever by the name aforefaid.
And that by the fame name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myffery of Cutlers of

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London, they fhall and may be able to plead, and be impleaded, to anfwer and be anfwered unto, to defend and be defended in all Courts and places whatfoever, and before whatfoever Judge or Juftices, or other perfons and Officers of Us, Our Heirs or Succeffors, in all and fingular Actions, Plaints, Pleas,Suits,matters and demands of whatfoever kind, nature, or quality they be, in the fame manner and form as any other our Liege Subjects of this our Realm of England, being perfons able and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate and Politick within this Realm of England, can or may have, purchafe, reccive, poffele, enjoy, retain, give, grant, fet, lett, alien, affign and difpofe, plead and be impleaded, anfwer and be anfwered unto, defend and be defended, do, permit, and execute.

And that they the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myitery of Cutlers of London, for ever hereafter thall and may have a Com. mon Seal to ferve for the caufes and bufineffes of them and their Succeffors; and that it fhall be lawful for them and their Succeffors to change, break alter, and to make anew the faid Se.rl from time to time at their pleafure as they fhall think beft.

And further, We will, and by thefe prefents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, We do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London aforefaid, and their Suc effors, that for ever hereafter there fhall and may be one of the Commonalty and Myftery aforefaid in manner and form hereafter in thefe prefents mentioned, chofen, and named which
which fhall be, and be called the Master of the faid Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London.
And that likewife there fhall and may be Two of the faid Commonalty and Myftery in manner and form hereafter in thefe prefents expreffed, chofen, and named, which fhall be, and be called the Wardens of the faid Commonalty of the Myftery of Cutlers of Londo.
And alfo that there fhall and may be Twenty of the Commonalty aforefaid in manner and form hcreafter expreffed, named, and fivorn, which fhall be, and be called the Afiftants of the faid Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and from time to time fhall be afjifing and aiding to the Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery aforfaid for the time being in all caufes, matters, and bufineffes touching or concerning the faid Commonalty.

And further We will, and by thefe prefents for us, Our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftefy of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, That it fhall and may be lawful to and for the faid Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or to the greater part of them, calling to them the moft part of the Affiftants for the time being, as often as they fhall think it needful or expedient to Affemble, Convocate, and Congregate themfelves together, at, and in their Hall, or any other convenient place within the City of London, or the Suburbs thereof, and there from time to time, and at all convenient times hereafter to entreat, confult,

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confult, determine, conftitute, ordain and rake any Confitutions, Laws, Ordinances, Statutes, Articles and Orderswhatfocver, which to them, or the greater part of them as is aforefaid, fhall feem reafonable, profitable, or requifite, for touching or concerning the good Eftate, Rule, Order, and Government of the faid Commonalty of the faid Myftery of the faid Cutlers, as to them, according to their wifdom and difcretion fhall feem convenient ; and in what order and manner the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Myftery, and all other perfon and perfons ufing the faid Myftery within the City of London, and the Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the fame City fhall demean and behave themfelves,as well in all and fingular matters,caufes, and things touching or concerning the faid Myftery, or any thing therunto appertaining.

As alfo in their feveral Offices, Minittcrics, Functions, and bufineffes touching or concerning the faid Commonalty and Myftery as aforcfaid; and all and fingular fuch Pains, Penalties, Punifhments and Imprifonments of body, or by Fine or Amerciament, or by any of them, againft or upon any Offender or Offenders which fhall tranfgrefs, break, or violate the faid Confitutions, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances or Orders fo to be made, ordained, and eftablifhed, or heretofore made, ordained, and eftablifhed, or any of them to impore, provide, and limit. and the fame, and every part thereot to ask, levy, take and receive by way of diftrefs or otherwife, by any lawful ways or means, of or againft the faid Offender or Offenders, his or their Goods or Chattels, or any of them, as
the caufe fhall require: And as to the Mafter; Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid fhall feem moft convenient or expèdient.

All which Laws, Orders, Ordinances, Constitutions, Institutions and Articles, fo made or to be made, ordained and eftablifhed, We will and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant and command to be from time to time; and at all times kept, obeyed and performed in all things, as the fame fught to $b \in$, upon the pains, penalties and punifhments in the fame to be impofed, inflicted and limited: So as the fame Laws, Statates, Artccles and Ordinances, pain:, pexalties, imprijonments, Fines and Amerciaments be reafonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this our Realm of England, nor the landuble customs of our Cuty of London.
And for the better executing of this our Grant in that behalf, we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succefiors, do affign, create, conftitute and make our well-beloved Subject Thomas Porter, Citizen and Cutler of iondon, to be the prefent Mafter of the faid Cummonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, to continue in the fame Office until the Even of the Holy Trinity next following the date hereof, (if the faid Thomas Porter fhallfo long live) and from thence until one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery fhall be named and chofen unto the Office of Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myitery,

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in due manner, according to the Ordinances and Provifions hereafter in thefe prefents mentioned and expreffed.

And alfo we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succefiors, we do affign, name, conftitute and make our well-beloved Subjects William Bag$l e y$ and Thomas Cbefore, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the prefent Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Biyftery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Offices of Wardens until the faid Even of the Holy Trinity, if the faid William Bagley and Thomas Chefbire fhall fo long live; and from thence until two other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery fhall be chofen into the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, according to the Ordinances and Provifions in thefe prefents expreffed and declared.

And we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, ro affign, name, conftitute and make our weil-beloved Subjects Richard Haws, Thomas Green, 7 Fohn Gardiner, Thomas Aßber, Oliver Pluncket, al. Plucker. Georse Ellis, Reynold Green, Cbriftopiser Hatfeld, williain Helie, fobn Beston, Henry Adams, Edward Anárews, Laurence Evans, Fobn Fobnfon, Nathaniel Miutbews, Miles Bancks, fobn $^{2}$ Porter, and James Tackley, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the firft and prefent Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Office of Affiftants during their natural lives, unlefs they or any one or more of them, fhall for time be removed

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mqved for evil Government, or mif-behaving of him or themfelves in the faid Office or Offices of Afliftant or Affiftants, or for fome other reafonable caufe.

And further we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, we do grant unto the faid Mafter, Wardens and Commonalty of the Myitery of the Cutlers of Londor, and their Succeffors, That the Mafter, Wardens, Affiftants and Livery of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforefaid, from time to time for ever hereafter; thall have full power and authority, yearly and every year upon the Even of the Holy Trinity, to elect and nominate one of the Freemen of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, which fhall be Master of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for cine whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, be chofen into the faid Office of Mafter of the faid Commonal $y$ and Myftery, according to the Ordinances and Provifions in thefe prefents expreffed and declared.

And that he which fhall fo be chofen and named into the fame Office of Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myfterv, before he be admitted to execute the faid Office, Thall take his corporal Oath before the Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myitery his predeceffor, and the Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, well and truly to execute the faid Office of the Mafter of the faid Commonalty

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and Myftery, in all things concerning the faid Office ; and that after the faid Oath fo as aforefaid to be taken, he thall have and exercife the faid Office for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until one other be chofen and fworn in form aforefaid, into the faid Office of Mafter of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, in manner and form before in thefe prefents expreffed.

And likewife that they may elect, nominate and chufe two other of the Freemen of the faid Commonalty and Myitery of the Cutlers of London, which fhall be Wardens for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until two other of the fame Commonalty and Myftery be chofen and /worn unto the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, according to the Ordinances and Provifions in thefe prefents expreffed and declared.

And that they which fhall be fo chofen and named into the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, before they be admitted to execute the faid Offices, thall take their corporal Oaths before the laft Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, their laft predeceffors, well and truly to execute the faid Office of Wardens, in all things touching and concerning the faid Offices: And that after fuch Oaths fo as aforefaid to be taken, they fhall and may exercife the faid Offices for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until two other be chofen and fiworn in form aforefaid into the faid Cffices of Wardens of the faid Commonalty

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and Myftery, in manner and form before in there prefents expreffed and declared.

And further we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, That if it happen the Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or any of them, to dir, or otherwife for any reafonable caufe to be removed or difniffed from his, their, or any of their Office or Offices of Mafter and Warden aforefaid, or any of them, within the $y$ ear wherein they or any of them fhall be fo elected and chofen as is aforefaid; That then and fo often it fhall be lawful to and for fuch and fo many of the faid Mafter, Wardens, Affiftants and Livery, which fhall be then living or remaining, or the greater part of them, at their pleafure to choofe, make and $d$ wear one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery to be Mafter, Warden or Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, according to the Or dinances and Provifions before in thefe prefents expreffed and declared; to execute and exercife the faid Office of Mafter, or the faid Offices of Warden or Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, until the faid Even of the Holy Trinity then next following, firft taking their corporal Oaths in form as is aforefaid, and fo often as the cafe fhall require.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors we do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of Cuilers of London, and their Succeffors,

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that whenfoever it happeneth, any of the faid Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being to die or be removed from his or their Office or Offices: All which Affiftants, and every or any of them we will thall be remavable, and to be removed by the faid Nafter and Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid, for evil Government, Mif-behaviour, or for any other reafonable caufe, that then, and fo often it thall and may be lawful to and for the faid Mafter, Wardens, and fo many of affiftants which fhall then furvive or remain. or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid, at their will and pleafure, from time to time to choofe and name one other or more of the faid Commonalty to be Affiftant or Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Mytery in his or their place and ftead which fhall fo happen to die or be removed, as is aforefaid.

