

To the READER.

Here having not heretofore (that ever I could hear of) been exposed to publick view any Treatife of this kind : This therefore may occasion more than ordinary Curiofity in infpecting the particulars thereof, and perhaps dispose the Reader to the Confiderations following.

First, Whether the matter of it touching the Goldsmiths Craft be true ?

Secondly, What should incite me to this attempt?

Thirdly, Whether it be not against the Rules of a Mystery thus publickly to discover them ? `

Fourthly, Whether it may not (instead of the good proposed) become a disparagement to the Manufa-Eture, and so a prejudice to the Traders therein?

Fifthly, Whether this may not reflect upon the Wardens of the Company, by supposing that they do not perform their Duty in suppressing these defects?

As to the First, I refer the Reader to the Statutes and other Laws (for Regulating the Goldfmiths Craft) herein cited, and his own observation, from what is here intimated) how the fame have been purfued.

To the Second I have been moved hereunto not from particular interest, but from a defire of the Publick good, every honeft mans priva re benefit, and of detecting deceit and fallhood. va To the Third. What I have here difcovered,

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 exercise of that Myftery which ill disposed Crafts-men in all Ages have been too prone to contrive and practice.

To the Fourth. It cannot be supposed, that for the Offences of fome, all fhould be condemned; or that if fome Wares be deceitful, all fhould 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 Goldsmith 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 Ćuftomers by deceitful Wares under colour of cheapness, or leffer profit for his work, when indeed he makes greater advantages thereby) and not be enfnared to do the like practices, argues more than an ordinary integrity and constancy.

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 against their good inclinations, and would not a little rejoyce, and that of an honest principle, that a through reformation were made therein.

To the Fifth. It is well known the Wardens of the

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the Gold miths London, have readily heard Complaints that were made to them therein, and punisht the Offenders: And it is hoped the fame conftancy 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 punishment, that the endeavours of the Wardens, as yet hath been, fo ftill will be but a weak remedy, unless a greater Authority be given to them, which I have in the enfuing Treatife humbly proposed, and unless the Buyer or Customer who wears and uses 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 punish the Offenders by more ready and eafie ways than heretofore, which is the chief intent of the enfuing Discourse.

And for the encouragement of those that have a lawful right to exercise the Goldsmiths Trade, I have in the enfuing Treatise given a plain description of that T_1 and e, 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 diffioneft 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. Wherefore craving the favourable conftruction of the Wardens of the Company of Goldfmiths, *London*, and all honeft Workers and Sellers of *Goldfmiths* Work, for this my undertaking, I affure them and all my 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 honeft Reformation in the m**a**king of Gold and Silver Works, and all other *Goldfmiths* Works whatfoever : then would they truly be the Ornament 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 proposed a Supplement to the Laws already made and in force touching the *Cutlers* Mystery . and for the Manufacturing of Sword-Blades in this Kingdom; a work of late neglected: but if encouraged by the means I have proposed, or fome other way, it would be of great advantage, honor, and fafety to this Nation, by the making all Weapons of War at home, and preventing our being imposed upon by other Nations, and enriching them with the prost of that Work, and with our Coin that is transported for the fame.

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Gold & Silver Wares.



HAT there hath been, and is, a Great Abufe to the People of this Kingdom in the Gold and Silver that is wrought into the feveral forts of Wares in ufe amongft us, is no hard matter to manifeft : For if there were infpection made

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into the Silver that is wrought into Buckles for Beits, Girdles, Shooes, Garters, and such like : And Hilts for Swords, and the Pieces thereto belonging; And the Silver and Bold that is wrought into Watch-cafes, and the Pins and Studs that are put into such Cafes : and the Gold that is wrought into Kings of all forts, and Lockets, and other Jewels : and the Silver that is wrought into Money-Bores, Cobacco-Bores, and B 2

Buttons, and Tags for Garments, Bodkins and Chimbles, Cozal Sockets, D2 Barnifics, (besides the Brass-Wier put in such Sockets to fasten the Coral, and the Brass Clappers in the Bells) Tlafps, Chains, Drams Cups, Chirurgcons Instruments, And all other forts of small Work, both of Bold and Silver, and the great Plate that is made remote from London; and the value thereof truly Examined, a great part thereof would be found to want very much of the value it ought to be of, in respect both of the Standard, and the Price it was fold at, whereby the wearing buyer is abufed and defrauded, and the Laws infringed for the private benefit only of deceitful and ill-minded men. To direct therefore in the difcovery of Falfe Wares, and to prevent the evils arifing thence, I have framed this Discourse, which chiefly confists of three Parts; As.

- First, Of what Gold and Silver is produced,³ and what it is in its own Nature, and the Sort or Standard, that is or ought to be in use amongst us.
- Secondly, A recital of the Statutes and other Laws in force for preventing the working and felling Gold and Silver Work, that is worfe than that Standard, and the Laws comprising the principal matters relating to the Goldsmiths and Cutlers Trade, and material matters of all other Manual Trades.

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Thirdly, Some Notes giving light to those Laws and Statutes, and directing how to prevent deceipt in Gold or Silver Work, and the way of Redrefs for such, and other the offences against those 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 vefiel of Water, which place in the middle thereof, and round about it lay divers things, and divers colours; alfo Salt, Cc. every thing by it felf; then pour the Water into the middle, and you fhall fee the water run every way; and when any fiream 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 thereft: 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 four Elements from the center of the Earth, unto the fuperficies thereof, 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 pure place 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 whilit 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.

These four Elements are never quiet, but by reason of their contrariety, mutually act one upon another, and every one of its felf, fends forth its own fubtility or Seed, and they agree in the center. Now this center is the fervant of Nature, which mixing those Seeds together, fends them abroad, and by distillation fublimes them by the heat of a continual motion into the superficies of the earth; for the Earth is porous, and this vapour is, by distilling 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 fpecification of this Vapour into diffinct Metals is thus: This vapour patieth in its diffillation through the Earth, through places either Cold or Hot; if through Hot and pure, where the fatnefs of Sulphur flicks to the fides thereof, then that Vapour (which Philosophers call the Mercury

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cury of Philosophers) mixeth and jovneth it felf unto that fatnefs, which afterwards it fublimeth with it felf, and then it leaving the name of a vapour and uncluosity, and afterwards coming by fublimation into other places, where the Earth is fubtil, pure, and humid, fills the pores thereof, and is joyned to it, and fo it becomes G O L D; 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 *Scolland* were in King *fames* his time, would be of another mind, than to think that the Cœleftial 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 first matter of Metals, is a humid, vifcous, incombustible, and subtil substance, incorporated with an earthy subtilty; being equally and strongly 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, incombuffible; being of the fubftantial composition 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 effectially in Gold.

Hence it is that the Philosophers could never by any means find out any thing that could endure the fire, but that uncluous humidity only, which is perfect and incombustible.

Imperfect bodies have fuperfluous humidities, and fulphurity, generating a combustible blacknefs in them, and corrupting them: they have alfo an impure, feculent, and combustible terreflriety: fo grofs that it hinders ingreffion, and fusion.

But a perfect Metal (as Gold) hath neither this fulphurous or terrefirial impurity; I mean, when 'tis fully maturated and melted: for whilf 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 these corruptible principals mixed with it, that the inward Sulphur or metalline-spirit doth sometimes, in some places overcome them of it felf; as is to be seen in the Gold, which is sound very pure sometimes in

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in the fuperficies of the Earth, and in the Sea-Sands, and is many times as pure as any Refined Gold. Now this Gold which is found in the Sands and Rivers, is not generated there but is washed down from the Mountains with freams of Water that run from thence.

Gold therefore is most noble and folid of all Metals, and (in the highest degree of fineness) of a deep yellow colour; compacted of principals digested to the uttermost height, and therefore fixed.

Silver is (in the highest degree of finenes) pure white, and in the next degree of dignity to Gold, and differs from it in digestion chiefly : I faid chiefly, because there is some small impurities adhering to it. Neverthelefs,

Silver is a Mineral of that excellent Nature, that when it is in the highest

degree of finenels, it will endure 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 these excellencies, and

For a further account of the generation and vegetability, &c. of Gold and Silver, fee Webster's History of Metals; collected out of the most approved Authors that have written on that fubjest Printed for HV Kettilby at the Bifhops Head in S.Pauls Churchyard, London.

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their scarceness, and capableness of being wrought into fo many forts of Useful and Ornamental things above other Metals, is one reason that it bears fo great a value, and anfwers all things.

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(for the fineft Silver is almost as foft as Lead) did confult to reduce or harden the Silver (by allaying it with bafer Metal) to fuch a degree, that it might be 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 Brass? And therefore upon Experiment and due Confideration, did agree, that there fhould be Eighten penny weight of fine Copper mixed in eleven Ounces and two penny weight Troy of the finest 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 observed, 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 Allay (from the Easterlings, or men that came from the Eastpart of Germany in the time of King Richard the First, and were the first Contrivers and makers of that Allay;) And this is that which is meant in the Statute of 18 El z. Cap. 15. by the Expreffion, (to wit) Not lefs in finenefs than that of eleven Ounces two penny weight. And for this purpose, that, and divers other Statutes have been made, which I have here recited verbatim, as followeth.

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The Statute 28 Edw. 1. Cap. 20. commonly called, Articuli super Cartas.

It is O2dained, That no Goldsmith of England, noz none other where within the Kinas Dominions , thall from henceforth make or cause to be made any manner of Descl, Jewel, or any other thing of Gold or Silver, except it be of god and true Allay, (that is to fay) Gold of a certain touch, and Silver of the Sterling Allap, og of better at the pleasure of him to whom the Work belongeth : and that none work worfe Silver than Money : And that no manner of Desicl of Silver depart out of the hands of the Workers, until it be Anaved by the Wardens of the Craft : And further, that it be marked with the Leopards-Head ; And that they work no worfe Gold than of the touch of Paris: And that the Wardens of the Craft thall ao from Shop to Shop among the Goldsmiths, to Alfap, if their Gold be of the same Couch that is spoken of befoze : And if they find any other than of the Touch afozefaid, the Gold mall be fozfeit to the King : Ind that none fall make These words of this Statute [None shall make Kings, Croffes, no2 Rings, Croffes, nor Locks, Locks : And that none Repealed 21 7ac. 28. thall fet any frone in Gold ercept it be Pa= tural : And that Gravers, of Cutters

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of Stones, and of Seals, thall give to each their weight of Silver and Gold as near as they can upon their fidelity: And the Jewels of bale Gold which they have in their hands, they thall utter as fast as they can : And from thenceforth if they buy any of the fame work, they thall buy it to Work upon, and not to fell again : And that all the good Cowns of England, where any Goldsmith be dwelling, thall be ordered according to this Statute, as they of London be : And that one thall come from every god Cown foz all the readue that be dwelling in the fame, unto London, for to be afcertained of their Couch. And it anp Goldsmith be attainted hereafter, because that he hath done other wile than befoze is Ordained, he thall be puniched by impri-fonment, and by randome at the Kings pleasure. And notwithstanding all these things befoze-mentioned, oz any point of them, both the King, and his Council, and all they that were present at the making of this Ordinance, will and intend that the flight and Prerogative of his Crown mall be faved to him in all things.

Stat. 37 Edw. 3. Cap. 7.

Item, It is accorded, That Goldsmiths as well in London as elsewhere within the Acalm, thall make all manner of Desses and other Work of Silver, well and lawfully of the Allay of god Sterling: And every every Masser-Soldsmith shall have a Mark by himself, and the same Mark shall be known by them which shall be assigned by the King to Survey their Work and Allay: And that the said Goldsmiths set not their Marks upon their Works till the said Surveyors have made their Assay, as shall be ordained by the King and his Councel; and after the Assay Mark, and after the Goldsmith his Mark, sor which he will answer: And that no Goldsmith take for Dessel white and full for the weight of a pound, (that is to say) of the price of two Marks of Paris weight, but eighteen pence

as then do at Paris? [And that no Goldsmith making White Deffel thall meddle with gild= ing, no2 then that do

This Clause [That no Goldfmith frall make White Veffel, and also Gild] Repeal 21 Jac. 18.

Gild hall meddle to make White Deffel:] And they which hall be so assigned in every Town shall make their Searches as oftentimes as shall be Ozdained: And soz that which shall be in the Goldsmiths default, they shall incur the pain of sozeiture to the King, the value of the Metal which shall be found in default.

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Stat. 2 Hen. 6. 14.

The finenels of Harnels of Silver, and that it Shall be marked with the Leopards-Head.

Item, That no Goldsmith, noz Wozker of Silver within the City of London, fell any Wolkmanship of Silver, un'els it be as fine as the Sterling, ercept the same need Sodder in the making, which thall be allowed accoeding as the Soddre is necessary to be wought in the fame: And that no Boldsmith noz Neweller, noz any other that worketh Barnels of Silver , thall fet any of the fame to fale within the City , before that it be Touched with the Touch, and als fo with the Mark oz Sign of the Wockman of the lame, upon pain of Forfeiture of the double value as afore is faid : And that the Mark and Sign of every Goldsmith be known to the Wardens of the Craft. And if it may be found that the laid Reper of the Touch, Touch any such Barnels with the Leopard's-Head, ercept it be as fine in Allay as the Sterling, that then the Heper of the Touch for every thing to proved, not as god in Allap as the faid Sterling, thall forfeit the double value to the King, and to the party, as is above recited. And also it is likewife Oydained in the City of York, New-Caftle upon Tine, Lincoln, Norwich, Briftow, Salisbury and Coventry, That every one thall have divers Couches according to the

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the Ordinance of the Mapors, Bailiffs, or Governozs of the fame Cowns : And that no Goldsmiths, noz other Workers of Silver, noz Recpers of the faid Couches within the same Towns, thall set to Sale, o2 Touch any Silver in other manner than is ordained before, within the City of London, upon pain of the faid Porfeitures. And mozcover, That no Goldimith oz other Wozker of Silver within the Realm of England, where no Touch is ordained as afore is faid, thall Work any Silver. ercevt it be as fine in Allap as the Sterling: And that the Goldsmith o2 Wosher of the fame Silver fet upon the fame, his Wark, oz Sian, befoze he fet it to Sale : And if it be found that it is not as fine as the Sterling, that then the Worker of the same thall fozfeit the double value, in manner and form, as before is recited, within the City of London. And the Justices of Peace, Mayo2s, and Bailiffs, and all other has ving power as Justices of the Peace, thall here enquire and determine, by Bill, Plaint, o2 in other manner, all that do contrary to the faid Ordinances, and there= of to make due execution by their diferes tions. Provided always, That if the Mas fter of the Mint that now is, or which for the time thall be, offend, or have offended in his Office of the faid Mint, that then he be vunished, and Justified according to the form of the laid Indentures.