And that he and they which thall be fo chofen and named to be Affiftant or Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery as aiorefaid, before that he or they, or any of them be admitted to his or their execution of the faid Office or Offices of Affiftant or Affiftants thall take their Corporal Oaths before the Mafter and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, well and truly to execute the faid Office or Offi$c \in s$, and fo as often as the cafe thall require.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeflors, do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London and their Succeffors,
ceffors, fpecial Licenfe, and free and lawful power and authority to buve, receive, and purchafe to them and their Succeffors for ever, as well of us, our Heirs and Succellors, as of any the Sabjeet or Subjects of us, our Heirs or Succeifors whatfoever, Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenement;, ReETories, Tithes, Rents, Revenues, and other poffifions and Hereditaments wisat foever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or succeffors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service : So that all the fa:d Mannors, Mefluages, Lands, Tenements and other Hereditaments whatfoever, fo by them to be had, perceived, or purchafed by virtue of thefe prefents, do not exceed in the whole to clear the yearly value of one bundred Marks, the Statute of Lands and Tenements, not to be put into Mortmaine, or any other Statute; Act, Ordinance, Provifion or Reftraint, or any other thing, caufe, or matter whatfoever to the contrary in any wife notwithflanding.

And alfo we grant, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do give free, full, and lawful licenfe, power, and authority to any the Subject or Subjects of us, our Heirs, or Succeffors whatfoever, and every of them, that they and every or any of them fhall and may be able to give, grant, affign, or by any other lawful ways or means whatfoever, alien, devife, or arfign, to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of Loidon, and their Succeffors, any Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverfions, Services, and other Hereditaments whatfoever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or Suc-

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ceffors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service: So that the fame Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditdments whatfoever, fo as aforefaid to be given, granted, fold, aliened or devifed, do not exceed in the whole the clear value of one bundred Marks by the year: The Statutcs of 1 ands and-Tenements not to be put in Mortmaine, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provifion or Reftrain, or any other caufe, matter, or thing whatfoever to the contrary thereof in any wife notwithftanding.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, our Heirs and Succelliors, do grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, that they and their Succeffors fhall and may have one horest and difcreet perifon in manner and form hereafter in thefe prefents to be chofen and named which fhall be, and be called the Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of Londan.

And we have affigned, conflituted, made, named and ordained; and by thefe prefents, for us and our Heirs and Succeffors, do affign, conftitute, make, name and ordain our well-beloved Súbject Thoman Jadwyn to be the first and prefent Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Office during the term of his natural life, except he fhall be removed by the Mafter, Wardens, and Afliftants for the time being, or the greater part of them for evil Government, or for any other reafonable caufe, and that from time to time, and at all times after the death or removing of the
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faid Thomas fadwyn, the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them, fhall and may choofe and make one other difcreet perfon to be Clerk of the faid Commonalty and $M$ yftery ; and that the faid Clerk. now named, as alfo he which fhall be chofen and made to be Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery after the death or removing of the faid Thomas fadwyn, as is aforefaid, fhall and may exercife and enjoy the faid Office of Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery during the good will and pleafure of the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid.

And that every one of the faid Clerks fo named, or to be named and appointed from time to time as aforefaid fhall take his or their Corporal Oath or Oaths before the Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being, or the greater part of them, well and truly to execute the Office of Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Myftery in all things appertaining to the faid Office, according to his skill and knowledge; and fo from time to time as often as the cafe fhall require.

And further, of our more fpecial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, we have granted and confirmed, and by thefe prefents, for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, we do ratifie and confirm unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the CutLers of London, and their Succeffors, and all man-

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ner Liberties, Franchifes, Immunities, Exemptions, Jurifdictions, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatfoever, which the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of their Predeceflors, by what name or names foever, or by virtue of what Incorporation foever, now have, hold, ufe and enjoy, or heretofore have had, held, ufed or enjoyed by reafon or force of any of the Charters or Letters Patents of any of our Progentors or Predecefiors, Kings or Queens of England, by any manner of means heretofore made or granted, or by any other means, right, title, ufe, cultom or preicription heretofore had, ufed or accuftomed, altiongh the fame, or any of thems heretofore have nat beens ufed, or have been abufed, evil ufed or difcont muned; and although the fame or any of them have been forfeited. or loft.

To have and to hold the fame Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchifes, Jurifdictions, and other the Premiffes before by thefe prefents granted unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, for ever to be held of us, our Heirs and Succeffors, by fuch, the fame and the like Rents, Services, and fums of money, as the fame were formerly holden, and not otherwife : Wherefore we will, and by theefe prefents do ftraitly charge and command for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, that the faid Mafter, Wiardens, and Commonalty of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of London and their Succeffors, fhall and may have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all the faid Meffuages, Lands,

Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Authorities, Jurifdictions and Franchifes aforefaid, according to the tenor and effect of thefe our Letters Patents, without the lett or hinderance of us, our Heirs or Succeffors, or of any Juftices, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Officers or Minifters of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever; wiling that neither the faid Mafter, Wardens, or Commonalty, nor any of them, by reafon of the Premiffes, or any of them, by us, our Heirs or Succeffors, the Juftices, Sheriffs, Efcheators, or other Bailiff or Ninifters of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever, be thereof hindered, molefted, rexed, grieved, or in any wife troubled; willing, and by thefe prefents, charging and commanding as well our Treafurer, Chancellor, and Barons of our Exchequer at Weftm:nfter, and other the Judges and Juftices of us, our Heirs and Succeffors; as alfo our Attorney or Solicitor General for the time being, and every of them, and all other our Officers and Minifters whatfoever; that neither they, nor any of them do profecute, or continue, or caufe to be profecuted or continued any Writ or Summons of (quo Warranto) or any other Writ, Writs, or Procefs whatfoever, againft the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of them, for any Caufe, Thing, Matter, Offence, Claim or ufurpation, or any of them, by them, or any of them, claimed, attempted, ufed, had or ufurped before the making of thefe prefents; willing alfo, that the faid wafter, Wardens, and Commonalty', or any of them, by any of the Juftices, Officers, or Minifters aforefaid, in or for the due ufe,claim, or abufe of any Liberties, Franchifes or Jurifdi-

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ctions within the faid City of London or Suburbs thereof, before the making of thefe prefents, be not molefted, troubled, or hindered, or compelled to anfwer to them, ar any of them.

And further, we will, and by thefe prefents for us, bur Heirs and Succeffors, for the better order, rule, and government of all and fingular perfon and perfons which now do ufe, or hereafter fhall ufe the Myftery, Art, or Trade of Cutlers within the faid City of London, or Suburbs thereof; and within three miles of the faid City we do give and grant to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Commonalty and Myftery of Cuters of London, and their Succeffors, that the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery for the time being for ever hereafter Ball have the overfight, view, fearcb, correction and government of all and fingular perfons what oever occupying, exercijng, or ujing the (asd Myftery, Art or Trade of Cutlers within the faid City of London, and Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the faid City, as well within places exempt as not exempt ; and fhall have power and authority by virtue of thefe prefents, according to the Laws of the Realm to punifh and correct, or caure to be punifhed and corrected offendors for their Offences, Deceits, Falfhoods, Abufes, or Mifdemeanors in the falre, infufficient and deceitful occupation or ufe of the Myftery, Art, or Trade of Cutlers aforefaid, according to their demerits in that behalf.

Wherefore we will, and by thefe prefents, for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do ftraitly charge and command all and fingular Mayors, 7 uftices,

Sheriffs; Conftables, and all other the Officers, Ministers, and Subjects of us, our Heirs and Succef:fors whatfoever, that they and every of them be aiding, belping, afifing, and comforting, to the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Affiftants of the Commonalty and Myftery of Cutlers of London aforefaid for the time being, and every of them, to do, enjoy; have, and execute all and fingular thing and things whatfoever by us before by thefe prefents granted unto the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty aforefaid; and every or any part or parcel thereof, according to the tenor and true meaning of thefe prefents, although exprefs mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the Premiffes, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants by us or any of our Progenitors or Prcdeceffors to the aforefaid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty heretofore made in thefe prefents is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provifion, Proclamation or Reftraint to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, caufe or matter whatfoever in any wife notwithftanding.
In witnefs whereof, we have caufed thefe our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs our Self at $W^{\prime}$ eftminfter the 8th. day of $7 u l y$, in the fifth year of our Reign, of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the Fortieth.

> Per breve de privat Sigillo, Gr.

Cartwright.

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Thus I have given you a rrue accostrit of the Cutlers Charter of Incorporation, wherein is given them great Power and Authority in the affairs of that Myftery? And for their further encouragement, divers Acts of Parliament have been made (and are now in force) for prohibiting the Importation of feveral Works (belonging to the fame Trade.) wrought in Foreign parts; as Stat. 3 Edw. 4. 4. and Stat. I Ricia. 3. r2. and Stat. s Eliz. 7. and part of Stat. 14 Car. 2. II: all which İ will here cite verbation, (viz.)

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\text { Stat. } 3 \text { Edw. 4. cap. } 4 \text {. }
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 fy the antificere of mamal Occupatt: bng, men and women jnbabitiag and reff: iefit in the city of London, and other $\mathbb{a}$ : ties, ebtury, wurroughy and billagex buitign the fame nealm of Englarid and Wales, it gaty then pitcouthy fheloci and somplainco, bow that all thep in gencral, and everpot them, be greatly inpoberifued, and muth hinized and perjudecio of their logefoly imteafe and vaile living, he the grat multituides of oivery commoditiag ent hares pertaining to their mopleries endoctupationg, hing fullp widught and reaby made to fale, as wall be the hambs of atranters bitig the aintg enemies, ax other in this ifatm and Wales, fetcheo and heought from beyond tye Sea, afi wril bit Merchant stranger af Benizens, and otyer perfony, whereof the greatef part in
fubfante ig deceitful and nothing bozth, in regard of any mang ©ctupation oz
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 often ast they map fe fotndin the thand of anp perfon to fer folo.
The out hafi of the fame fozfitures to foe paid to the ufe of our siozd the fintit, and the other half to him that will firft fetye the fance foe the 隹ing; the fame balf

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Tndenture fictluixt them mame zulf to an faue thercunto in fig Mtrompt.
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groviact alfo, that aff mares anti dhaffers made and weunty in the anax of Ireland, $\boldsymbol{o}_{2}$ Wales, may fo heought and form in thit ineafm af England, ax tyep were want hefore the makting of thig statute;


Silfo our Pozd the fime hath dexaineo
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 of the fame rivalm of England, and of the Countritet Wales, abi mithin the IUthertieg $\mathfrak{a n i o}$ framénife of the fame $\mathbb{C i t i e g}, 250$, roughs, Combs and Diffate , at afl timed rafonable gethe dap, at fairg and
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 Ganda focucr they map he fouma.
Fgobidid alfo, that the faid Maftera, Wardent, and other named in the faid © 2 dinance to $\mathfrak{b e}$ fartherg, fhall not enter
into anp place exempted fo peivilcoge; fyanchife oflfom, to make in tife fame anp faxch agtid afocfaid, but he the ober: fight of fome Oricer of cberp futa plate fa ctempt, witac anp fuch farth fhati fappen to he made. ( This to for in fozce folong ax fhatl plate tye fing.)

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chat then it fiall fe lawtul to fuch fate, cherw, to take and fetize all fuct chaffer, Mares and gecrthandizcgi, whity fanf fa he fomion not gad, pure, latutur oe abte, noe well wantht, as atting foffit: che one haff of the fame foifeitute to he paid to the ufe of cur Mas the fing, and the other yalf thercof to hith Ahafter as bardens which fo fanl make farey ano find the fame.

> Stat. I Rich, 3. cap. I2.

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 of England, as lucll of the ditnof Londoa, aw of otther Cities, Colvng, 25azoucss and Biflagta of the fame fandm, tijat is to fap,

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that whereas they were mont in timex paft to be greatly ret aboze and occupici in the faid arafty, foz the futtenance of
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baw fo it ix, that fop Merchant 5 tran= gers, Denigut and others, there $\mathfrak{i x}$ becught into tijut farta from beyond the Bras, to be fold mityin thit fealm of England, as muty hiate as may be woutigt and made hy the strtificter above reurario, tyat bu reafon thereof the peos ple at firanze countriew where the faid foata be made, be grently octupico and increafor, and the faio 3 trtificets in thit Ifrafm greaty imponerifted, and without the 解ing mate fyelucd to them in thiti fifty, are fike to be undone foe fark of Oratyation.
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Stat. $\varsigma$ Eliz. cap. 7.

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mifalm of England muth theregip impaired， the whole fiealm gueatly endamageid，and
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 foz Birdleg，Rapiers，Daggers，Knives，Hilts， Pommels，Lockets，Chapes，Dagger－Blades， Handles，Scabbards，and Sheaths for Knives，

 being ready made，of weatgt in ang parts hepent the seas，to he fold，hat＝ tered oz exthanged within this fiealm of England， $\mathfrak{o z}_{2}$ Wales；wpon ain to forfit afl futh mares fo to he hought，tontrary to the true meaning of thit old，in whore hande foeder thep of any of tyem fhafl he founid，or the very value thereof．

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> Stat. I4 Car. 2. cap. I i. the branches thereaf to our purpofe are verbatim thus.

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## At the Court at Whitehall, 7 unc 6. 1673. Prefent,

The Kings moft Excellent Majefty.
His Royal Highnefs the Duke oî York.
Lord Chanceilor.
Lord Treafurer.
Lord Privy Seal.
Duke of Lauderdale.
Duke of Ormond. Earl f Ogle.
Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Bridgexater.
Earl of Bathe.
Earl of Carlife. Earl of Craven. Earl of Arlington. mafter Speaker:

WHereas by the late Addrefs of both Houfes of Parliament, his Majefty was humbly defired by his own example to encourage the conflant wearing of the Manufactures of his own Kingdoms and Dominions, and to difcountenance fuch perfons, Men or Women in his Majefties Court, as fhould wear any Manufactures made in Forein Countries: and that purfuant hereunto his Majefty had gracioully declared, that he would not only do it by his own example, but would difcountenance all other perfons that fhould wear Foreign Manufaclures: and that his

Majefty

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Majefty had given order to the Lord Treafurer to direct the Commiffio eres of the Cuftoms, to caule all goods of ForeinManufacture prohibited byLaw to be feized, at what Port, or on whofe account foever they fhall be imported into this Kingdom; and that his Lordfhip fhall graut no Warrant for the releafe of them. And whereas t:pon the Petition of the Silk-Weavers of London, prefented to his Malefty in Council, fetting forth that they have attaincd to great skill in contriving and making of Silks and Stuffs figured and plain, and that if due encouragement were given to them, and to feveral other Manual Trades ey prohibiting the Importation of Forein Manutactures, they fhould increafe and flourifh; his Majefty was pleafed to declare, and accordingly then gave order to the Mafter of his Robes, that he Thould not prepare for his Majefties s.fe in his wearing Apparel, any kind of Silks or Stuffs wrought out of his own Dominions, nor any Ribbands, Gloves, Hats, or other things, for his wearing, which were manufactured beyond the Seas, unlefs as hereafter excepted: Ard likewife that the Lord Chamberlain of his Majefties Houfhold fhould take care and give due order that no perfon or perfons fhould prefume to come into his Majefties prefence, wearing any of the things aforefaid being of Forein Manufacture, nor any other whatever, unlefs as followeth; namely, the Lace commonly called Point de Venice, which may be worn by any until the firft day of May next, and no longer; as alfo Linen and Callicoes, and fuch other wearing things, as by our ownTrade are imported from the Eaff. Indies.

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To the end therefore that there his Majefties Command and Orders may be publickly taken notice of, and the more exactly obeyed, it is this day further ordered by his Majefty in Council, that the Right Honorable the Lord Treafurer do renew his Orders to the Commiffioners of the Cuftoms, that they direct the fcizure and confifcation of all momner of Forein wearing MawifaEtures that are probibited by Law, and to caule his Majefties part there of to be publickly burnt, that fo the Petitioners, his Majefties Subiote, may find all due encouragement and advantage in the profecution of their leveral Trades and Callings: And that this Order is to be Piinted and affixed in all the Ports and Cuftom-houfes of England.

Robert Sounbwell.
Notwithftanding all which provifions made by authority(by reafon of fome defects thercin)there hath been, and now are manifold abufcs and difcouragement in this Myftery of Cutlery, that the fame is much decayed, and like to be utterly loft; and thereby not only great numbers of his Majefties Subjects deprived of fo excellent and exceeding neceffary way of employment, but the fafety of this Kingdom much obftructed, unlefs timely care be taken for procuring remedy therein.

To which purpofe I humbly offer to the comfideration of thofe in Authority, whether a Law may be made to this effect, (viz.)