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Stat. 18 Eliz. 15.

W Percas certain evil disposed Gold-smiths descritcully do make and self Plate, and other Gold and Silver Warcs, to the areat defrauding of her Majesty, and her and Subjeas : For remedy whereof. Be it Enaced by the Authority of this prefent Parliament, That no Goldsmith from the Twentieth day of April next coming. thall 1902k, Sell, Erchange, oz caule to be Wought, Sold, oz Erchanged, anv Plate oz other Gold miths Warcs of Gold, lefs in finenels than that of twenty two Carracts; and that he use no Sodder, Ammel, or other stuffings whatfoever in any of their Works, more than is neceffary for the finishing of the fame; And that they take not above the rate of Twelve pence for the ounce of Gold (bendes the fashion) more than the Buver may or shall be allowed for the fame at the Quans Grchange or Mint, upon pain to forfeit the value of the thing to Sold or Erchanged : And that from the land Thientieth day of April; no Goldsmith thall Make, Sell, og Erchange in any place within this fiealm, any Plate, o: Goldmiths Wares of Silver, les in finenels than that of Eleven Ounces two penny weight, no? take above the rate of Twelve pence for every pound weight of Plate, or Wares of Silver (befides the fathion) more than the Buyer fhall or may be allowed for the fame at the Queens Exchange or Mint; 1202 put to Sale, Erchange o: Sell any Plate 02

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o: Goldsmiths Work of Silver, before he hath fet his own Mark to fo much thereof, ag conveniently may bear the same, upon pain to forfeit the value of the thing to Sola or Grehanged : And if ann Goldimith thall make any Goldsmiths Work or Plate, and the same after the said Twentieth van of April, thall be Souched, Marked , and Allowed for good by the Wardens or Masters of that Mpfterp : And if in the fame there thall be found any falthod or deceit, then the Wardens, and Copposition of that Mpfterp for the time being, thall forfeit, and pay the value of the thing to Erchanged, oz Sold : The one Moietpof all which Porfeitures thall be to the use of the Quans Majesty, and the other Moiety to the use of fuch party grieved, and fustaining lots thereby, as will suc for the same in any Court of Accord, by Action, Will, Plaint, Information, or otherwife; wherein no Effoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law thall be admitted for the Defendant.

Stat. 3 Edw. 4. 4. the branch thereof to this purpose is verbatim thus, (viz.)

Allo our Loed the King hath ordained and established, by the affent and Authority aforelaid, that the Wasters and Wardens for the time being of every Craft and Mystery in every City, Surrough, Colon, and Village, where any such Craft or Mystery is used, or occupied, thall have fuffi-

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fufficient Power and Authority in every such City, Cown, Burrough, and Dillage, where they so: the time being thall be Wardens, oz Apasters of any such Craft 02 Mpitery : And the Mapoz of fuch City, Burrough, Cown, og Dillage fog the time being, it any Mayor be, or the Bailiffs, or Bailiff of any such City, Burrough, Town, of Ollage for the time being, if any Bailiffs oz Bailiff there be: And no Mayor, or Serjeant, or any other Offer to them aligned by the faid Mayor, Bais liffs, or Bailiff, in every such City, Burs rough, Cown, and Dillage where any fuch Craft oz Monftern is uled oz occupied, where no such Mafters oz Wardens of ann fuch Craft oz Muftern be : Chat the Mafters oz Wardens of the Crafts and Mufteries of the City, Town, Burrough, 02 Dillage next adjorning to the same ; and the Constable of fuch City, Burrough, Town, or Dillage, thall have power and Authority to fearch in their own Crafts and Myfteries, and in all other Crafts and Myfteries uttering by way of Sale any of the afore faid Wares, as well within Citics, Burroughs, Towns, and Dillages of the fame Realm of England, and of the County of Wales, as within the Libertics and Franchife of the fame Citics, Burroughs, Towns, and Dillages, at all times rea-fonable by the day, at fairs, and Mar-kets, Shops open, and Ware-houles, all fuch manner of Wares, Chaffers, and Merchan=

chandiles pertaining to every of their p20= per Crafts and Mysteries, which thall be made by any Alien, Artificer Adan og 100= man, og any other perfon og perfons within the fame fiealm of England og Wales, og which at any time thall be occupied by any of the faid Crafts og Apyfieries, in whole hand foever they may be found.

Provided also that the said Massers, Mardens, and others named in the said Ordinance to be Searchers, shall not enter into any place exempted by Priviledge, Franchise, or Custom, to make in the same any search, as is asoresaid, but by the oversight of some Officer of every such place so exempt, where any such Search shall happen to be made. [This to be in force so long as shall please the King.]

And it the faid Scarchers by the fame Search do find that such Chaffers, Wares, or Merchandifes, or any part thereof, he not pure, lawful, and able Chaffers, Wares, or Merchandifes, and duly wrought and made as they ought to be, and that sufficiently proved, that then it shall be lawful to such Searchers to take and feize all such Chaffers, Wares, and Merchandifes, which shall so be found not good, pure, lawful, or able, nor well wrought, as a thing forfeit.

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From which Statutes it is to be observed, That Gold or Silver that is less in fineness, or courser than the aforefaid Standard Allay, may not be wrought, shaped, or fashioned into any fort of Works, and be Sold, exposed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered in any place within this Realm.

And for the better observing these Rules (that those so 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 so 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 Goldsmiths inhabiting in and about the City of London, have been of old, and now are Incorporated by the name of Wardens, and Company of the Myftery of Goldsmiths of the City of London, And all that lawfully exercife that Mystery in the faid City, and Liberties thereof, and three miles compass of the fame, being Free-men of that City, ought to be of that Company; though many there be of that Mystery, who through mistake or defign are Free of other Companies, which yet hinders not but that they are to al! intents and purposes in respect of punifhment for their false Works, as much under the power of the faid Company, as their own proper Members are.

Yet experience doth clearly manifest, 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 of of making Corporations, which was principally for the correcting and preventing the making and felling any falle, 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 notwithstanding this Corporation hath many By-Laws, and are authorized (as other Corporations are) from time to time, as occasion shall be, to make other good and wholefome By-Laws and Ordinances, which are of excellent use for the more easie, and well governing the Members thereof, and preventing the abuses in their Works; yet this help avails little or nothing, fince those that are not the immediate Members, are not bound to obey those By-Laws and Ordinances; and it would be unreasonable and injurious to exact obedience to those Laws from a few Goldsmiths that are Free of that Company, when so great a number of that Trade will be left at liberty.

This is of great concern, and worthy the confideration of those in Authority, to whom I humbly propose, whether a new Law may be made for remedy hereof, to this effect, (viz.)

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That all and every perfon and perfons whatforber now using or exercifing, or that thall bereafter ufe or exercife the Erabe or Britery of the Boldimithe, within the City of London and the Liberties thereof, and thier miles compais of the fame Eity, has bing been bound Apprentice before the Mafter or datarben of any Corporation, felowilip, or Scciety in the City of London: And all others of the fait Crabe, that are of thall become freemen of the faid City, and having ferved Apprentifip thereto the fpace of feben years at the leaft, fail within one month after bis of their uting o: exercifing the faid Erade of Dyftery, be admitted, and be enjoyned to take the freedom of the City of London, if not already taken) and to enter themtelbes into the Society of Co: poration of the Goldlaiths of the fald City. and be fublect to all their lawful By Laws and D: Dinances : And fall have the fentosity in this, as in the Corporation they now are of. And in all cales where they have paid any fine of fim of Bouter, by realon of any Office in the Company they now are of; Mall be Difcharged in the like cafes in this Couporation. Andevery fuch perion to be after fuch entrance Ditebarged from all Dut: to their former Company; but with this Diouilo, That where any perion do es mall iawfully nie, er. ercife, Di follow the Goldimiths Erabe iovntiv with any other Danual Erabe of Erabes, that then luch perfon not to De con's pell'o to enter bimfelt into the Do Bimiths Corporation, unleis be Do exercife the Go'Dimiths Grate more publickly , or chiefly abobe the other Erabe of Erabes : but neberthelefs to be fubfect to ell the Statutes, Lawa, and Didininces mate, 02 to be mate in relpect of Grarch. Infpettion, Erval, and regulas tion of the Go blimiths 2010. ka, upen pain that every perion to foifeit and pay five pound foi ebery Month that be bo ufe of exercile the faid Erade of the Goldimiths, contrary to the true meaning hertof. See an Example in the Cafe of the Silk-Throwers, in Stat. 14 Car 2. 15.

To which I know it will be objected, that the bringing perfons of this Trade by f rce from other Companies into this, will not on'y rend and fpoil those Companies from which they are taken, but also be a means of hindering some, in that speedy progress towards the places of Honour they now expect in their present Corporations : The answer is,

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

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

And this will be the right center of the intent of making Corporations of Trades, which ought to be with the greateft care preferved, and preferred before those other niceties of Seniority in honourable places in the fame, wherein perfons of a contrary Trade do feldom, neither indeed can they discharge their duty; neither is it possible, unless this courfe be taken, to make a perfect reformation, or regulation 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 first Company; and an Oath lawfully taken is not to be violated by any means whatfoever: The answer is by way of Quæry.

What if the King fhall pleafe 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 those Laws and Ordinances are diffolved alfo, muft he be bound to perform impoffibilities? no, 'tis plain, fuch Oaths extend no farther than the duration of the Corporation that Administred them. 22 A Touch=stone foz

For if the King with his Parliament shall please to make an Act, that all Manual Tradesmen shall be reduced into the proper Corporations of each respective Trade in manner aforesaid, such Law is a perfect diffolution of so much of every Corporation as respects the perfons so taken away; and by consequence a diffolution of such 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 those Corporations would in effect receive more good, and be more useful, and more honorable than ever, by bringing those that are their proper Members into the same; for then the deceits in the Works and Wares would be more easily prevented, and the people better ferved, and all English Tradefmen 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. *Which large and copious authority* 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 to the Inroll-

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

And by the faid Statute of 37 Edw. 3. 7. If the King do Affign and Appoint other Surveyozs than the Wardens of the Goldfmiths (either foz the whole Kingdom, oz particular places) as occasion hall be, such other Surveyozs are Authozised by that Statute to Search foz, Punith, and Suppzels the Defeats in all Gold and Silver Works.

And for the more easile discovering the Workers and Sellers of unlawful Gold or Silver Work, the Statutes aforefaid do appoint, That every Mafter-Worker in Goldsmiths Work within this Realm, fhall have his proper Mark, and the same Marks shall set on their Works, before it be set to fale.

And that all fuch Workers Marks (in the City of London, and three Miles compass of the fame) to be known to those affigned by the King to Survey their Work and Allay, that is, the Wardens of the Gold/miths, and all other Workers Marks in the several places where Touches be ordained, to be known to those appointed there to Survey their Work and Allay, upon the fame penalty as is appointed for working or felling course 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 so made known, although the Silver be of the fineness of Sterling. 24

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And by reafon that under the general term (of any Gold/mith's Wares of Gold or 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 answer the intent of the Law) therefore our Law-Makers have put in this Proviso in the faid Satute 18 Eliz. 15. viz.) to set the Workers Mark to fo much of his Work as will conveniently bear the fame; but for all other Goldsmiths Work. it will bear the Workers Mark with as much conveniency as with reason 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 most Eminent Account (of which are all forts comprehen-

* Those being fo accounted, is clearly manife t by the two Cups, (which are Veffels;) and the four Buckles, (which are Harnels;) with two Leopards-Heads: being the Company of Gold fmiths Arms. ded under the names of * **Aleffels and Datnels**, 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 there-

to, but upon the Credit and Reputation of the Company, by their fetting their Marks to the fame, who are furely the most likely to continue, and most able to give fatisfaction in cafe of defect; defect, as is appointed by the faid 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 these Officers are yearly chosen according to their Usage out of their Members of the Affiftants, in course, as they received their Admittance into those places; and that fuch Choice fometimes falls upon them that are either of other Trades, or not skill'd in that curious Art of making Aflays of Gold and Silver, and confequently unable to make a true Report of the goodness thereof; or else the neceffary Attendance therein being too great a burden for the Wardens: therefore they have appointed an Assay-Master, called by them their Deputy-Warden, allowing him a confiderable yearly Sallary, and who takes an Oath to this effect, (viz.) to perform that Office faithfully, according to the best of his skill, that is, to make true Affay of all Gold and Silver brought to their Office for that purpose, and elsewhere, as the Wardens and Company shall appoint, and give a true Report of the goodness or badness, or (as their term is) betterness, or worseness of the same.

They have also caused to be made (according to the aforesaid Statutes and their Charter) Punchians of Steel, and marks at the end of them, both great and small of these feveral forts following, (that is) The Leopards Dead Crowned, The Lyon, and a Letter, (a true Emblem 26 A Touch=stone foz

blem of which Marks are expressed in the Copper Cut following) which Letter is changed Alpha-betically 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, fhall make recompence to the party grieved, fo that if any fuch default should 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. These Marks are every Year made New for the use of the New Wardens, who are chosen, and enter into that Office about Midsummer in every year : And although the Affaying is referred to the Affay-Master, yet the Touch-Wardens 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 purpole; 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 Westminster, and (there also) before a Jury of twenty four able Goldsmiths, all the Silver Works they have passed for good the year foregoing.

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

or Tables, artificially made in Columns (that is to fay) one Column of hardened Lead, another of Parchment or Velom, and feveral of the fame forts: In the Lead Columns are firuck or entred the Workers Marks, (which are generally the two first Letters of their Christian and Situames) and right against 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 Expression of making the Workers Mark known to the Sarveyors, 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 another: 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 reason for setting the Workers Mark on every part of the Work, is to take away all colour of excuse from the the Maker of falle work, who might otherwise 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 some body else 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 these words in Statute 2 Henry 6. 14. to wit, And that the Sign of every every Gold(mith be known to the Wardens of the Craft) is at the fame time to enter in a Book (kept for that purpole in the $A\beta ay$ -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 be always 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 London and alfo those in other places, whose Marksare not fo made known, according to the aforefaid *Statutes*; that is to fay, Those Workers in the feven Touch-Towns not making their Marks known to the Surveyor there (that is the chief Magistrate) in the place where each Worker inhabits: And every Worker in Goldsmiths Work in London, and all other places throughout England, not making their Marks known as aforefaid to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, fuch Marks are deemed no Marks; and the making and felling Gold or Silver Work whereon fuch fraudulent Marks are fet, is as punishable 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

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 Marksmight be omitted, and the work fhould pass into a third owners hand, for the most part it would be impossible to difcern one man's work from anothers; by reason 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 reafon is, for that the counterfeiting the Marks, is (in this Trade) of the most evil confequence imaginable; for it prevents the difcovering the Makers of false and unlawful Gold and Silver works, and destroys the fecurity, and prevents the knowiedge of good and true works; and thereby puts a cheat upon the Kingdom: It also difcourageth the honest Goldsmith, by false and unlawful Works passing under his name, and for his making; and by such means may bring them 20

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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 fimall 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 finall 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 circumftance) of making Affavs by fire, as the dimensions 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 remper, and make the fame afhes into Coples, and the dimensions and manner of the Coples, and the just quantity of Silver, and alfo Lead to put on the Cople, and how to place the fame in the fire; and of the feveral observations 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-

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 Affay, and compute by its wafte or diminution, its betterness or worseness 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 must be acquired by ingenuity in practice after fight of the work performed, and is a fubject fit for the fludy and practice, not only for all Goldsmiths, 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 must 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 ftrike the Companies Marks, which ought to be done clear and visible on such Work that is Standard; and what is worse ought to be broken and defaced, whereby thousands of ounces of defective Silver yearly receives execution: whence it may be inferred, That if so many pieces of Plate A Touch=stone foz

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Plate and Silver work (that are brought to receive the Companies Marks) be broken and defaced, which were not fuffected 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) Tucloays, Thurldays, and Saturdays, (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 fuspected to have no right to follow the Goldsmiths Trade, yet they are to be allowed the Affay and Touch, until they shall 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 Mystery 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 finished, and exposed to Sale (amongst 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 unlawful neglect, to the value of the fame unmarked Work. See Statute 37 Edw. 3.7. before cited.

In the afore recited Statute of the 28 Edw. 1. Cap. 20. it is Enacted, That no manner of Deffel of Silver depart out of the hands of the Workers, until it be Affaped by the Wardens of the Craft: And further, That it be Marked with the Leopards-Head. And in the afore recited Statute of 2 Henry 6. 14. it is Enacted, Chat no Gololmith no? Jeweller, not any other that workerh Barnels of Silver, thall fet any of the fame to fale within the City of London, before that it be Touched with the Touch, and allo with the Mark oz Sign of the Workman of the fame.

For the understanding 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 Horfes against the Enemy, as Swords, Buckles for Belts, Girdles, and fuch like; and alfo all other manner of wearing Instruments for War : which term of Harne/s, (in the fame fignification as we take it, by the opinion of the best Expositors) is mentioned, 2 Chron. 9. 24. fer. 46.4. Exod. 13. 18.

And that Hilts for Swords are comprehended under the term of Harness, as well as Buckles D far

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for Belts or Girdles, which may be collected by the Statutes's Hen. 4.13. 3 Edw. 4.4. 1 Rich.3. 12. And 5 Eliz. 7. those Buckles are there called Harnefs, 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 use to that end without a Sword to be worn in the fame, and the Hilt being the chief defensive part of that Weapon, the fame must confequently be included under the term of Harnefs.

Which granted, it must be concluded, That all Hilts of Silver, and Buckles of Silver for Girdles or Belts, &c. (being comprehended under the term of Harne/s) are by the recited Statute of 2 Hen. 6. Cap. 14. to be touched with the Couch, (that is) Aflayed 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 fineness of Sterling, but also Aflayed and Marked by the Wardens of the Goldfiniths before they be exposed 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 these Ambiguous words in their late Precept hereafter

(hereafter inferted) (viz.) if the faid 1002ks will conveniently 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 Goldsmiths shall be remiss in compelling (not only by precept, but also by all other ways, as by Law they are enjoyned) all Workers of Vessels, and all Workers of Hilts for Swords, Buckles, and other Harness of Silver in the City of London, and three miles off the same, to bring the same Works to receive their Marks as aforesaid, it will be great Imprudence in them to lay themselves by fuch neglects open to the Law, when so finall industry will prevent it.

And I do further aver, that if any Worker (of Hilts for Swords, Buckles for Girdles or Belts, and other Harnefs of Silver) in London, and three miles compais of the fame City, do wilfully refuse or neglect to bring the fame works to receive the Companies Marks when fuch works are not bespoke in extreme haste; such person-worker is difaffected to an honeft reformation, and may juftly be fulpected to practice those 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 be fet 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 fhort time occasion the adulterating the Goldfmiths Works as bad as ever.

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It is queried by fome, whether the felling, exposing to fale, exchanging or bartering Silver Works that is Sterling; and the marks not set thereon (as before is mentioned) be punishable by Law, it being no positive deceit: The answer is,

That where a Statute commands a thing to be done, if the fame be omitted, it is a contempt of that Law, and punishable, especially in this case, 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 setting 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 he will affuredly do, the benefit or gains is fo bewitching) and fince by fuch omiffion, if it be of the Companies 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 thefe 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 answer for the fame, fince those Works were not, before they were finished for fale,

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 purpose, the stamp; must be well tempered, neither too hard nor too foft, and well and fmooth polifhed when first made, and on a piece of smooth, thick, dry, tann'd Calves-Leather, nailed on a fmooth board, and fome putty on that Leather, every time before and after the using 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 brass or iron Brush; and for ubbing 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 Oyl on a clean Linnen-cloath, and with it fmear the stamps at the time of using them, it will make them wear the fmoother, and fharper, and hold the longer from breaking.

I give these directions, because 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 diffinguished, but seem like a botch or defect on the fame.

In the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. it is enacted, That Sodder shall be allowed for the making up all Silver Wares (to wit) fo much as is necelfarp for working the fame. For the Explaining this word (Deceffarp) fee the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15. thereby the fame quantity of Sodder is appointed again, and further Enacted, That na Silve:

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Silver Work thall be worle in finencle than that of Eleven Ounces two penny weight; This is to be underftood 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 take above the rate of twelve pence for every pound weight (that is, one pennyworth in every ounce) of Plate or Wares of Silver befides the fathion, more than the buyer thall or map be allowed for the fame at the Queens Erchange or Mint. (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.

N the Statutes afore recited, the term **Gold** fmith is frequently used; for the underftanding whereof, it is to be known, that the working, shaping, or fashioning of Gold or Silver,

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, *fhaped, or fashioned, 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 Gold/miths.

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 abufe it intended to reform, would notwithftanding remain.

Note, That the fitting or joyning any Goldfiniths Works, to the Works of other Trades; as a Cutler fitting or joyning Silver Caps or Verrels to Knife-hafts; or his fitting or 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 use the File or Hammer in fo doing, it cannot be deemed or taken to be exercising the Goldfmiths trade. And although it be working in Silver, it cannot be truly faid to be the Working, Shaping, or fashioning Silver into any fort of Goldfmiths Works.

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

Note alfo, That in all Manual Trades, it is the fhaping or fashioning the *Works* thereof, that must be deemed and taken to be following or exercising the fame.

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

To the first, you are to know that the Wares of any Manual Trade in the finish'd form or fashion thereof, or in a form or shape tending thereto, is, and may properly be deemed and taken to be the *Works* of such Trade.

To the fecond, you are to know that all manner of *Works* made of Gold or Silver (as aforefaid) are the Goldsmiths 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, Sizers, Swords, Rapiers, and all manner of Cutsing-Inftruments, and the parts thereto belonging, for compleating or finishing the fame, are the Works of the Cutlers Trade; and fo of all other Trades, as they were exercised 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 fashion they please, without transgressing the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4.

A Goldfinith may fashion or form his Gold or Silver into Head-pieces, Gorgets, Gantlets, &c. which are in shape like the Works of the Armorers Trade. And

A Goldímith may form or fhape his Gold or Silver into Flagons, Tankards, Candlefticks Porringers, &c. which are in fhape like the Works of the Pewterers Trade.

He may thape his Gold or Silver into Firefhovels, Tongs, Andirons, Locks, or Hinges. $\mathcal{O}c$. which are like the Works of the Blackfmiths Trade. And

He may fhape his Gold or Silver into Hilts, Pomels, Chapes, *Oc.* 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, Pom42 A Touch-stone foz

Pommels, Chapes, and the parts belonging to a Sword, into what form or fashion he pleaseth; but he must always make them of the *Metal* proper to their Trade.

And although it be the Goldfiniths 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 fhape their Works in likeness to the Works of the Goldsmiths Trade, yet it must 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 fhape or fashion they please; yet it must be with iron, or steel, or both; and such other matter for the appurtenances (as wood for the handle, and wood and leather for the scales used 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 Goldsmith for adorning their Sword and Rapier handles, and in-laying the Works appertaining thereto.

But when the Gentry and people fancied the wearing Hilts, &c. of Gold or Silver, they befpoke and bought them of the Goldfiniths, 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 Goldfiniths works

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 Gold*f* miths.

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

And if a Cutler fhall buy a filver Hilt, or other Goldfiniths 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 Goldfiniths, to furvey, try, and regulate.

And if a Goldfinith fhall joyn a Sword or Rapier-blade or any other Cutlers work, to a Silver Hilt, or any other Goldsmiths Works, fuch doing of the Goldsmith cannot be (in reason 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 Plate-Buttons to a Garment; and a Cabinet-Maker joyning Silver hinges, and other Goldsmiths works to a Cabinet; and a Girdlers joyning Silver Buckles to Girdles or Belts, but also 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 Trade:

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

And to suppose that the joyning the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade, is the following or exercifing any of those Trades, according to the faid Statute of Eliz. there is the fame reason to suppose that a person having ferved feven years Apprentiship to a Taylor or a Cabinet maker, or any other Trade, (to the works whereof are joyned the works of the Goldsmiths Trade) may after fuch Apprentiship lawfully follow and exercife all or any part of the Goldfmiths Trade; and that a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentiship to the Carpenters Trade, may lawfully follow and exercise the Blacksmiths Trade; and a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentiship to the Blacksmiths Trade, may lawfully follow and exercise the Carpenters Trade: and a perfon having ferved feven years Apprentifhip to the Trade of an Upholster, 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 these Trades to each other. But these suppolitions are utterly falle, and the unreasonablenefs and unpracticablenefs thereof is visible 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. Every 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 law-fully follow or exercise the fame. See the Statute 5 Eliz. Cap. 4.

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

And be it further Enaded, by the Authority aforelaid. That after the first day of May next coming, it thall not be lawful to any perfon or perfons (other than fuch as now do lawfully ule o? exercise any Art. Appfterp.o2 Manual Occupation) to fet up. occupp, ule oz erercile ann Craft, Mpfterp, 02 ABanual Occupation, now used or occupied within this Realm of England or Wales (ers cept he thall have been brought up therein feven years at the least as an Appientice in manner and form abovefaid; nor to fet anp verlon on woik in fuch Appfterp, Art, or Occupation, (being not a Workman at this day) except he shall have been Ay= pzentice as is afozesaid, oz elle having ferbed as an Apprentice as is aforelaid, thall oz will become a Journeyman, o: hired by the year, upon pain that every person willingly offending, or doing the contrary, shall forfeit and lose for every default forty millings for every month,

The meaning of the faid Branch more fully to this purpose is thus, (viz.)

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low the Boldiniths Trade, he must have ferved feven years Appzentiship, oz as an Appzentice feven years to a perfon that did befoze such Appzentiship (and also during that term) follow the Boldiniths Trade as afozefaid, openly, commonly, and by publick Pzofession make and fell Goldiniths Works, and not privately by scalth.