Firft, That all and every perfon what foever. now infing or exercifing, or that fball bereafter ufe or

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exerrife the Trade or Myftery of Cutlers inithin the City of London, and throe miles compads of the fame City, baving been bound before the Maffer or Wardens of any Corporation, \&c, zn the City of London, andJervea ApprentiJbips thereto the |face of feven years at the leaft, to be admitted and enjoyned with bin one month after their wing or exercijiing the Said Trade or Myftery, to take the freedom of the City of London, and to enter bim or themfelves into the Corporation of Cutlers of the fald City in the fame mainer, and upoin the fame conditions, as before is mentoned in the like cafe of the Goldifmuths of London.

Secondly, That the Statutes for probibiting the Forein wrougbt Manufactures, be Supplied with this furtber Autbority, (viz.) that at the feizing any fuch probibited Works or Wares, the fame to be appraijed, and only the value thereof (confaiering the Jame as Wares laupful) to be forfeit to the King, and the Seizer; and the Works or Wares to be utterly defaced, broken, andJpoiled, to prevent their being ufed amongt us.

Thirdly, That it be now enacted to probibit Forein $\mathbf{w r o u g}$ gt blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, efter a certain Jpace of time, as at the end of feven years or more, under the like penalties as other probibited works of the faid Myffery.
And that in the mean time no Sword-blades, Ra-pier-blades,Hanger-Blades,nor Cimiter-blades, be expofed to fale, fold, exchanged, nor bartercd in any place in London, or three mailes compaf sof the fame City, by any Trader therein, unlefs thofe Blades be firft brought to Cutlers-Hall in London, and there Afayed, by the Mafter and Wardens of that Myfery

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or their Deputy or either of them, which if good to be by them or either of them marked with a mark (allowed them for that purpofe) and all defective and unferviceable blades ( $\mathrm{o}_{\mathrm{o}}$ brought) to break and poil, and all to be done and retzrned to the owners in convenient time, upon* futable penalty for every fuch blade expofed to fale, fold, exchanged, or bartered, not tried and marked as aforefaid.

Fourthly, That no manner of Forevgrivrought blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters be expofed to Sale, Sold, exchanged, or bartered, in any place (out of the Said City, and three miles compafs) within this Realm, by any Traders therein, unlefs thofe Blades be firft Affayed by the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers and their Deputy, or either of them, in every City, Burrough, and Town (where any Cutlers be dwelling) at a certain place and time to be appointed in eaeb City, Burrough and Town; and if good, to be by them, or either of them marked with their Mark allowed as aforefaid: And äll defcctive and unferviceable blades to break and Jpoil upon a fuitable penalty for every fuchblade expofed to fale, fold, exchanged or bartered, not tryed and raarked as afore faid.

Fiftibly, Tisat after the fet timo for trying and marking all Forein-wrought Blades aforefaid already imported, no Forein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters, to be imported dusring the time limited (for importing the fanse) but only at the City of London, and be brought to Cut-lers-Hall to be Affayed and Marked as aforefaid.

Sixthly, That there be a convenient charge impcfed upon all Forein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers and Gimiters that are already im-
ported, and that Ball be benceforward imported; tried, and Marked as aforefaid, during the time limited for Importing the fame. Whach charge to be taken and received by the faid Maffer and Wardens, or one of them, to the ufe of that Corporation; and to be by them fet apart for raijung a Stock for the fetting up the Manufacture of makugg the Blades aforefaid in this King dom, and to no ot ber ufe whatfoever: and the government and regulating that Ma nufacture to be by the faid Corporation of Cutlers, andnone otber.

Seventbly, That the Mafter and Wardens of the Company of Cutlers, or either of them, be imponered to bave the view, fearch, Tryal, and Regulation of all works of or belonging to their Mlyfery, in all and every place thronghoui England, amongst all perfons what oever, making, felling, expofing to fale, exchanging or bartering the fame; and to mark the good Wares, and feize, brake, and ffoil all unlawful, falle or infufficient Works or Wares belonging to their Trade or Mystery, and to impofe fuch Fine or Fines as may be convenient upon the Offeriders.

Eighthly, That all perfons not opening all places in the Shops, and Work-boufes, and Ware-houfes, or not giving free liberty of Search, and to execute the Authority of the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers? to pay 51 . for every such offence, half to the King, and balf to the Corperation.

Ninthly, That the Mafter and Wardens of the Cutlers, and their Deputy be required to take an Oath at the entrance into their Offices, for their true and faithful executing the fame, to the beff of their skill and knowledge, fo long as they continue therein, not to §pare any porfon for favour nor affection, nor grieve any for batred or malice.

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Tentbly, That no perfon or perfons whatfoever nuy bereafter make, fell, expofe to fale, exchanie or barter within this Realm, any Hilt, Pommel, or otber Work made of Brafs or Copper belonging to a Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or Cimiter, upon a futable penalty; and all fuch Works to be broke and utterly defaced.

Elevienthly. That the cownterfeiting, or the caufing to be counsterfeited the lawful Mark or Marks of any Corporation of any Manual Trade or MyJtery, or the lawful Mark or Marks of any Mafter-worker of any Manual Trade or Myftery within this Realm, by any ways or means what foever; on any the proper works of the Trade of fuch perfon or Corporation iobofe Mark or Marks are counterfeited, to be punifbed with the Pollory, and a fine, according to the merit of the offence.

> Some Reafons bumbly offered for the aforefaid Propofals, (viz.)

For the firft; That thofe perfons exercifing the Myftery of Cutlers in and about London, are very few of them Members of that Corporation whereby it frequently happens, that the principal Officers therein have little or no skill to perform the duty of thufe places, and by confequence be fuppofed very little, or not at all, to correct and prevent the abufes in the works of that Myftery : and the perfons exercifing that Myfterv, and beIng no Free-men or Members of that Corporation, are not under the Government thereof, and therefore will refufe to obey thofe wholefome Laws and Ordinance; as the Corporation fhalt find
find neceffary to make for the better regulating and government of their Trade.

For the fecond, That notwithftanding feveral works of the My ftery of Cutlery Forein wrought are prohibited; yet by reafon the Seizers are not authorized and enjoyned not only to feize, but alfo to deface and utterly deftroy the fame; thofe works are as frequently imported; fold, and bartered amongit us as ever. For inftance,

Suppofe twenty dozen of Forein wrought Hilts be feized according to the Statute s Eliz. 7. one half thereof is forfeit to the King, and the other half to the Seizer; and when condemned, what will be done with them ? they will and muft be fold amongtt the Cutlers to pay the King and the Seizer, and fo will pafs under the name of feized and condemned Goods, and by that means are and will be fecured from being queftioned ant more in like manner by any perfon whatfoever. Now here is that which marrs all; for under the name of thofe twenty dozen of feized and condemned Hilts will a hundred dozen or more of Forein wrought Hilts be brought in by ftealth, and fold amongft us, which all the care and cunning imaginable (as our Laws are) cannot prevent: And thus it is with moftother prohibited Manufactures, but the totally breaking and f poiling the fame, as aforefaid, would perfectly cure this mifchief.

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2. It will furely be granted that the Corporation of Cutlers will be the moft proper judges of all Wares belonging to their Myftery, and the King and Kingdom may with confidence rely upon the judgment and integrity of that Corporation, who for their own honour, and good of their Company, will certainly fee the Kingdom well ferved : and upon any mifcarriage the King, or any perfon will know where to complain, or have any account of what they defire-
3. It is notorioufly known, that for want of this power (of fearching, trying, and marking the works) occafions great mifchiefs and deceits in the Xingdom, as well by our own Artifts, as from abroad, by making and vending falfe wares, and fuch as upon tryal, are not fit for ufe and fervice.
4. This liberty increafes the number of bad Workmen, which are but burthenfome and inconwenient, and deftroys good ones, who are compell'd, either to afford or fell their good works at the fame price as bad, or elfe make as bad as others, or have no Trade: and unlef's a penalty be impofed for refufing to open all places in the Shops, Work-houres, Ware-houfes, and other places where the works of the Curlers Trade are kept, the authority of fearching, and the labour and endeavours of the Mafter and Wardens will be in vain; for it is the natural inclination and ftudy of the Makers and fellers of falte works, not only to ger knowledge of the time in which the fearchers will come, but alfo keep and conceal their falfe works in private places under lock and key: and the authority of impofing a penalty of $5 \psi$ in this cafe may beconceived the more
reafonable, it being given to the feveral Corporations of Girdlers, Sadlers, Cordwainers, and Curriers by the Statute 1 fac.21. and by long experience thereof, found very wholefome, and of fo excellent ufe, that it continues fill in force.

For the fixth, That the fetting up and encouraging the Manufacture of Sword Blades, © $火$ c. in England as aforefaid, would remedy and prevent thefe inconveniencies following, (viz.)