An Information was brought in the Kings-Bench at Westminster in Hillary Term, the 27 of King Charles II. against H. H. for exercising the Goldfmiths Trade, (not having ferved feven years Apprentiship thereto) contrary to the faid Statute of Eliz. one witness on the Defendants part testified his fervice feven years; but the Lord Chief Juffice Hale gave direction to the Jury, that unless it be proved that the Defendants Master did make and fell Goldsmiths works some confiderable time before the Defendant became his Apprentice, they must find for the Plaintiff; it being ftrongly fuggested, that instead of the Master teaching the Defendant, he the Apprentice did teach the Master to make Silver Hilts, and other Goldsmiths works; and that the Defendants Apprentiship was only for colour to his following the Goldfiniths Trade; but upon other teftimonies for the Defendant, the Plaintiff fuffered a Non-fuit.

The intent of the Statute for confining perfons to feven years Apprentifhip to follow thole 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 fuch

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 those Trades wherein they are so brought up, that otherwise would not be so.

Wherefore if this Branch of the Statute fhould be repealed, or made of nouse by not being favoured in the Courts where Cases thereon shall happen to be tryed, it will not only be considerable loss, and discredit to the people of this Kingdom by bad workmanship, but also much discourage the putting Children or Youth to ferve feven years to fuch Trades for a way of livelihood, when every botcher may without such fervice follow them at pleasure.

And those that would otherwise be curious Artifts, will be discouraged to to be, by foresceing a neceffity to sell their works at the prices, for which the botchers sell 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 workmanfhip, 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. Note, 48

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Note, That those who have been Apprentices in London for feven years to any Trade (whether Manual or other) and made Free of that City, may use 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 exercise or follow two Trades at one time, unless having ferved seven years Apprentiship to them joyntly together: And if they leave off such complext-Trades, they may not take up or follow but one other Buying and felling-Trade at one time. This is by the ancient custom (of the City) in being long before that Statute was made.

And for preventing the miftake upon the Cafe of John Tolley, Hill. 12 Jac. in Banco rep. and Bul-Strod, 1. 190, 191. it may be observed, that the faid Tolley having ferved seven years to a Woolpacker in London, and being made Free of that City, leaveth that Trade, and betaketh himself to the Trade of an Upholsterer, 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 obferve and keep that fo long experienced wholefome Cuftom of the City of London.

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 underftood of all Apprentices bound before the Juffices of the Counties, in fuch places where all perfons by the Common Law (before the Statute of *Eliz.*) might exercise and follow what Manual Trade they pleased without ferving Apprentiship thereto.

But that holds not where the cultom 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 purpofe, that fuch his Infant-Covenant flouid be good, and oblige him to ferve out that time, before he flouid have the benefit and use of his Trade, or be freed from his Master. 50

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This Cuftom of London is the Common Law of London, and will ftand good against 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 against any Apprentice so bound, and inrolled, that shall go from his Master after seven years end (without his confent) before the expiration of the refidue of the term in his Indentures, and suble 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) unlefs it be inrolled, before the Chamberlain of *London*, or the Juffices in the Counties, or the Officers in Corporations, according to Law and Cuftom.

Note further that Aliens (that is, those 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 Masters) the Goldsmiths 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. 21 Hen.8. 16. the branch thereof to this purpose is verbatime thus, (viz.)

And also it is further Decreed, That no Stranger, Artificer, oz Pandicraftl-man, bozn out of our Obeplance (not being a De= nizen) which at the day of the making of this Decrée is pot a Poucholder within this our Realm, oz keepeth any Shop oz Shops within the faid City and Suburbs, oz

oz any other City, Town, oz Burrough within this our Kealm, thall from that day forward let up oz kép any Houle, Shoy, oz Chamber within our City of London, Zuburbs, oz Parithes befoze rehearled; oz within any other City, Town, Burrough, oz Willage within this our Kealm, wherein he hall exercise and practice any Handicraft oz Mystery, upon pain to incur, and run into such Penalties as be contained in the Statutes before this time made and Enaced.

The Penalties referred to, by the faid Decree and Statute, is mentioned in a branch of the Statute 1 Rich. 3.9. which is verbatim thus, viz.

Mozeover, That no perfon not bozn un= der the Kings Obeplance, as befoze is laid, thall exercife og occupy any Bandicraft, og the Occupation of any Bandicraftsman in this Realm of England; but that all such perlong, which after the laid feast of Eafter thall come into this Realm, every of them thall depart into their own Country again, oz elle be Servants to such of the Kings Subjeas only, as be expert and cunning in such feits, Arts, and Crafts, which the faid Stranger can occupp, upon pain of forfeiture of all their gods, which hall come and dwell in this Realm contrarp to this Na, in whole hands loever they thall be found.

Note, That all Aliens and Denizens, are by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. forbidden the use of any Handicrast Trades, named or intended by that 52 A Touch-stone foz

Statute, that have not been Apprentices thereto feven years, or ferved as Apprentices feven years within this Realm, upon the faid penalty. See for this Hutton, 132. Jenk. Cent. 7. Cafe 15.

The one halt of which Fosteitures in the cafe of Aliens kæping houle, &c. appointed by the faid Statute, is to be to the King; the other half to him og them that will feize the fame, og purfue fog the fame by Asion of Debt, by Bill at the Common Law, by Bill og plaint after the Custom of the City og Town where such Fines, Fosteitures, og Penalties hereafter hall fall and be: And that the Ocfendant in any such Asion thall not be admitted to wage og do his Law, nog no Pgoteation nog Chopn of the Kings Service thall be allowed fog any such Defendant in the same, 1 Rich. 3.9.

And in the cafe of Apprentices, upon the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4. The one halt of all fo2= feitures and Penalties erpzest and mentioned therein, (other than such as arc erpreap other wife appointed) thall be to the Queens Majesty, her Deirs and Succes fors; the other Moiety to him or them that will sue toz the same in any of the Queens Maiesties Courts of Record, or before any of the Juftices of Oyer and Terminer, o2 befoze any other Justices oz Pzeudent and Councel befoze remembred, by Aaion of Debt, Information, Bill of Complaint, o: otherwise ; in which Naions oz Suits no Protection, wager of Law or Effoin hall be allowed.

And that the laid Justices, of two of them, whereas one to be of the Quorum, and the faid Prefidents and Councels as is aforefaid ; And the faid ABapors or other head Officers of Cities of Towns Copperate, thall have full Power and Authority to hear and determine all and every Offence and Offences, that stall be committed o: done against this Estatute o: against ann branch thercof, as well upon Andiament to be taken before them in Seffons of the Peace, as upon Information, Acion of Debt, og Bill of Complaint to be Sued og Erhibited by any person: and shall and map by virtue hercof make process against the Defendant, and award Execution, as in any other cafe they lawfully may by any the Laws and Statutes of this Realm: And thall pearly in Michaelmas-Term, cer-tifie by Eftreat, the Fines and Posteitures of every the Offences contained in this Estatute, that thall be found befoze them, into the Court of Exchequer in like fort and form as they be bound to certifie the Estreats foz other Offences and Fozfeitures to be lost before them, any thing in this Statute contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Now as I have thewn fome reafons for the making that branch in the Statute for confining perfons to feven years Apprentifhip to follow the Manual Trades, fo I think it neceffary to give you thereafons for making the Laws againft Aliens, following (as Mafters) any Manual Trade E 3 with-

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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 1 Rich. 3. 9. Those in the Statute are verbatim thus, viz.

Mozcover a great number of Artificers and other Strängers not bogn under the Hings Obeplance, do daily relozt and re-pair to the City of London, and to other Ci-ties, Burroughs, and Towns of the laid Healm, much moze than they were wont to do in times past, and inhabit by themselves in the laid Realm with their Wives, Childzen, and Houthold, and will not take upon them any laborious Occupation; as going to Plow, or Cart, and other like bu-finets, but use the making of Cloth, and other Pandicrafts, and easte Occupations; and bring and convey from the parts bepond the Sea great substance of Wares and Merchandizes to Fairs and Markets, and all other places of this Realm at their pleasure; and there sell the same, as well by Retail as otherwile; as freely as any of the kings Subjeas use to do, to the great damniage and impoverishment of the Kings laid Subieas.

And will in no wife suffer noz take any of the Kings said Subjeas to work with them, but they take only into their Serbice, people born in their own Countrey; whereby the Kings said Subjeas sor lack of Occupation sall into idleness, and be Chieves, Beggars, Dagabonds, and people of vicious living, to the great perturbance Gold and Silver Mares. 55 turbance both of the King and all his Kealm.

And when the Merchants, Artificers, and Strangers before rehearled have gained within this Realm, by Buying and Selling, or by luch case Occupations and Pandicrafts, great substance of Goods, with the same substance they go out of this said Realm, to such parts beyond the Sea, as them liketh best, and there spend the same goods oftentimes amongs the Kings Adversaries and Cnemies, to the great damage of our Sovereign Lord the King and his Subjects, and impovershing of this Realm, and the Commons of the same.

And to by the occasion of the premises, the substance of the Inhabitants in the said Cities, Burroughs, and Towns now of late hath fallen, and daily doth fall into great poverty and decay, to their great undoing; unless the Kings gracious aid be to them in this behalf shewed.

The reasons in the afore recited Decree made in the 20 Hen. 8. are verbatim thus, (viz.)

Where of late our true and faithful Subjeas, Artificers, and Pandicraftlemen, bogn under our Obeplance, inhabiting within our City of London, and the Suburbs of the same, erhibited unto us a lamentable Bill of Complaint; containing, that notwithstanding many good and necessary Statutes, and Aas of Parliament have been published, ogdained, and made; and especially one in the first pear of King Ri-E 4 chard

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chard the Third ; and the other being made in the first year of the Reign of our dearch father of noble ABemopp, Henry VII. late king of this ficalin; and in the 14. and 15. pear of our Reign, concerning Strangers, Artificers, and Bandicraftlimen, born out of our obeplance, using and evercifing Bandicrafts within this our Realm of England, as well toz the restraining of the excellive number, and unreasonable behaviour of the same Strangers Artificers. boin out of our Obeplance; which by continual relost and repair into this our faid Realm, daily increased, to the great detriment of our own patural Subicas Artificers of the same Bandicrasts and APpfteries, and of other fundy inconvenien= cies; by occasion that divers of the faid Subicas for lack of Occupation fall into idlencis.

As allo for the Reformation of fundry deceits and falthoods, practiced by the faid Strangers Artificers in the faid Bandis crafts, to the great dammage and lofs of us, and of all our faid natural Subjects.

The faid Strangers Artificers, nothing pondering of decading the faid Statutes, ne the penalties in the fame contained and expected, cease not contemptuously as well to abuse the faid Statutes, and most part entirely to infringe and break the same.

And to accumulate from time to time more Offences and Enormitics as well as gainst our Prerogative, as to the detriment

ment of the Commonwealth of this our Realm, and our loving Subjects of the fame; for when any fearch thall be made in every Pandicraft within any City, Cown, or Burrough Corporate, within our fait Realm, by our Subjects, the faid Wardens and others ordained by the faid laft Ad of Handicraftlomen, within any City. Town, oz Burrough-Coppozate, and an Houcholder-Stranger, bogn out of our Dbeplance, inhabiting within our laid City, Cown, oz Burrough Coppozate, ufing anp Bandicraft, be he Denizen , of not Denizen ; the faid Stranger being a Poutholder, as before is faid, being lawfully warned and required thereunto, according to the faid Aa, either will refuse to do his duty therein, og elle he will give fecret warn= ing thereof to his Bzethzen of the faid Crafts.

Whereby they have not only conveped and hid all their unlawful, untrue, fubtil and deceitful Wares, which they untruly, fubtilly, and unfubstantially, and deceitfully have made, and daily make and utter to our Subjects at er= ceffive and unreasonable prices, to the great detriment and dammages of our said Subjeas, but also their Servants and Appren= tices they have hid from the knowledge of the said Wardens, when any such search hath happened to be made.

And fo they defraud the same good and honozable Statute and Ac; so that thereof no lawful punimment could, can, might,

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oz may ensue according to the tenoz, purport, and effen of the said Statute, but they contemn, despise, and set at naught the same; whereby, and by the other unlawful means atoresid, they daily increase in great fiithes, and ingreat multitude in numbers of Strangers, Handicrasts-men born out of our Obeplance.

And when they have gathered much Riches and Money, they against our Laws convey the same Money over the Sea.

And then they also go over the Sea into their own Countries, and there purchase them Lands and Cenements with part thereof; and with the residue of the same they live thereby; and sometimes they convert part thereof to the use of our Chemics in those parts.

And to as well our poor Subjects. Cordwainers, and all our Subjects Pandicraftfmen, born within our Obeplance, by the means aforclaid be fore impoverished, minished, and almost utterly decaped and destroped; and many of them for lack of Occupation in the faid Pandicrafts, be constrained to live in idlenels; by occasion whereof they do continually fall to Theft, Murder, and other great Offences; and confequently in great numbers be put to death by our Laws, as we be informed.

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.

The nature of their present case 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 dispositions, have and do daily come into this Realm; and inftead of becoming Houshold-servants 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 fustenance as Travellers) do fettle at first in private corners, and in Garrets, and fuch like places, and chiefly in the out-parts of this City, and then for their present fustenance, 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-Tradefmen-Shop-keepers, and the fame works do fell for lefs profit than they could afford them, did they live like men.

The reason thereof is, for that they know they transgress our Laws, and cannot withstand the feverity of them, unless by such their cheap felling they get favour amongst *forme ill-minded Na*tives that value not the ruine of the publick, fo they can advance their 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 Workmanfhip, exceed the Works of our Natives) at prices much above them.

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And it is notoriously known, that our Natives exposing their own Works to sale amongst the Gentry, have been slighted, and their Works so undervalued, that the same Works they have put into the hands of Aliens of the same Trades; who being employed on purpose, have exposed those Works to the same Gentry, and have obtained, not only the desired prices of the Owners, but a considerable surplus age to the benefit of themselves.

Now observe the ill consequence of fuffering these poor Caterpiller-Aliens thus to incroach and undermine us.

Our poor natural English Manual Tradesmen (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: These I fay, seeing their Trades thus undermined, are forced (of meer neceffity) to the same deceitful courses as the Aliens take, or starve, that is, *make their Works flight* and adulterate, and sell cheap, and so low, that (notwithstanding the benefit by such fraud) their gains will not support 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 foot and lot, which thefe Aliens are freed from by living here in *holes and corners*. 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 natural

tural English Artificers become Beggars and Thieves.

As to the great fraud and abuse 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 practices, and the natural English Artificers must do so 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 these Caterpiller Aliens, and the natural English Goldsmiths will all be eafily brought to make lawful, fubitantial. and curious Goldfiniths Works: and it cannot be fupposed they will be unreasonable in their gains, fince it is apparently true, that there is not occasion or use amongst us, for the quantities of Works in fashion that the natural English 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 those poor Aliens, their Wives and Childrens falling to the charge of the Parifhes, and make us the more poor and beggerly; efpecially the Manual Tradefmen, who are not the least part of the people of this Kingdom.

But if Authority could order it fo, that the Merchants and wealthy Aliens (not being Artificers 62 A Touch-stone foz

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 invited 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 those 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 latter is a property in *[pecie*, and fuppofed certainty; the other is a property accidental. The Natural born, and Naturalized Artificers

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 fhall 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

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 others who never ferved feven years, enter upon these priviledges, and immunities, having no right thereto, they never having been at fuch coft and charges, or labour amongst us, for gaining the Trades they thus intrude into and follow : therefore no reason they should be suffered to enjoy any of them, but be effected as injurious as Thieves and Robbers ; and the rigor of our Laws inflicted on them: And little reafon there is that the Robbers on the High-way (their fo doing be-ing no offence but by the Law) fhould be fo fe-verely profecuted, and these 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 punishing all invaders thereof. But to return to my intended defign.

F any 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 doing 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 Tellowift, 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 fufpect 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 must observe, That the best fort are very

Touch-ftones are ulually fold at the Iron-mongers in Foster-lane, London.

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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 make a 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

Thefe Pomice-ftones and Blew Hones, or Smoothing ftones, are Sold at the Iron-mongers in Foffer-lanes. London. Woollen Cloth; or if fill'd with Touches of Gold or Silver. $\mathscr{C}c$. it may be taken off by rubbing the Touchftone (if very hard) with a fine Pomice-ftone, if not very

very hard, with a fine Blew-Hone first, and then with a well burnt Charcole in water, and it will make it very clean; and observe, the smoother you make the Touch-stone, the clearer will be the Touch : Therefore whether you use a Pomiceftone, Hone, or Charcole, prepare them very even, and rub them on the Touch-stone 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 steadily and very hard on the stone, not spreading your Touch above a quarter of an inch long, and no broader then the thickness of a Five-shilling-piece of Silver; And fo continue rubbing it until the place of the stone 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 these ways to be worse than Standard, you may carry or fend it to the Goldfmiths Affay-Office aforefaid, and upon your defire, the Officers there will make an affay 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 be-tween 18 and 24 grains from fome one part, or from all the parts of the work (except the foddered places) (for less in weight than between 18 and 24 grains is not fufficient for an affay) F Then

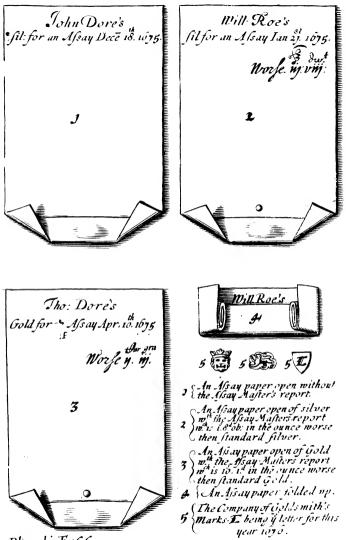
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Then in a piece of paper of about 6 inches long, and 4 inches broad, At the one end write down the Owners name, and the day of the Month and Year; (the reafon for dating the Affay paper, is to prevent delay in the Affay-Mafter, and the miftake of the time it was or ought to be Affayed in, if it fhould happen to be queffioned) 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 Affay-Office as aforefaid (which is now on the South part of their Hall in Foster-lane, London) on a ; of the Affay-days aforefaid, before the hour of 9 in the morning, and leave it with the Affay-Master 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 fuspition 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^d, which is the accustomed Fee for the making of an Affay of Silver. But all Workers in Goldfmiths works in London, and three Miles compais of the fame (whole Markes are entred on



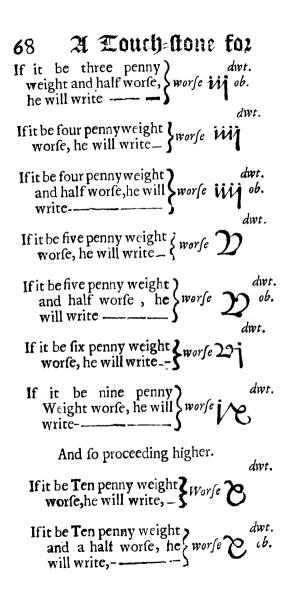
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on the Table of Marks in the Office) are not to pay any thing for their Silver Affays brought on the Aflay-day-eve, or on the Aflay-day before 9 of the Clock in the Morning; and if after (in the fame day) to pay 2^{d} for every Affay; fee the Table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

In which Paper the Affay Mafter will enter his report thereof in writing in manner following.

If it be Sterling or Standard, he { Sta. If it be a half-penny weight Worfe ob. If it be a penny weight worfe, he will write ______ Worfe If it be a penny weight and half worfe, he worfe j ob. will write, _____ dwt. If it be Two penny weight worfe, he will write, ______ worfe ij dwt. and half worfe, he will worfe i ob. dws. If it be three penny weight worfe, he will write, - }worfe

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- If it be Eleven penny? weight worfe, he will worfe dwt. write____
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- If it be fifteen penny weight worfe, he will worfe worfe
- If it be fixteen penny weight and half worfe, he will write _____

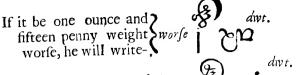
And fo proceeding higher.

- If it be an ounce worfe, he will write ______ worfe
- dwt. ob. If it be an ounce and a) half penny weight worfe worfe, he will write_
- If it be one Ounce and / five penny weight worse worfe, he will write_
- If it be an ounce, and? nine penny weight worfe worfe, he will write

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If it be an ounce and nineteen penny weight worfe i

Note, That [dwt] fignifies penny-weight, and fignifies Ounce.

And fo proceeding higher according as he finds the Silver courfer, and with Numeral Letters fetting down what 'tis worfe than Sterling or Standard.

And it must be observed, whatever weight he

See more Examples of Allays of Silver, and the value thereof caft up, in the Catalogue of Foreign Coms, at the latter end inferted. fets down, it is to be accounted fo much in every pound, or twelve ounces *Trov.*

And that if Standard Silver be at five fhillings the ounce *Troy*, for every pen-

ny weight that 'tis reported worfe', you mult account 'tis worfe by fo many farthings in the ounce; and for every ounce that 'tis reported worfe, you muft account 'tis worfe by lo many times five pence in every ounce: and for work and charge to refine it, you muft alfo account one penny for every ounce that 'tis reported worfe. For example.

^{*} In the Copper Cut is a Silver Affay, reported worfe than Standard three ounces, and eight pen-

ny weight : First, 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 shilling, eight pence half-penny; which take out of five fhillings, there remains three shillings and three pence halfpenny, the value of an ounce of fuch courfe Silver, which is one fhilling, eight pence half-penny in every ounce worfe 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 lcfs; for fo much it will coft for every ounce of fuch courfe Silver to make it of Sterling goodness, 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 recei-ved 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 fhall 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 Master-Warden of the Goldsmiths, he will cause 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 Wednesdays and Fridays, or one of them (if working-days) in every Week at their F 4 Com-

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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 those 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 these cases, as the afore-mentioned Statutes do plainly direct: as by Indictment at the Common Law for a Cheat and Offender against the Crown: in which cases the Courts do usually impose Fincs subset to the Offence in all their circumstances, and sometimes the Pillory: after all which the party grieved may bring his Action, and recover the dammage suffained.

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 $\int ub-pana$ him to bring the Work into Court, and give evidence how much it is worfe than Standard.

Note also, It is good evidence that one or more do fwear (at the Tryal) that the Counterfeit Gold

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 fay 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, &c. 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 queffion 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 feveral other hands after it was bought.

But this rule is the most useful, 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 must not be omitted.

And that the perfons aggrieved may be the better encouraged to proceed for their recompence, and to punish the Offenders, I have here inferted a true Copy of an Indictment in Latin. and the fame rendered into English, taken out of the Original (now remaining of Record in the Crown-Office) that was preferred (in Trinity Term, in the 28 year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, &c.) before the Grand-Jury of Enqueft (attending the Kings-Bench Court at Weftminster) against a person-offender in the Premisfes, which Bill (being drawn up, and this way of proceeding contrived by the advice of feveral Counfel learned in the Law) may ferve (with fome little variations, as occasion may be) for a good prefident in the like cafes.

Per Jud' Trin' xxviij. Car' Secundi Regis.

Midd' DE p Dio ſſ. Rege sup Sacram fum prefentant go A. B. nuper de Paroch Sanae M. in Com' v2cdia' Aurifaber aui educat fuit in ärte Aurifab202um ac per tres Annos Eamplius jam ult' clavs eandem ar= tem avud varoch pzedia' in Com' pze= dia' exercuit ac per totum idem tempus ibidem fuit liber homo Misterie Aurifab202um Civit London' ac quaplurima Dala & at res er argento confeg' pzetertu artis sue vied ibidem fecit E fieri caulavit ac di= vers liaeis diai Domini Acais nunc ibidem vendidit E vendittoni erpoluit Ac av idem A. B.

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Sovereign Lord the King upon their Oath do present, That A. B. late of the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields in the County aforefaid, Goldsmith, who was ·brought up in the Trade of a Goldsmith : and for three years and more now last past hath the exercifed fame Trade within the Parish aforefaid in the County aforefaid, and for all that time there, was a Freeman of the Mystery 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 exposed to fale to divers Liege People of our faid Sovereign 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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bene sciens av oms nia Dala E al res argento confect EE E per homines Mi= fterii Aurifab202um Civitai London' ven= ditioniervolic & er= vonend infra Civit' p2e & alihi debent fieri undequag - Anglice wholly] de bono E vero Argento con= cordan cum Stand Scaccarii dicti Do= mini, Regis E ante venditionem corun= dem debeant affais ari [Anglicè be Affayed] & fignari [Anglice marked cum [Anglicè Inligno the mark 7 Capitis Pardi [Anglice vo= cař the Leopards Head] per Cuftos Mifterii Anrifab20: rum Cibitat London' Quibus custo' Infignum ile ad fig= nan'i Dala & a? res de Auro & Argento concozdañ cum Standard pzediao confect ante eozun=

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made of Silver, and exposed and set to fale by men of the Mystery of Goldsmiths 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 allayed and marked by the Wardens of the Myftery of Goldsmiths of the City of London with the mark of the Leopards 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 diffioneft difposition, and evilly devifing and fraudulently dem

dem vendisonem le= aitime creditur T= hem tamen A-B. eri= stens versona male E inhoneste dispostionis ac machi= nans nequit & fraudulent intendens li= acos E subdit diai Domini ficgis nunc falso illicite decepti= ve callide & subdole decipere & defrau= dare & léges hujus Reani Ange fub= vertere viceamo p2i= mo die Januarii Anno Mcani Domi= ni nostri Caroli Se= cundi Dei Gzatia Ange Scot France Bibern Regis Fidet Defensozis Ec. Di= celimoleptimo apud Daroch Sce M. in Com pzed feragint fibut eingular [Analice co f vocat draw Girdle Buckles 7 (2 ono fibul Calcear rait boc Shooe Buckles de impuro E vilio2i ' Argento quá debet esse de argent mie

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

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concozo cum Standard ddiae videlicet oaodecim Denas in aualihet Oncia inde Dilio2um quam Ar= gent cum standard Poico concoedan falfo fraudulent & sci= enter confecit & fa= bricavit Ac illa se confect & fabricat ante aliguam Anai= a.onem seu sanaci= onem eozundem per Cuftod Difterii Aurifab202um Civitat London' pres feu eo= rum alterius postea scilicet des vicesimos pzimo die Januarii Año reani diai Do= mini fieais nune bis celimoleptimoly2a= diao apud Paroch fance M. in Com p2c= dict ut res er Ar= aento undequaque confect de bono Æ vero Argento con= coedañ cum Stant pzediao fallo illicite deceptive E fraudus lenter venditioni er= poluit ac divers lis

Eighteen pence in every ounce thereof worfer than the Silver agreeing with the Standard aforefaid : And those things fo made and fashioned before any Affay or Mark of the fame by the Wardens of the Mystery of Goldfmiths of the City of London aforefaid, or either of them, Afterwards, that is to fay, on the fame one and twentieth day of fanuary, in the aforelaid feven and twentieth year of the Reign of our faid Sovereign the King that now is, at the Parifh of St. Martin in the Fields in the County aforefaid, as things made wholly of good and true Silver agreeing with the Standard aforefaid, falfly, unlawfully, deceitfully, and fraudently exposed to fale; And then and there exposed to fale, and fold to divers liege People of our faid Sogeis

aeis diai Domini Reais nunc Aur vzediais ianot ad tunc & ibidem ven= dicioni expoluit E vendidit in cotempt diai Domini Regis nunc legumos fuara ad grave dampnum E manifestam decepcionem ligeozum pzedict qui huius modi übulas cinqular & übur Calcear emer in malum Er= emplum omnium a= lio2um in conse ca= lu delinqueñ ac con= tra pacem diai Do= mini Regis nunc Lozofi E Dignitat fuas, Ec.