1. That we are neceffitated to have them from abroad at fuch prices as they upon confideration of our neceffities or their own fock) will put upon them.
2. That we are compell'd to take any Wares of this kind, though never fo defective.
3. That our own people want employment, and fo become chargeable to the Kingdom, when otherwife they might live well.
4. It appears that when this Manufacture was begun here, and likely to be encouraged, the Merchants from beyond Sea brought in great guantities of untried blades at lower prices than ordinary, which was partly the deftruation of the work here.
5. It appears that by reafon we have not the Manufacture here, nor any Officers to try and approve what is imported, (as in other parts beyond the Seas they have) that the worlt and moft defective Blades of Swords, Rapiers, ơc. are brought hither.
6. That a good foundation and due encouragement hath not hitherto been made for the fetting up this Manufacture; when 'tis well known, the Arrifts of this Kingdom did formerly make, and

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would be now (with little experience) in'the fame capacity to make as good and ferviceable of thefe forts, as auy be in the world ; efpecially here being all conveniencies to that purpofe, as good as any in torein parts: Then how are we overfeen to be thus remifs, and fo frecly to leave the bsnefit of working the great quantities we ufe, to te wholly pollett by Strangers abroad. And befides that lois, may.it not be luppofed that we may be in War with all our neighbour Nations; or at leaft Zollingen (the place where they are now chicfly made, may be in our enemies hands, and we (not in condition to fupply this Kingdom by the Artifts within $u_{i}$ ) for want of there weapons, bebrought to great extremity.

> That Forein wrowght Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimuter-Blades are not probibited by the Starute s Eliz. 7. afore6ited, take thefe Reafons, (viz.)
r. That no particular mention is made of them in that Statute, and in all penal Statutes, the Letter is ftrictly to be regarded.
2. That Dagger-Blades are therein particularly prohibited, they being then frequently made in England, but not the other Blades; therefore thore not prohibired.
3. That Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or CimiterBlades are not comprehended, and.fo not prohibited under that name of Rapiers: for the general term of Rapuers is mentioned, for that,Hitts, Pomméls, 2 c are particularly prohibited, they being execllently weil made: amongit,is.g and thofe and are calied by the general names of Swords, Rapiers, eic. fo that Rapters are not ment:oned for the intent of prohibitiug bword, Rapier, Hanger, Cimiter-Blades, but to cliectually prohitit Hilts, Pommels, Lockete, Chepes, ecc. and are therefore mentioned both by their fartic lar and general terms.
4. That if the makers of that Statute had intended that the general term of Rapiers fhould comprehind all the particular parts of that weapon, thich farely they would not have mentioned the Hilts, Pomm Is, Lockets, Chepes, éc. they being particular fars thereof, as well as the Blades.
5. That the particulars are not comprehended nor prohibited under the general terms of any Wares, take this infance in Statute 14 Car.. 2. qap., I3. which forbids the bring ing into this Realm any Bone-lace, Cut-work, Imbraideries, Fringe, Band ftrings, Butions or Needte-work, made of Thred or silt, or either of them, inparts beyoud the Seas: Now obferve, the genoe. ral terms are Bone-lace, © $\mathrm{f} c$. they may noi be imported, but Thred, and Silk, and the reft of the particulars, of which Bone-lace, © č. are made, may (and its very well krown $\varphi$ ) be freely Im ported. Thus all Forein wrought Swords, Rapiers, $e^{c} c$. are prohibited under the general term of Rapiers; and all Forein wrought Bone-lace, $\nleftarrow c$. under the general term of Bone-lace, © © a but Forein wrought, Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimiter Blades, although pofitive Works of the CutP 3 lers

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lers Trade, and the particular parts of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, they being not particularly mentioned, are not prohibited; fo Thred, Sitk, ©̛c. although they are pofitive works of the Trades they relare unto, and the material particulars of Bone-lace, efrc. yer nor being particularly mentioned, are not prohibited, but may, and are frequently brought in and fold amongit us, and not in the leaft interrupted as Forein wrought prohibited Wares.

Further to the fixth, touching the charge upow Forein wrought and Imported Blades.

1. The Corporation have not fock to perform that work, it being a great undertaking, will require a great and continued fum which muft be mannaged fo as to anfwer $10 l$. per cent. per ann. (befides the charge of the Work) to bear the lofs in baddebts, and other cafualties incident to all Trading.
2. A fmall impofition on the particulars may inthe whole amount to a confiderable fum ; upth the fecurity of which, and the credit of the Corporation, may be raifed a fufficient ftock to immediately fet up the work.
That it is undeniably beft and fitteft, and will be the more profiferous to be mannaged by the Corporation, for thefe reafons.

Firft, For that they being sk'lful in the affair, will know how to direct the mannagement thereof to the beft advantage, and with leaft charge,
and will not be fubject to be deceived by their Work-men, or fuch as fhall be intrufted by them to mannage or over-fee it.
2. It will not be fubject to fallinto the hands of Executors (whichotherwife it will be if it come into private hands, which was the deftruction of this work at Hownlew ;), but by being in the Corporation, it will have a continued fubfiftance, and be fupported.

It may be obferved, that in all Manufacture of this kind, the Englifh have exceeded other Nations: as for inflance, in that of the KnifeBlades and Razors which heretofore were brought from beyond Sea; and now there are none made fo good in any parts of the world as here; and we are able to furnifh all parts: only it may be thus far farther obferved, that the want of power to view and approve as aforefaid, hath been, and is, occafion of fome of our own Workmen to take the liberty of making deceitful Wares, and by that means do bring fome difcredit uponour Manufactures, which by the propofals will beprevented.

To the minth, The fecret tie and obligation of an Oath, upon thofe Officers, is the only way to reffrain thofe fecret faults which our Laws cannot take cognifance of.

To the tenth, The making and vending Brass Hilts is not only againft the intent of our Laws But a great injury and difcouragement to the Artifts of this Myftery, by reafon thofe Waxes (which are brittie and unferviceable) are frequently fold inftead of the good and ferviceable works, and thereby the employment of the ArP 4 tifts

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tifts of good works much impaired, and tums our molt ingenious manufacture into a cheat upon the Kingdom.

For the Eleventh, The counterfeiting the Marks is (in Manual Trades) of the molt evil confeguence imagiabie; for it pevents the difcovering the maakers of falie, infifficient, and unlawfil works; and deitroys the fecurity, and prevents the knowledge of good works, thereby difcourageth the honist and curious, Artifts, by falle, ill made, infufficient, and unlawful works paffing under his name, and for his making and by fuch means (in fome cales) anay pring them in danger of the Piliory ; and by feveral other circumftances of being undone and many more evils do attend this wicked action, thereiore cannot be too feverely punifhed.

Ta conclude, The Trade and Myfiery of the Cutlers being of great concern to this Nation, not only for the fatety thereg, bat fur the employment of great number of peophe, therefore ought to have a futaile efteem and cincouragement amongit us. Other Corporations (of lefs moment are efiemed, and by concumence of the Members in particular, and the people ingenexal) are foregulated and cnosuraged; that the. Members theren become wealchy and honorabi.e.

But where be any of the Cutcers Tiade that makealy conhiderable proficiency in the Ettates in compaifon of other Tradefmen? what is it that makes a Trade flour:h, - but the profit thereof? What Ihave propofed and defigned, is but for a reafonable advantage ; which confidered, cais any perfon fruple their affitance for obtaining

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for this Corporation an encouraging authority, and to give their Members competent rates for their works.

The Sword is the principal weapon of War, and the Sword in the Kings band is the emblem of his Authority, Rom. 13.3. although by other infruments more men are kild, yet all are faid to be flain with the S : vord.

If thofe Trades that concern the attiring our bodics, and furniture of our houfes, and other materials of delight, have fo great incouragement, thall the makers and traders in that eminent Manuacture the Sword, the principal inftrument (of War) fur keeping all in fafety, be flighted, defpifed, and reduced to a contemptable condition?

Carthe be accounted a true Englifh-man, that inftead of making or being advantage to his own Nation and Countrymen by buying and ufing their works, and encouraging the Artifts thereof, will undefervedly flight, defpife, contemn, and undervalue them and their works, and buy all, or moft part of Aliens, toth at home and abroad, whofe works do not in the leaft exceed the works of our Natives?

Tis only fancy that makes the difference, but let it not be faid of Englifh-men that their fancies are fo mif-guided as to efteem Foreign works better than they are, or to think Englifh works to be Forein, when prefented to them by Foreíners händs.

But rather have fo good opinion of our Na tives as to put a true efteem on Englifh works in Englifh hands; efpecially thofe of the Cutlers:

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 they being no whit (as I faid before) inferior to any Cutlers works in the world: and much better would they be if due encouragement were provided. And affuredly if the efteem of thofe works be according to their goodnefs and greatnefs of ufe, this Myftery and Corporation cannot want (if endeavoured for) any Authority that may be truly called neceffary.Then will the Members of this Myftery and Corporation ftüdy, and fpend thẹir time in contriving and making curious and ferviceable works, and find out ways to employ many that are in want, and idle about, and run into many evil prạactifes.