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 manifest 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, against the peace of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, his Crown and Dignity.

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

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

Midd' MEmozano ff. S. A. Armiger Cozonat E Attoin Dhi fiegis in Cup iplins Regis cozam iplo Rege qui pzo eodem Dño Red in hac parte sequitur in propria flona fua ve » hie in Cu? diai Dhi Reais co= ram ipfo fiege apud Westind die Martis p20r' post tres septi= manas Sandi Michaclis isto codem terimo & p codo Dio Reae da' cur hic in= telligi E informari av C D. de Parech Martini m Sandi -Com' Campis in Midd' Auritad qui per tres Annos E

Michaelmas Term in the Nine and twentieth year of the Reign of our SovereignLord Charles the Second, now King of England, Gr.

Midd' ff. **M**Emoran-dum,that 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 King at Westminster, on Tuesday, next after three weeks of St. Michael, the fame Term, and for the faid Lord the King, gave to the Court here to understand and be informed, that C. D. of the amplius

amplius jam ult elavs artem Aurifaby in Com' predia erercuit ac quaplus rima vala & at res er aracuto confect pzetertu artis sue pzedia' ib'm fecit & fieri caulabit ac divers liacos diai Dhi Regis nunc bendicom ervoluit ac qu'idem C.D. bene sciens ad omnia ba= la Eat res er argento confect & p homi= nes misterii Aurifabzozum vendicom ervöit & vendens infra Com' pres E alibi infra hoc Reg= no Ang? debent fi= eri undequace [Anglice wholly] de bo= no & vero Argento Concozdand cum Standard Scaccarii diai Dri Reais rzed tamen C. D. eriftens persona male E inhoneste dispositionis ac machinans ne= quiter E fraudulent intendens liaeos &

the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex Goldfmith, who for three years and more now last past, 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 exposed 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 exposed and set to fale by men of the Myftery of Goldsmiths within the County aforefaid 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: Nevertheless the faid G លែង៖

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fubdit diai Dñi fic= ais nune fallo illicis te deceptive callide & subdole deciperc E defraudare ac le= ges hujus regni Analie inbvertere serto die Septembris Anno vicclimo nono Edivers al diebus æ vicibus tunc an= tea apud Paroch Sanai Martini in Com' Campis – in. pzed ser manibus argent (Anglice vo= car Silver Hilts for Swords) ser ak res argent p manibus (vocar Pommels for Hilts of Swords) tria locum argent (Ange vocat Silver Lockets) E ser rostra argent (Anglice vocat Silver Chapes for Scabbards) insimul ponderaid triaink Æ quatuo? uncias Æ amplius de impuro & viliozi argento auam debent effe, biz. de argené mie concord cum Stan-

C. D. being a perfon of an evil and difhoneft disposition, and evilly devifing, and fraudulently intending the Liege People and Subjects of the faid Lord the King that now is, falfly, unlawfully, craftily and fubtilly, to deceive and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the fixth day of Spetember, in the and twentieth nine year aforefaid, and divers other days and times, then before, at the Parish 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 Scabbards, together weighing 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 darn

dard pdia' eriftent ocodecim Denat in qualibet Ancia inde Dilio2um quam Ar= gent cum Standarff do concordaa vi E armis, Ec. falloil licite fraudulent & scienter cuido R. L. un ligcorum Emb= ditomm diai Dai Regis nune adtune Fib'm ut res er araent undequase confca' de bono E vero argento conco25 cum Standard predico vendicon expoluit & vendidit in Contempt dicti Dii Mes gis nune legumque fuarum in malum eremplum omnium al in tali casu delinqued ac contra pas écm diai Dhi flegis nunc Coron) & Dig= nitat luas, Ec.

Standard aforefaid, being eighteen pence in every ounce thereof than the Silworfer ver agreeing with the Standard aforefaid by force and Arms, e.c. falfly, unlawfully, fraudulently, and knowingly, to one R. L. one of the Liege People and Subjects 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 against the peace of the faid Lord theKing that now is, his Crown & Dignity, Gc.

The perfor that this Information was preferred againft, is a Private-Worker; and it is ftrongly függefted (upon good grounds) that he is an Alien, and never ferred any time of Apprentifing to the Goldfiniths Trade: And that he frequently works any kind of old courfe Gold or Silver into Hilts, $\mathcal{T}c$, at the define 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 courfences, as in this Information: and of the fame courfe Silver makes Hilts, $\mathcal{T}c$, of confiderable quantities weekly.

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- This Indictment following was preferr'd at the Seffions holden at Guild-hall London, against a Man and a Woman Partners Offenders in the Premisses; and was removed by Certiorari into the Kingsbench-Court; and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.
 - De Termino S. Hillarii Annis Regni Domini Noft' Caroli Secundi nunc Regis Angl', $\mathcal{O}c.$ xxix. & xxx.

Lon.ff M Emozand go ad ge neral Section pacis Dhi Regis tent p20 Civif London apud ejusdem Guild-hall Civif ac infra ean= dem Civit die Mercur scil Quartode= cimo die Novembris Dńi Anno Regni nostri Caroli secundi Dei Gratia Angl' Scot' franc' & Dibern Reais Fidei Detensoy,&c.Dices: mo nono coza F. C. Milif Majoz Civit London' T. A. Dilif & Barr J. L.Milit T.B.

Hillary Term, in the Nine and Twentieth and Thirtieth years of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, now King of England, Gc.

Lond. ff. MEmoran-dum,that at the General Seffions of the Peace of the Lord the King, held for the City of London at the Guild-hall of the fame City, and within the fame City, on Wednesday, that is to fay, the 14th. day of November, in the Nine and Twentieth year of the Reign our Soveraign Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ire-Milif

Milif T. D. Milif F J.E. ABilit Aldzis Civit pred Justic diai Dñi Reais ad Pacem in Civit ödict conferband nec-non ad divs felow tulad E al maleface' infra candrid Civit ppe= traf audiend Eter= minand affigid y Sa= crum duodecim Jur p20bo2 & legalm ho= mind Civic London vzed qui adtunc E ibm Juraf Coneraf eristen ad Inquis rendo diao Dño Re= ae E Corpore Civif pzederiftit pzelentat ad E. F. de Paroch S. Andree Holborn in Warda de Parrina= don ertra London v2cd Aurifaby als dict's E.G.de Paroch E Warda pred Auri= fab) EH.I.de Paroch E Warda pres bis qui p tres annos E amplius jam ulť elaps artem Aurifabdin Civif London E Suburd ejusdem G

land King, Defender of the Faith, Oc. Before F. G. Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of London, T. A Knight and Barronet', 7. L. Knight, T. B. Knight, C.D. Kinght, and J.E. Knight, Aldermen of theCity aforefaid, Juftices Affigned to keep the Peace of the aforefaid Lord the King in the City aforefaid; as alfo to hear and determine divers Fellonies, Trefpaffes 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 being Sworn and charged to enquire for the faid Lord the King, and the body of the City aforefaid; it is prefented that E. F. of the Parish of St. Andrew Holborn, in the Ward of Farringdon without London aforefaid, Goldsmith; other-

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exercuer & uterm eod exercuit, at quamplurimas res er argento confect pretertu artis pred ibm fecer &fieri caulaver E uterm cod fecit Effericaulavit, acdivs Ligcos dei Dñi Aca' nune ibm vendicofi expoluer & uterm cod vendicow ervoniif acgoiidem E.F. als G.& H.I. bene sciens & uteropeod bene sciens goomns res er argento Con= fect Ep plow uten art miffer Auritabo vendicow ervőit E pens infra Civitat p2cd E alibi infra hoc reand Angt de= bent fieri undequace (Anglice, wholly) de bono Evero argento concozo cum Standard Scaccarii dei **The Regis**, pred ta= men E.F. als G. H.I. existen pron malod & inhonest disposcon ac Machin ne= guit Efraudulent in-

wife called E G. of the Parish and Ward aforefaid Goldfmith; and H. 7. of the Parish and Ward aforefaid, Widdow; who for three years and more, now last past, 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 either 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 exposed 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 perfonsufing the Trade and Mistery of Goldfmiths, exposed and tendens

tenden Lincos Æ Subdit der Dfi an tune fallo illicite de= ceptive callide Flubdole decepe & defrau= dare ac Leges injus Reani Anathibvertere tricesimo die Augusti Anno Rea' Dñi nostri Caroli Se= cundi Dei gratia Angl Scot Franc & Diber Regis fidei Defenso), &c. Dicclimo nono ลบแบ London videlt in Paroch S.Andree Holborn in Warda de Farringdon ertra London vzd quindecim uncinut argent (An= glice vocat Silver Hooks) quatuozdeci Locul argent (Anglice vocat' Silver Lockets) Equinquagine Eler Rostra araent (Anglice Silver Chapes for Scabbards) in fimil ponderam tresdecim uncias E amplius deimpuro Tvillio2i argent qui debent effe (viz.) de argento G

fet to Sale within the City aforefaid, 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 E.F. alias G. and H. 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 falfly, unlawfully, craftily and fubtilly to deceive and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the Thirtieth day of Angust, 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 Lonmíe

mie concordan co Standard pied eristen duobus solid Equatuo2 denar in qualit und inde villiod q wargent cum Stand pred concors dan bi Farmis &c. fallo illicitefraudu= lent & scienter cuida R.L. und Ligcozum E Subdito? dei Dnt Rea' nune adtunc E ibm utres er araenf undequace confea' E valod quing Solid p qualibet une inde vendicow expoluer Evendide ? E uterop eord vendicow ervoluit & vendidit in contempt dei Di Reais nunc Leaws fuar Ead grave E manifest wdecepcon. pfat R. L. in malw eremplud &c.

don, (to wit) in the Parish of St. Andrew Holborn, in the Ward of Farringdon without London aforefaid, fifteen Silver Hooks, fourteen Silver Lockets, and fifty fixSilver Chapes for Scabbards, together weighing thirteen Ounces and more of impure and bafer Silver than it ought to be(viz.) of Silver not agreeing with the Silver of the Standard aforefaid, being two Shillings and four pence in every Ounce thereof worfer than the Silver agreeing with the Standard aforefaid, by force and arms, Óc. falfly, unlawfully, fraudently and knowingly, to one R. L. one of the Liege people and Subjects of the faid Lord the

King that now is: Then and there as things made wholly of Silver, and worth five Shillings for every Ounce thereof exposed to Sale and Sold, and either of them exposed to Sale and Sold in contempt of the faid Lord the King that now is, and of his Laws, and to the great and manifest deceipt of the aforefaid R. L. to the evil example, $\mathcal{O}c$.

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, fo unfeignedly true, and fo cafily to be followed, that every perfon (of the capacity but one degree above a Natural) may be capable thereof.

And fince these Directions are so plain, 'tis pity but he should be cheated that will not use them for prevention, or to get recompence when deceived.

But it is to be observed, that there is a set and limited time for proceeding in these cases in course of Law; which time being expired, all perfons are totally barr'd therein: See the Statute 31 *Eliz.* 5. & Stat. 21 fac. 16. the branches thereof to this purpose are Verbatim thus (viz.)

Stat. 31 Eliz. 5. And beit further Enaacd by the Authority aforefaid, That all Aaions, Suits, Bills, Indiaments, or Informations, which after twenty days next after the end of this Section of Parliament hall be had, brought, sued, or exhibited for any forfeiture upon any Statute-penal, made, or to be made, whereby the Forfeitures is or thall be limited to the Queen, her Peirs or Successionly, shall be had, brought, sued, or exhibited within two pears after the Offence committed, or to be committed against such Aa-penal, and not after two years.

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Informations which after the said twenty daps thall be had, brought, sued, or commenced for any forseiture upon any Penal Statute made or to be made (creept the Statutes of Tillage) the benefit and Suit whereof is or shall be by the said Statute limited to the Queen, her Peirs or Succesfors, and to any other which shall prosecute in that behalf, shall be had, brought, sued or commenced, (by any person that map lawfully pursue for the same as aforesaid) within one year next after the Offence committed, or to be committed against the said Statute.

And in default of such pursuit, that then the same thall be had, sued, exhibited og brought sog the Quiens Majesty, her Heirs og Successog at any time within two years after that years end: And if any Action, Suit, Will, Indiament og Infogmation sog any Offence against any Penal Statute made og to be made (except the Statute of Cillage) thall be brought after the time in that behalf befoge limited, that then the same thall be void and of none effect : any Act og Statute made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, That where any Adion, Information, Indiament, or other Suit, is or thall be limited by any Stature-penal to be had, sued, commenced, or brought, within thoreer time than is afore rehearsed, that in every such case the Adion, Information, Indiament or other Suit

Suit, thall be brought within the time lismited by such Statute.

Statute 21 Jac. 16. And be it further Enaded . That all Actions of Trefvafs quare clausum fregit, all Actions of Trefvals, Detinue, Action fur Trover and Replevin for taking away of Goods and Cattel, all Acions of Account upon the cafe (other than such accounts as concern the Trade of Merchandife between Merchant and Merchant, their Facois or Servants) all Acions of Debt grounded upon any lending or contrac without specialty; all Acions of Debt for Arrearages of Rent, and all Actions of Affault, Menace, Batter, Wounding and Imprilonment, or any of them, which thall be fued og brought at any time after the end of this prelent Selsion of Parliament, thall be commenced and sued within the time and limitation hereafter ervzeffed, and not after: (that is to fav)

The faid Aaions upon the case (other than for flander) and the said Aaions for Accompt, and the said Aaions for Trelpass, Debt, Derinue, and Keplevin for Boods or Cattel, and the said Aaions of Trespass quare clausum fregit, within three pears next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, or within six pears next after the cause of such Aaions or Suit, and not after.

And the faid Acions of Trefpals, of Affault, Battery, Wounding, Imprilonment, 92

ment, oz any of them within one year next after the end of this yzelent Section of Parliament, oz within four years next after the cause of luc; Nations oz Suit, and not after : And the laid Action upon the Case foz Wozds, within one year after the end of this yzelent Section of Parliament, oz within two years next after the wozds spoken, and not after.

By the Stat. 21 Jac. 4. Actions Populer, which may be presented before the Justices of Assignment of the Peace the Island Over & Terminer or of the Peace, shall be Prosecuted only in the County where the Offences were committed, and not elsewhere (except for Recusance, Maintenance, Champerty, buying of Citles, concealing of Customs, or Transporting of Gold, Silver, Munition, Wool, Woolfells or Leather.)

Upon default of proving that the Offence was committed in the same County where the Aaion is laid, the Defendant sall be found not guilty.

The Stat. 31 Eliz. 5. Extends not to an Action of Information by the Party grieved, for he may bring it in any County, Allens Cafe Mich. 40 Eliz. Cro. 645.

All Suits foz using a Crade not having been an Appzentice thereto leven years, hall be heard and determined in the Quarter Sessions of Allizes of the County, &c. and not out of it, Stat. 31 Eliz. 5.

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

marked as the Laws require: That is, the **Lcoperds**: head, or **Lpon**, or both; and alfothe **Boyhers** mark be fet on all manner of **Dcffcls**, and all manner of **Dilts** for **Swoods**, and **Buckles** (for Girdles and Belts) and other Harnefs of Silver; and alfothe Workers mark on all other forts of Silver Works what foever (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 amifs, unknown to the Maker, by ill Servants or the like, and he be only Honeft, and not Able; how then will the recompence be made? But if he be both Able and Honeft, his Honeft Inclinations with his Ability of Purfe, will never fuffer the wronged perfon to go without fatisfaction.

It is queried, Whether it be lawful for a Goldfmith, 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 94 A Touch-stone foz

for the Mettal then 'tis worth: Or for a Goldfinith 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 for to be by the perfonthat will receive it when fo made up; or (it being the Traders own) to keep it in the Shop or other place where the Goldfiniths works are ufually exposed to Sale.

The Solution hercof is of great concern to the Reformation, for therein 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 answer, which is by way of Caution and Advice.

That it is Politively against the Laws afore recited, for a Goldsmith to Shape or Fashion Gold or Silver that is worfe than Standard into any fort of Work, and the fame Workmanship to Sell, expose to Sale, Exchange or Barter; And all (uch Works be utterly unlawful, and therefore not to be Sold, exposed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered by any Trader therein, under any pretence or colour whatfoever, be it for the just 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 Falbion; or the Courfe Gold or Silver being his own, do receive but the just value thereof, and any thing above that for the Workmanship; 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 first 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 these Cafes, the Laws are positive, that no Gold or Silver worfe than Standard, fhall be wrought, fhaped or fashioned into any manner of Goldfmiths works whatfoever; and (having any the leaft of Fashion or Workmanship, fit for the use 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 best Excuse that can be made in these cases is, That such course *Work* is for the bringers or bespeakers own wearing: If that be true, the danger is the less, because the Worker lyes open only to one; But his Wisdom would be the greater, not to lay himself 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 fecureft courfe to prevent danger therein, is to immediatly fpoil and deface the *Fashion or Workmanschip thereof*, and then the Wardens or Surveyers have no Authority to Seize it in their Search; and the Selling, exposing to Sale, Exchanging or Bartering fuch Metal without Workmanschip is positively lawful.

Upon what is here declared, It is hoped no perfons will fuffer themfelves to be deluded with the 96

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

That the Work will not Bear the Marks as before is mentioned; for 'tis manifest and well known by great experience, That all Silver Works comprehended under the name of Veffels, and under the name of Harnels, (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 supposed to lie) the Company have fmall Marks made on purpofe for them, and the Work being first marked by the Worker with marks of Ink thus (0) on every place where the Workman thinks it most 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, ftrike their Marks on those 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 Goldfmiths Hall; when if the Work be carried to the Office on any of the Affay-dayes afore faid, 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 abused

abufed by the firiking thereon the Companies Marks, that it cannot be finished 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.

Thefe 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 refule or neglect to fit their Marks on Silver Work that is Standard, or do not fet them as they ought; or if they or their Officers or Servants fhall do any dammage to the Work by ftriking the Marks, or refule 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 Workman-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. 98

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The truth is, the ready and careful making and returning the Aflays, 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 fubtilities) 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 Silver is too foft, 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 more ferviceable than a courfer Allay.

For Infrance, in some particular Works on which

* Collets of Rings are the thin Plates that encompass and faiten the Stones; which being made of Gold or Silver worfe than Standard , will not cloze, but fpring from the Stones, and thereby endanger their falling out; but if made of Standard, will comply, and closely clinch, and joyn to the Stones, and the work will be more compleat, and the Stones more fecurely preferved.

those idle pretences are generally grounded; as Gold-Rings of all forts, with Stones and without, and *Collets of Rings, and all other Jewels whatfoever: and Gold and Silver Watch-Cafes, and fuch like works: for all which I do further affert, that the honeft and ingenious Artifts or Workers of these Works, and of all other forts of Gold and Silver Works whatfoever, will avouch the truth of my Affertion;

fertion; and if questioned 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 goodness well and Workman-like wrought into any forts of Rings, Jewels, and any other forts of Goldsmiths Works whatfoever, is for decency, credit, and Service, and in every other respect what sover, better than a courser Allay, which most times by reason 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 excuse will not these Adulterers find, that they may have their unlawful liberty. I remember, that when Silver Hilts were first taken notice of to be fo exceedingly adulterated, and debased, it was the pretence of many of the Workers, that Sterling would not run into Hilts to make good work; and therefore they must of neceffity make them courfer; and to my know-; ledge Sterling was delivered to a Worker to make a Hilt; and because he would not thereby betray or prevent the difhoneft gains in fuch Works, he gave it a half-heat ; by which, and some other means, it became defective, and unfit for use: and fo he returned the Silver as too fine to make fuch Works. Which I coming to understand, fet to the work my felf, and made Sterling run into the most difficult fort of 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 H 2 Peti-

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Petition his Majesty for the fole making of Sterling-Hilts for fourteen years : which the rest of the Silver-Hilt-makers hearing of, every one then could, and did, make Sterling into all forts of Hilts in every respect better than the Silver of a courser Allay. So every evil disposed Goldsmith will make a hundred false pretences to continue their cheat-ing gains. But if the honest Workers of Standard would but joyn together, and make but the least attempt for a Patent to have the fole Working of all Gold and Silver Works that are so much talked of that they cannot be made of Standard, so 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 scruples or pre-tences, rather than to be put by their Trades;) but if there should be any fort of Works that cannot (for the conveniency defired) be made, but of Gold or Silver courfer than the Standard-Allay, such 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, (viz.) That he abates as much in the Fashion as the Silver is allayed worse than Standard; when 'tis well known, that most times for every fix-pence he abates in the fashion of fuch course Silver Works, he gains one shilling fix-pence, or two shillings, or more by the Allay in such 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

again to be fold to the fame hand, many being either kept to posterity, or transferred by gift; and if neceffity induce a fale, it is most commonly in fome place remote from the place where it was bought. and then they must 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 those that are only buyers and fellers of Goldsmiths 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 worse.

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

I have made but little mention of Gold Wares, and of the provision made, to prevent deceit therein, because Gold Wares are much less common than Silver Wares; I shall therefore only propose, that by the same ways and method by which you make discovery of the goodness or badness of Silver, you may also make discovery of the goodness or badness of Gold, and recover recompence if wronged, and punish the Offenders; only with this difference, (viz.)

That as the whiteft Silver is the beft, fo the H 3 Gold 202 A Touch=stone foz.

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 Aflay-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 Aflay he fets it down by Carracts and Carract-grains, and half Grains, and quarter Grains.

For the understanding of which you are to know, that Carratt is a term given (by the Ofteers of the Mint, and the Wardens of the Goldfmiths) to a certain composition of weights, that are only used 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 twelve grains Troy make a Carract-grain; four of fuch Carract-grains make one Carract (which is half an ounce, or ten penny weight Troy) and twenty four of fuch Carracts make one pound, or twelve ounces Troy: And of ounce Carracts, five Troy-grains make one Carract-grain, and four of fuch Carract-grains make one Carract, and twenty four fuch Carracts make one Carract, and twenty four fuch Carracts make one Carract, and twenty four fuch Carracts make one ounce Troy.

These two forts of Carracts are to one effect in Assigning and Computing the Standard of Gold: for if you calculate the Assignment for the pound-Carracts, you must cast up the value of a pound weight of Standard-Gold, which suppose to be 481. and out of that sum take so many 24th parts, that is,405. each part) as he reports the

the number of Carracts that it is worfe; and after that rate for every grain and half grain; and for every Carract of this fort that its reported worfe, you must also deduct 4s for charge, and for every grain of this fort 1s. charge, and for half a grain 6d charge for work, and loss, to make it of Standard goodness: all which being taken out of the 48l divide the remainder into twelve parts, every of which part is the value of an ounce of the course Gold. For example.

In the Copper cut aforefaid is a Gold Affay reported by the Affay mafter, worfe two Carracts three Grains: First cast up the value of a pound of Standard Gold at 48 l. then count what two Carracts three Grains of such Gold is worth, which is 5 l. 10 s. to which add the 4s. per Carract, and one shilling per Grain for charge, which is 11 s. all which comes to 6 l. 1s. which take out of the 48 l. and there remains 41 l: 19s. which divide into twelve parts, every of which parts or ounces of such course Gold will be worth 3l. 9s. 11d. which is 10s. 1d. worfe than Standard Gold, as in the Copper Cut aforefaid.

If you calculate the reports by onnce Carratts; First, confider the valueof an ounce of Standard Gold, which suppose to be 4 l. then out of that sum take so many 24th. parts (that is 3 s. 4 d. the part) as the Assay Master reports the number of Carracts that 'tis worse, and after that rate for every grain and half grain, and for so many Carracts (of this fort) that 'tis reported worse, you must also deduct 4 d. for charge of work and loss to make it of Standard goodness, and for every Grain 1 d. and for half a grain ob. For example.

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In the Copper Cut aforefaid, the Gold Affay being reported worfe two Carracts three Grains; first 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 s. 2 d. to which add the 4 d. per Carract, and 1 d. per Grain for charge, which is 11 d. all which comes to 10 s. 1 d. which take out of the 4*l*. the remainder is 3*l*. 9 s. 11 d. the value of an ounce of fuch courfe Gold, which is 10 s. 1 d. worfe than Standard Gold; as in the Copper Cut.

The calculation of the Affay-Mafters Reports by the pound Carracts, being the harder way, I advife the use 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 must account that in the Ounce Troy 'tis worfe by fo many times 3 s. 8 d. And for every grain he fets down 'tis worfe, you must account it worfe by fo many times $1 1^{d}$ in the Ounce Troy. And for every demy or half grain, $5^{d} \cdot ob$. for fo much it will cost to make it of Standard goodness, 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 lefs in finences, than that of twenty two Carracts) to be the Standard for all Gold Wares, (worfe than which Allay no Gold Wares are to be made, upon the penalty therein mentioned.)

And

And that 12 Grains Troy is enough for making an Affay of Gold: The accustomed Fee for making such Affay at Goldsmiths-hall is 6 d.

But if any shall be dif-faitsfied with the Affayings and reports of the Affay-Master of Goldfmiths-Hall, or shall receive any difcourteous words; or be difcouraged by any uncivil demeanour in him or his Servants, may have Affayes made by His Majesties sworn Affay-Master of his Mint in the Tower of London, who has been often experienced to have Carefully, Courteously, Readily, and Truly, performed the shis Fee for a Gold Affay is 1 s. and for a Silver Affay 6 d. And he will make his reports in the same manner with numeral Letters, as the Affay-master of Gold finiths-hall.

Concerning Silver Work made remote from London, I fhall only infert, that it is to be obferved; That by the first recited Statute, all the Goldsmiths in England, were appointed to bring all their Silver Work (comprehended under the name of Vessel) to London, to be there Affayed and Marked with the Leopards Head; but the compelling thereof, under such 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 Goldsmiths remote from London, Seven places are appointed wherein such Work shall be affayed and marked, viz.

York, Newcastle upon Tine, Lincoln, Norwich, Bristow, Salisbury, and Coventry.

And as the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, London, are

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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 Artift to do the fame, (for which they muft anlwer) fo, in every one of the aforefaid Seven feveral places, the Chief Magiftrate or Governor is to anay 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 Governors of those feven places set on the Silver works, I can give no certain account thereof.

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

And in like manner, as every Master-worker in Goldsmiths Works in London, and 3 miles compass of the same, are to make their Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, so every Master-Worker in Gold and Silver in every of the faid seven places, are to make their Marks known to the Surveyors there (that is) to the Chief Magistrate of such Place.

And every Mafter-worker in Goldfmiths Work 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 Affay-Office as afore is fhewn: The words of the Statute to this purpofe are thefe (to wit.)