Now to you of the Corporation and Myftery, Ifay, roure up your firits, and give a futable active purfuit and attendance for attaining thefe things; you muft expect to take pains before profit comes: and if fome rubs and difficulties happen, you may remember, that many do attend the purfuit of the moft valuable and profitable atchievements : Remember the chief inftrument of your Trade, dhe Sword; it is the inftrument of victory and Conqueft : then be your actions in thefe concerns of like merit; in being victorious. conquerors of all difficulties that happen in your purfuit of all lawful and reafonable things that may in probability make your Myftery and Corporation iucreale in.Riches and Honour.

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Calculated by JOHN REYNOLDS, Of the Mint in the Tower of London.

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24 Carracts, is 12 Ounces Troy. I Carract, is divided into -_ 4 Grains, 1 Carract Grain, is 2 Penny weight, $\mathbf{1 2}$ Grains Troy. One half of a $\}$ is $\{$ Penny weight, 6 Grains Carract Grain, $\}$ is $\{$ Troy.
I quarter of a Carract Grain, is - 15 Grains Troy.

## Of OZ. Caracts obferve.

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12 Ounces,__._._._ is a Pound-weight, Troy. 20 Penny-weight,___ is one Ounce. 24 Grains,_—_ is a Penny-weight. 20 Mites,___ is a Grain. 24 Droits, _—_mana Mite. 20 Periots,___ is a Droit. 24 Blanks, -...nn_ is a Periot.



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Sixteen-penny weight. At the Ounce.



Seventeen-penny-weight. At the Ounce.

Seventeen-penny weight and a balf. At the Ounce.


Eighteen-penny weight. At the Ounce.

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Eighteen-penny weight and a balf. At the Ounce.



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Eleven Ounces. At the Ounce.


## The Ordinary way.

Four Ingots of Silver.
D.sot.

Better, 16.1 Num. I. - 40, 6, Io, 00. Worle, II, ${ }_{2}^{2}$. Num. 2. ———37, 7, 5, 00. Worfe, 15. Num. 3.——3tr, .2, $10,00$.
 -153 10. 5. 00.

Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Betternefs of Num. 1. - 36, 3, 4, 4 . Betternefs of Num. 4. - $21, \quad 0, \quad 17,6$.

Whole betternefs, - 57,3 , $21,10$.
Oz, D. wot. Gra. Mit.
Worfnefs of Num. 2. $23, \quad 7, \quad 12 ; \quad 5$. Worfnefs of Num. 3. $=29,16,14,18$.

Whole worfnefs, - $53,4,3,30$ Worfnefs deducted out $\{$ Oz. D. wot. Gra. Mit. of the betternefs, refts $\} \quad 3,19,18,7$.

So this_30z. 19 d.pot. 18 Gr. 7 Mit. Added to 153.1. pot. 10.-5.Makes the 4 Ingots 2 1. wot. Oz. d.wot. Gra. Mit. to be Standard, $-\boldsymbol{J} 154,2,4,18,7$.

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Queftions wrought by the GOLDEN Rule.

The Standard of Silver is xj . Ounces; 2. Wenny-meight fine.

ASilver Ingot weighing 401. wot. 6 Ounces, roo. d. pot. better $16 . \mathrm{d}$. weight and a half. What will this amount to in Standard Silver ?

The Work.
D.wt. L_wt.Oz.D.wot.Gra.Mit.

222: 70. 6. 10.
36 $\frac{1}{2}$. -36.3 .4 .4 4.
This- 360 z. 3 d.wt. 4 Gera. 4 Mit. $\longrightarrow$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Added to 40l.wot. 6. } & \text { Io. } \quad 00 .- \\ \text { L.ppt.Oz.D. pot.Gra.Mit. }\end{array}$
Maketh in Standard Silver, 43.6. 13. 4. 4 .


A N Ingot of Silver weighing 37 1.2vs. 9.0 . . 5. d. wot. worfe If. d. weight, and a balf. How much of 14 pery-weigbt better, will make it good to the Standard of -- 110 O. 2 d. weigbs.

## The Work:

D.wt. L.wt.Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Worfe, 1 i: Better, 14 .


37, 7, 5. 00. 30, 10; 13, 9, 8.

This is wrought by the backer Rule.

AN Ingot of Silver weighing 40 1. not. 6. 0 \%. rod. weight, wore 18 d.wt. 12 Grains, How much is to be taken off and fined to 14 Peny-woeigbt better, to make good the reft to the Standard of - II Oz. 2 d. notight.

## Tube Work.

L. pot.

Wore, 18 ! $\cdot 7$ 8. Oz. Dent. Fra. Mit. Better, 14. Rio, 6, 17. 3, 8


The former Quefion is refolved another way.

## The Work.



Oz.D.rwt. 1.wot.Oz.d.wot.Gra.
II. 16. Z40, 6,10 , o. II, 2. $43,0,3,14 \mathrm{gr}$. and a balf.

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32, and a balf, $Z 43,0,3,14$. 18, and a balf, $24, \quad 6, \quad 7,22$.
This $\quad 24,6,7,22$. is to be fined.

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## Silver.



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## A $\mathbf{N}$ Addition for

 Silver after the rate of xj. Ounces, ij. Penny. woeight fine, for the ordinary Rating. as

# The Ordinary rating of 

 Silver to the Standard.
## Example:

> D.wt. L.wt.Oz.D.wt.Gra:
 Worfin. ${ }_{2}^{1}$ Num. 2.-37, $7,5,00$. Worfe, 15. Num. 3.- $36,9,10,00$. Better, 10, Num. 4.- $3^{88}, 11,00,00$.

Grofs weight._153,10,05,00.
The Ingot, Num. i. - $40,1.6,0 z, 10$ d. $00, \mathrm{gr}$. Multepiy - 40.1 by -16 d. wet and a balf. The Product is ——.... 33,0unces.

And the 6 Onyces 10 Peny 30 O.D. wot.Gra. Mit. weight, affer that rate, is $\}-\ldots, 22,10$. So the betternefs of Num. 1 , is 33, 8, 22, 10. Esample.

## Example.





Oz.D.wt.Gr. Mit.

The worfnefs of Num.2.-21, 12, 10, 15. And the wert. of Nom. 3.-27, 11, 21.

The whole worfnefs, $49,4,7,15$.
The Worfnefs taken ? Oz. from the betternefs, refits $-3,13,18,15$. clear bettexncís,_._S
D.zwt.Gra. Mit.

To which clear betternefs? is to be put an Addition,-\} $\bullet, 5,23,110$

So the clear betternefs.) $\boldsymbol{O}_{\boldsymbol{z}}$ : with the addition, makes $-3,29,18, .6$ the allay,

And the grots weight, $153 \mathrm{~L} w \cdot 10, O z_{\mathrm{c}} 5, d .20 t$. With the allay, makes in Standard, -- $\}$ 154.2, 4, 18, 3. 6.


Note.
As fo many Penny-weight is at the Pound-weight;

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$A_{\text {weight, the Ounce is }}^{S}$ if the Affay be better Troopenny
IfTpo-penny weight and a balf, the Oz . is 5 Grains.

If Ten-penny weigkt, the Ounce is 20 Grains.

If Thirteen-penny weight and a balf, the Ounce is - 27 Grains.

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A N Ingot of Silver, 40 Pund weight. The Siandard, - 42 L. pot. - I Ourice. I8 D. $20 t$. 22 Gruins. What is the Affay?

The Work.

L.wot.Oz.D.ret.Gr.

The Standard ——-42, 1, 18, 22. The finenefs bettor 12 Peny-meight. What is the grofs weight?

## The Work.

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& \text { 40, l.weight. }
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The ingot better - 12 Pennyweight.
The grots weight 40 Pound weight.
What is the Standard?

## The Work.



This 2. l.wvt. 10 O. 18 d. not. 22 Gera. Added to the - 40 l. weight. Makes 42. 1.2pt. 1, Oz, 18. d.wot. 22. Gera:
(Standard.
L. wot.

A Pot of Silver Ingots - $\quad$ Allay, -400$\}-504 ; 1.20 t$.
If the - 4, Pound weight of Allay were left out, what could be the pot affray.

## The Work.


The pot Affray should 3 d. rot. Gera. Mit. be better - -5 1. 18. $12 . \frac{12}{2} 9^{\circ}$

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This Pot was molt and caft out, but afterwards upon review, was found to have 2 l.pt. of Allay too much. How much thould the Pos affay come chort?

## The Work.

| L.pot. <br>  |
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So the Pot affay fhould be worfe, - 21 Gr. $\frac{1}{2}$. wrought by the backer Rule.

500 L.wot. of Silygr worfe, -- I D.wit. 12 Gra. How much Silver of - 14 d.weight better, makes it Standard.

> Tbe Work.

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How much Silver of -ـ 13 Peny-weight better, will carry away -1 lemeight ${ }_{3}$ Ounces ro d.wt. of allay.

## The Work.



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Makes -23. 4. 3. 20. $1 \frac{4}{2}$. Standard.

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L. $\boldsymbol{w} \boldsymbol{t}$.

One quarter of a Grain. At the Ounce.

Half a Grain. At the Ounce.


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## One Grain <br> At the Ounce.

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## One Carract 2 Grains and a balf. At the Ounce.




Pue Carract 2 Grains 3 quar. At the Ounce.

One Earract 3 Grains. At the Ounce


One Carract 3 Grains and a quar. At the Ounce.


One Carract 3 Grains and a balf. At the Ounce.


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Four Carracts.
At the Ounce.


## Four Ingots of GOLD.

Gar. Gra. L.wt.Oz.D.wot.Gr. Better. 1, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$. Num. 1, - 4, 6, 10, 00. Worfn. $1,0, \frac{1}{2}$. Num. $2, \ldots-3 ; 7,5,00$. Worfn. 1, 2, $\frac{8}{4}$. Num. 3,-6, 9, 10, 00. Better. 1, 1, 0, Num. 4, -- 8, 11, 00, 00.
$\cdots-23,10,5,00$.
Oz. D. 2 ot. Gra. Mit.
Betternefs of Num. 1, $-3,8,3$. Betternefs of Num. 4, - 6, 1, 14.

Whole betternefs, -9, 9, 17, 3.
Worfenefs of Num. 2. $\begin{gathered}\text { Ox, D.wot. Gra. Mit. } \\ 2 . \\ \text { 4, 5, }\end{gathered}$ Worfnefs of Num. 3. - 6, 5, $00,13$.

Whole Worfnefs, -8, 9, 6, 4,
Worfnels deducted out? Oz. Gra. Mites. of the betterneff, refts $1.0,10,19$.

So this -~ I Oz. 00 D.mpt. II Graiks. Added to 23, 1.20t. IO, — $5,-$ 1.pot.Oz_d.pot.Gr. Makes the 4 Ingots to be Stan. 23, II, 5, II.

# Queftions wrought by the GOLDEN Rule, 

For the Standard of 22 Carralts.

AGold Ingot weighing 81 .ppt. 60 z. 16 dispt. worfe - 1 Carralt, 2 Grains 3 quarters; What will this amount to in Standard Gold ?

The Work.
Car.Gra. Lopot. Oz_ D. wot. Gra. Mitc,
 Thus 7 Ounces, 17 , d.npt. 16 Grains 18 Mites. Deducted out of -o- $81.20 t .6$ Ounegs 16 d ,pots. Refteth, -7 l. $20 t$. 10 Oz. 18 do 20t. 7 Gra, 2 Mites: The Standard required.
 How much of -- 1 Carrack, 1 Grain better, will make it good to the Standard of 22 Carracks.

> The Work.

Car. Gre.
L. wt. Oz. D. wot. Grass


This is wrought by the back Rule,

AGold Ingot weighing - 8 Pound weight worfe, - 2 Car. - 1 Grain.
How mach is to be taken thereof and fined to 1 Car. - 3 Grsins better to make geod the reft to the Standard of -22 Car:

The Work.


So there is to be fined. $-4,10,5,22$.

The fame Queftion wrought thus.


So by this way there $\mathcal{L}$ L.wot. Oz, D.wot. Gra. is to be fined, \} 4, 10, 5, 22 .




## Here followeth T a b e es for $\dot{G} O \mathrm{D}$ to this purpofe, to find what Powñd-weight, Onnce's and Parts, thould be of Betternefs or Worfenefs.

$12$
Pound-woeight Gold.


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Ounces, Gold.





ATABLE for the Addition of GOLD, rating by the common way.


THE foregoing Tables were compofed by Jobn Reynolds, Affay-Mafter of the Mint in the Tower of London, and this Impreffion is from a Printed Copy corrected bv him, with his hand to it to teftifiy he fame; a ware chiefly calculated for the making Gold or Silver (that is of any Allay) to the Standard goadnels: (that is to fay) If it be better than Standard, thofe Tables do clearly fhew how much Allay mult be put in each pound, and ounce, and peny weigit, to make it Srandard : And if it be worfe than Standarc, thofe Tables do clearly fhew how much of betternefs of Gold or Silver, will make that courfe Gold or Silver, by the pound, ounce, and peny weight, to be of Standard goodnefs.

- The Tables for Silver, are to be known by the Titles at the top of each Page, the words are thus, ( to wit) Half-peny weight, Peiny weight, Peny balf-peny weight, and fo on to eleven ounces. Which Silver Tables in every page, are divided into four parcels of Columns, (that is to fay) The firft parcel on the left hand (from the top to bottom) fhew the betternefs or worfenels of pound weights, from 1 pound to 500 pound weight Troy.

The fecond parcel of Columns are thofe on the right hand of that page, on the upper part, and fhew the betternefs or worfenefs of ounces, from 1 ounce to 11 ounces Troy.

The third parcel of Columns are thofe under the laift mentioned Columns, and fhew the betternefs or worfenefs of peny-weights, from I dwt. 6 grs to 17 dwt. 12 grs . Trog.

The fourth parcel of Columns, are thofe under the laft mentioned Columns, and thew the betternefs or worfenefs of the weight, from 1 aiwt. to 4 grs . Troy.
At the head of every Column is its Signiture, ( to wit) l.wt. ounce, dwt. grains, mites, parts, according as the Column is to fignifie. This being mentioned, a ferious and ingenuous perufal of the Tables, will make it clearly manifett.

Another ufe of them I will more clearly demonftrate, (that is) to make the weight for the Aflay-Standard; and alfo to make feveral weights to compute the juft value of any fort of Silver by the Allay: To which purg ofe it may be obferved, that in the foregoing Treatife, the Touch-Stone, ơc. in page 30 and 31 . is an account of the materials ufed for making Aflays, * amongft which there is mention made of thofe weights, which Standard-weight may be made of different quantities, as to weigh I diwt. or 18 grains. or 12 grains, or 6 grains, and

* For the better inftrucling the
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of Gold and Silver, and the f.ve-
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Bar.
the computing-weights muft be anfwerable to which foever of them you ufe; all which is clearly comprifed in the faid Tables:

The ufual Standard-weight is made of Brafs, and in weight 12 grains; which number you may find in the laft parcel of Columns in that page, at the head of which are thefe words, (to wit) Eighteen peny weight, in which faid laft parcel in the fecond Column, the laft number (except four)
four ) is that mumber, $\mathbf{1 2}$ grains. The reafon for chufing that number in the Column in that page, is this, ( to wit) for that there is Eighteen peny weight of Allay, in a pound weight of Standard Silver ; and for that reafon all forts of Standard Affay-weights, muft be of the numbers in that page, for right againft each number, there is their weight of Allay for Standard.

The next, is the weight for the Allay that is in 12 grains of Standard Silver, which you have right againft the faid $1 \geq$ grains on the right hand of it, and is 19 mites, 17 parts.

The next weight, for balf-peny weight better or worfe, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns againft 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 16 parts.

The next weight, for a peny weight better or worfe, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns againft the faid 12 givans, on the right hand, and is I mite, 3 parts.

The next weight, for a peny half-peny weigbt better or worie, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns againft the faid 12 grains, on the right hand, and is I mite, 23 parts.

And fo feveral weights of the feveral degrees of betternefs or worfenefs, which by what I have mentioned of the three pages, may be eafily made by the reft of the pages, wherein they are fet down againft the faid $\mathbf{I 2}$ grains, on the right hand.
Note that 37 parts is accounted a mite, in the Silver Tables, and 22 parts is accounted a witc in the Gold Tables.

To make an Affay of Silver, the manner is thus: Firft, having all the Materials and Inftruments mentioned in the Touch-Stone, pag. 30 and 31. (and what other Tools, G̛c. an ingenuous perfon will fee needfull) good and readily provided, and the Fire kindled, and Furnace hot ; then take the weight of the aforefaid Standard-weight of the Silver that you would Affay, (it being clean from all filth) and alfo part of a clean flatted Lead Bullet, as much as by experience you will fee convenient, (for the courter the Silver, the bigger mult be the quantity of Lead to Refine it) put that Silver and the Lead on the Cople or Teft into the Fire, and it will Refine the Silver to the highert degree of fineners; then take the Cople and Silver out of the Fire, and put the Silver (being knockt clean) into one Pan of the fine Scales, and in the other Pan put the Standardweight; then if the Silver from which it was taken be Sterling, the wafte of the Affay will be the weight 19 mites, 17 parts.

If the Silver from which it was taken be a halfpeny weight worfe, then the wafte of the Affay will be the 19 mites, 17 parts, and alfo the weight 16 parts.
If the Silver from which it was taken is halfpeny weight better, it will not be wafted the 19 mites, 17 parts, by the weight 16 parts.
And fo proceeding further, as the Silver is wafted more or lefs, thofe weights will difcover its betternefs or worfenefs. And obferve further, that the Standard-Affay-weight being in one Pan of the Scale, the weight of the Allay in 12 grains of Standard aforefaid, muft be always in the
other Pan with the Refired Silver, and if that makes the Ballance even, then the Silver from which it was taken is Standard. If the weight for half-peny weight of betternefs or worfenefs, be put into the Pan with the Silver, and it make an even Ballance, then report the Silver worfe ob. If that weight be put in the Pan where the Stan-dard-weight is, and it make an even Ballance, then report the Silver better ob. This rule holds good for all the reft; and the Gauging-weights being laid orderly in rows in the glazed Scalecafe, with the Nippers they may be readily taken up, and put into either Pan, and out again, as occafion fhall be.

What I tave here difcovered of the Silver Tables, will be fufficient light to underftand the Gold Tables, and how to make a Gold Affay : For the Gold Tables in the feveral pages of bet, ternefs or worfenefs, are known by the Titles at the head of each page, by the words Grains and Carratts, and are increafed by quarter-grains each page, from a quarter of a Carract grain, to four Carracts, and are every page divided into four parcels of Columns, and fhews what Allay is in every fort of Gold, from one Troy-grain, to $30 \mathrm{t} . \mathrm{wt}$. But to enlarge further, will fwell this Book too much ; therefore my advice is, that you ftudioully and frequently perufe the foregoing Treatife and Tables, which with ingenious practice, will make you an Artift herein. And I wifh (where there is one now well-skill'd in making Affays of Gold and Silver) that there were a hundred; for all Rules and Arts for preventing publick deceit, ought (if poffible) to be made fo practi-
practicable, that every capacity may be capable thereof. To which purpofe note further,
That the manner of making the aforefaid $C_{0}$ ples or Tefts, is thus: Take of Sheeps-bones that are burnt very white, bear and fift them to a fine Powder, which moiften with Water to fuch a degree, that when well chaffed either between the hands, or, with a piece of Board on a Table, that being grafped with the hand it will be clammy, and hold together without wetting or fticking to the hand. Then take a round flat piece of Brafs, an inch thick, and three or four inches over, through the middle of which make a taper-round hole, the one end near as wide as a Five fhilling piece of Silver, and the other end neair as wide as a Half-Crown piece, which hole pollinh very fmooth; lay this Brafs on a level Anvil, the wideft end of the hole uppermoft, and fill the hole with the faid moiftned Bone-a afhes, and prefs it hard with your hand: Then with a Drift-pin of Brafs made Globical at the lower end, and a thoulder round it to reft upon the edge of the hole, to keep the faid rourd end from running in too far, which Drift-pin force down (with a Wood Mallet) on the faid Bone-athes in the faid hole, and if well done it will unite the Bone-afhes into a Cople, and the top thereof will be hollow like the Veffel called a Skimming-difh; then with your thumb thruft the faid Cople whole out of the Brafs hole, and fer it (with as many of them as you will make) on a Ioofe Board on a Shelf, and when thorow dry thcy will be hard, and when ufed, either kindle the Fire (or put them into it) by degrees, to prevent their cracking or cleaving.

The Affay-Furnace is made either with Brick upon a Chimney-hearth, or in an Iron Cafe (thick and well luted) removable to any place at pleafure, the infide round or fquare, about 6 or 7 inches over, and about 20 inches hizh; at the bottom muft be an Air-hole 5 or 6 inches wide, and 3 inches high; and about 8 inches high munt be an Iron-grate fixed within, and even to it (over the other hole) muft be another Air-hole about 3 inches fquare, (without which muft be a fpace to lay fome burning Coals) upon which Grate muft be placed a Muffe, which may be made of a large three-fquare Crucible, with a hole (a quarter of an inch wide) in each fide, and one fuch hole in the fmall end: or the Mufle may be made of broken Crucibles finely powdered, and tempered with a fifth part of Tobacco-pipe-clay, flat at bottom, and circular over, with 3 holes as the other; dry it well in the fhade, and then neal it in a gentle Fire: The mouth of which Muffles muft be clofed with lute to the upper hole, refting upon the Grate as aforefaid, and a face muft be by the fides and farther end of the Muffe, fufficient to permit the Fire to be frong on the Grate as above the Muffle, and the Fire of Charcole always gently kindled, will not break the $M u f f l e$; and a Fire muft be always before the mouth of the Muffle, to make the hear equal on the Cople. The Allay-Scales are made by the Scale-makers in St. Annes-lane, London, and muft turn with the weight of the $74^{0^{\text {th }}}$ part of a grain Troy.

Note, That when the Silver is Fined to the highelt degree, when cold on the Cople it will appear bright, and clear from the lealt fully or darkifh colour, and of the comntenance of pure Tin.

Here followeth a Catalogue of the Names of the feveral Foreign Gold and Silver Coins, that are brought into this Kingdom as Bullion, with the particular weight of each Coin, (except fome fero) and the particular Allay and Value of many of them, according to the aforefaid Standard of 22 Carracts and 11 ounces 2 dw.. accounting the Cold at 41. the ornce, and the Silver at 5 s . the ounce Troy.

## Thefe Gold Foreign Coins were Affayed in the Mint, and rated as Bullion, 1663 .

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worfefoo룬 Fren:h Piftol worfe 0 worfe ${ }^{1} 0 \frac{1}{4}$ Holland Rider better. 2 Hungary Ducket worfe $00 \frac{1}{4}$ Spanifh Piftol worfe O 2 Flanders Albertus worfe ol ${ }^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Double Sover. of Fland. worfe o $\mathrm{I}_{4}^{3}$ Italian Piftol
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The Allay and Value of thefe following Gold Coins are not come to hand, but are referred to the ingenious Reader to add.

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Ducket fingle of Spain Ducket double of Spain Ducket fingle of Rome Ducket double of Rome Ducket of Florence Ducket of Valence Ducket of Aragon
Ducket of Suevia
Ducket of Turkey
Ducket of Hamburgh Denning of Mufcory New Floren Gild. of S.Andrew Old Gilder of S. Andrew Carolous Gilder Colfen Gilder Horn Gilder St. Davids Gilder Saxon Gilder Philip Gilder Half Philip Gilder
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## Car.Gr.

New Rider of Gilders dwt.Gr.


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## Thefe Silver Foreign Coins were Affayed in the Mint, and valued as Bullion, 1653 .

Allay. ourn.dwt. worfe $\%$ Ho Holland Dohlar worfe $2 \times 3$ Lyon Dollar better o $4_{2}^{\frac{2}{2}}$ Duckatoon of Fland. worfe $107^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Rixdoller of th'Empire Stand. 0 Mexica Real better - 1 Sevil Real worfe e 1 Old Cardecue worfe o $0 \frac{1}{2}$ French Lewis worfe. o. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ Doab. Milrez of Port. worfe 0 I Single Milizez of Port: worfe $-1 \frac{1}{2}$ St Mayk of Venice worfe 46 Double Dutch Stiver worfe 12 Crofs Dollar worfe 2 O Zealand Doblar worfe 1 O Old Philip Dollar worfe o| $12 \frac{1}{2}$ Ferdinando Doll. 1623 worfe $\mathrm{O}, 1 \mathrm{O}_{2}^{2}$ P. of Orange Dol. 1624 worfe O $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Leopoldus Doll. 1624 worfe, or RodulphusDoll. 1607 worfe $\circ 4_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ MaximilianDoll. 1616 worfe, 0 I3 Danifh Dollar 1620



BY the Printers default, the numbering the Pages of the foregoing Treatife, from page 218. to the latter end, are omitted; which (if they had been continued) would have been on this page the number 369. This is mentioned that the Reader may add all the numbers, and know if any Leaf be wanting: And if any Figure or Figures in Reynolds his Tables, do not appear difcernible enough to be known, the Bookfeller for whom this Treatife is Printed hath the Copy, by which you may mend what is amifs.

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[^0]:    The perfon that this Information was preferred againft, is a PrivateWorker; and it is 值ronyly fuggefted upon good grounds) that he is an Alien, and never Rerved any time of Afprentifhlp to the Goldfmiths Trade: And that he frequently works any kind of old courfe Gold or Silver into Hilts, Erc. at the defire of, and for the Cutlers, and for want of fuch courfe Metals, he as frequently Allays of his own Silver that is finer or Standard, to the common courfenefs, as in this Information: and of the fame courfe Silver makes Hilts, ofs. of confiderable quantities weekly.