That Goldsmiths, as well in London as elsewhere within this Realm, thall make, &c. And every

every Master Goldsmith, thall have a Mark by himself, and the same Mark thall be known by them, which thall be Alligned by the King to Survey their work and Allay, &c. And that which thall be in the Boldsmiths default, they thall incur the pain of Forseiture to the King the value of the Metal which thall be found in default.

(That is to fay) the Master-Goldsmiths in each of the feven Touch Towns, shall make their Marks known to the chief Magistrates there; the King having Assigned them power by their Charters to Survey the Gold and Silver Works that are made in those places.

And the King having Affigned to the Wardens of the Goldfmiths of the City of London, full power and Authority by their Charter; to Survey all Gold and Silver Works in all places what foever throughout England: Therefore the Workers in the feven Touch Towns are to make their Marks known both to the chief Magistrate in each of thofe Towns where they refide; And all ot 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 Goldfiniths in those feven Touch Towns are remitted those extremities of bringing their Veffels of Silver to London to be stamped with the Leopardshead, 108 A Touch-stone foz

head, but are allowed each of them a Touch by themselves to pass their Works upon. It behooves the chief Magiltrate and the Goldsmiths in those places to be circumfpect and careful, not only in Affaying and Marking the Works, and also to fearch for, fupprefs and prevent the Working and Selling any kind of Gold or Silver Work in those places, that is worse than the Standard : But also (as the Leopards- head and Lyon are generally known to be the Standard Marks for the City of London) to use fome means that it may be as generally known what are the respective Standard Marks of these 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 question, and of being disfranchised for their neglect herein, and the Goldsmiths and other fellers of their Works from being called in queftion, for the transgreffions 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 Magisfrates 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 notorioufly known to be exceedingly Adul-

Adulterated and debased, and great part of what is made by the London Workers and sent into the Country to the Traders there, are as notoriously known to be as bad as any.

This deceit feems to take the more courage, by reafon alfo of the Country peoples unskilfulnefs, and the difficulty of proceeding in courfe of Law against these Country Offenders.

Wherefore my advice is, that you buy thefe Works at London only, (unlefs they have on them the London Touch) either your felf 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 Goldsmiths to complain to, who will affift you; there are the Affay-Masters to make your Aslays and give evidence of the value of the Metal; there is the Seffions in London, and at Hixes-ball, and the Courts at Westminster, that will understand your agrivance, and give you recompence, and punish 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 Teffimony of the Aflay-Mafter of Goldfmiths-hall, or the Affay-Master 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 Tonch-stone) will insist upon no further evidence, as to the value of the Metal, but find the Offenders guilty (which I conceive may be done very suitable to fustice) it will much facilitate the Prosecution.

That the Tryal of these Offenders in the Coun-

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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 Instrument 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 worfeness in Allay; as one Needle 3 d. another 6 d. another 9 d another 1 s. another 1 s. 3 d another 1 s. 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 5 s. the Ounce Troy : And observe, that the Allay in each Needle be half fine Copper, and half fine Brass, and being all made with blunt fmooth points : First rub your course Silver on a good fmooth clean Touch-ftone, as afore is directed; then by it rub one of your Needlesthat you think is neareft the Allay of your 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 made

made and managed, will make a difcovery very near of the badness of any fort of Adulterated Silver.

The like Inftrument 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 just value of the Adulterated Silver to the Scrutiny of one Penny in the Ounce to proceed to convict the Offenders. but if it be apparently worse than Standard, the Offenders ought to be found guilty and punished according to the uttermost Severity of the Law. See all the before recited Statutes for regulating the Goldfmiths Trade.

Examples of the Allays of Silver to make the afore (aid Needles (viz.)

dwt. grs.

- 12 Of Sterling Silver, and) Thefe well melted 9 0
- 6 Of Copper, and _____ { together will be 3 d. 6 Of Brafs ______ { in the Ounce worfe 6 Of Brafs 0 than Standard.

dwt. grs.

- 9 o Of Sterling Silver, and Thefe well melted 0 12 Of Copper, and together will be 66 in the Ounce worfe
- 0 12 Of Brass. Ithan Standard.

dwt. grs.

- 8 12 Of Sterling Silver, and Thefe well melted o 18 Of Copper. and together will be 9 d.
- o 18 Of Copper, and
- Sin the Ounce worse than Standard. 0 18. Of Brass.

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And fo by fuch degrees of a penny weight of Allay in the ounce you may compose 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 furest way is, when the Needles are all made, to have a diffinct Assy made of each Needle, and that reported goodness marked on every of them.

Here followeth the Goldsmiths CHARTER truly rendred into English from the Copy thereof taken from the Record now remaining in the Chappel of the Rolls, under the Title Confirmation, Part 2: Number 4. Confirmed in the second year of King James.

THE KING to all to whom, &c: fendeth Greeting. We have perused and seen the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our most Dear Sister the Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, made in these words; Elizabeth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these present Letters Patents shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of the Lady Mary, late Queen of England, our most Dear Sister, made in these words, Mary by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth over the English and Irish Church the Supreme Head, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our dear Brother Edward the Sixth, late King of England, made in these words, Edward the Sixth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth over the English and Irish Church Supreme Head, To all to whom these prefent Letters shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our most dear Father Henry the Eighth, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in these words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our most dear Father Henry the Seventh, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in these words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, That we have perufed the Letters Fatents of Edward the Fourth, late King of England, made in these words, Edward by the Grace of God King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Edward the Third, late King of England, our Progenitor, made in thefe words,

Edward by the Grace of God King of England, Lozd of Ireland, and Dulke of Aquitain.

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tain, Co all to whom these present Letters

hall come, Breeting. Our well beloved the Goldimiths of our City of London, bptheir Petition erhibited to Us and Our Council in Our Parliament holden at Westminster after the Peast of the Purification of our Lady last paft, habe flewn.

That whereas no pribate Merchant no? Stranger heretofoge were wont to bging in. to this Land any Money Coined , but Plate of Silver to exchange fozour Coin.

And that it had ben allo ozdained, That all those who were of the Goldsmiths Trade were to fit in their Shops in the Digh-Stræt of Cheap, and that no Silber in Plate, no: Deffel of Bold oz Silver ought to be fold in the City of London, except at Our Exchange, og in Cheapside among the Goldimiths, and that publickly, to the end the persons of the said Trade might inform themfelbes whether the Seller came lawfullp by fuch Deffel og not.

But that now of late the faid Merchants as well private as Strangers, do bring from fozeign Countries into this pation Counterfeit Sterling, whereof the pound is not worth above firteen Sols of theright Sterling; and of this Money none can know the true Dalue, but by melting it domn.

And also that many of the said Trade of Goldsmiths kap Shops in obscure turnings, and by-Lanes and Streets, and do buy Deffels

of Gold and Silver fecretly, without enquiring if fuch Deffel were ftoln, og lawful. ly come by, and immediately melting it down, bo make it into Plate, and sell it to Merchants Trading beyond Sea, that it may be exported, and so they make falle Work of Gold and Silver, as Bracchets, Nockets, Rings, and other Icwels; in which they fet Glass of divers Colours, Counterfeiting right Stones , and put moze Allav in the Gold and Silver than they ought, which they fell to fuch as have noskill in fuch thinas.

And that the Cutlers in their Work-houses cover Tin with Silver to fubtilly, and with fuch Aciaht, that the same cannot be discerned and fevered from the Tin ; and by that means they fell the Tin fo covered for fine Silver, to the great damage and deceit of Us and Our People.

Whercupon the faid Goldsmiths have Petitioned Us, That We would be pleased to apply convenient remedy therein.

And we being willing to prevent the faid evil, Do by and with the Affent of the Lords Spiritual and Cemporal, and the Commons of our Mealm to; the Common profit of Us and Our Deople, Will and grant foz Ug, and Our Beirg,

That henceforth no Merchant, either prie vate oz Stranger, thall being into this Land anp fort of Money, but only Plate of fine Silver; no? that any Gold o? Silver wought by Goldsmiths, og any Plate of Silver

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Silver be fold to the Merchant to fell again, and be carried out of the Kingdom, but thall be fold at Our faid Exchange, 02 openly among the faid Goldsmiths for private ufe only.

And that none that pectend to be of the fame Crade thall kep any Shop but in Cheapside, that it may be sen that their Dozk be good and right.

And that those of the laid Trade map by birtue of thefe prefents clea honeft, lawful and fufficient men beft skilled in the faid Trade, to enquire of the matters afozelaid; and that they to cholen may upon due confideration of the faid Craft, reform what defeas they thall find therein, and thereups on inflic due punifhment upon the Offenders, and that by the help and adiffance of the Mapoz and Sheriffs, it occasion be,

And that in all Trading Citics and Towns in England where Goldimiths refide, the same Ordinance be observed as in London; and that one of two of every such City of Town for the reft of that Trade thall come to London to be accertained of their Couch of Gold, and there to have a Stamp of a Punchion with a Leopards-Head marked upon their Work, as of ancient time it has been ordained. In witness whereof we have cauled these Our Letters to be made Patents. Given at Westminster the Thirticth day of March, in the first year of our fician.

We have also perused the Letters Patents of Richard

Richard the Second after the Conquest, late King of England, made in these words, *Kichard* by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting; Know ye,

That whereas Edward our Grandfather, late King of England, at the Suit of the Goldiniths of our City of London, fuggefting to him, how that many of that Trade by Fire and the inoke of Quickfilver had loft their fight, and that others of them by their 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 difposed to give and grant divers Tenements and Rents in the faid City to the value 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 amongft them every day for the Souls of all the Faithful 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 himfelf and his Heirs, as much as in him lay, grant and give license to the men of the Community aforefaid, that they may purchase 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 purposes aforefaid, The Statute of Mortmaine, or any other Statute

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or Ordinance to the contrary thereof notwithftanding, 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 Us, 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 gracioufly provide fome remedy for them in this behalf. We 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 License to the men of the faid Craft, That from henceforth they be a perpetual Community or Society of themselves.

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

And further, We have according to Our Authority in this behalf granted and given Licenfe for Us and Our Heirs to the fame Wardens and Company, That they may purchafe and have to them and their Sueceffors, Tenements and Rents, with their Appurtenances, within the faid City and Suburbs thereof to the value of Twenty pounds per ann. for the maintenance of the blind, weak, and infirm Men of the Company aforefaid, and of a Chaplain to Celebrate Mafs amonght 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 fhall

shall make in this behalf, (the faid Statute, or the Statute in that cafe made in Our last Parliament at Westminster, notwithstanding) or notwithstanding that the faid Tenements and Rents be held of Us in Free Burgage, fo that it be found by Inquisition thereupon duly had and returned into our Chancery, that such purchase may be made without any dammage or prejudice to Us and Our Heirs, or any other perfon whatfoeuer. In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Winchester the Sixth day of February, in the Sixteenth Year of our Reign.

And We ratifying and allowing the faid Letters Patents, and all and every thing therein contained, do for Us and Our Heirs, according to Our. Power in that behalf, Approve and Confirm the fame, and do by these presents Grant and Confirm the fame unto our Well-beloved the now Wardens and Company of the faid Crast, 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 fhall 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 Juffices, Efcheators, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, or other Our Minifters wherefoever.

And We have further granted, and by these 1 4 prefente

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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 be willing to Give, Devife, or Affign the fame to them.

To have and to hold 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 Mystery.

And that they may by the name of the Wardens and Company of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of the City of London, Implead and be Impleaded in any Court and place what foever, before any Judges whom foever, 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.

We have also granted, and by these prefents do grant to the faid now Wardens and Company and their Successions, That they may have and hold to them and their Successions for ever, all and fingular the Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions and Services heretofore given, granted or devised

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 Juffices, Sheriffs, Efcheators, or other the Officers and Minifters of Us and Our Heirs whomfoever.

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

And for the Credit of the Men of the faid Craft dwelling and refiding in the faid City for the time being; and for the preventing and avoiding the dammage and lofs which do or may daily happen and arife as well to Us as to any our Liege People, for want of a due and provident Care in regulating certain of Our Subjects and others Using and Exercifing the faid Trade, without any regard to the Credit of the faid Company; and also for the preventing and taking away the Subtletics and Deceits pratified in the faid Trade.

We have further granted, and by these Presents do grant to the faid now Wardens and Company and their Successfors for ever, That the Wardens of the faid Mystery for the time being, shall and may for ever have the search, inspection, tryal, and regulation of all forts of Gold and Silver, wrought or to be wrought, and to be exposed to false

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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 places what loever throughout our Kingdom of England, and also thall and may have power to punife and correct all defects that thall be found in the working of Gold and Silver.

And to that end, if need be, to 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 thall happen to be made.

And that the Wardens of the faid Mystery for the time being shall and may have full Power and Authority for ever by themselves or any of them, duly to fearch and try all and fingular the premilles, and also all manner of Work touching and concerning the faid Craft, found or being in the hands of the Goldsmiths, or any other whomforver felling, making or working any Wares or Works pertaining to or concerning the faid Mystery, as well within Our faid City of London and the Suburbs thereof, as elsewhere out of the faid City in all Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places whatfoever throughout Our Realm of England; And also by themselves or any of them to break all fuch deceitful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver of what fort foever, if any fuch they shall find to be made, wrought and exposed to fale in deceipt of Our People.

And also according to their diferction, and as often

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

We also will and grant, and strictly Charge and Command, That all Mayors, Bailiffs, Reeves, and other Officers whatfoever in Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs, Towns and other places where fuch Search shall happen to be made, be ready to Aid and Affist the faid Wardens and every of them making such Search as aforefaid, in the execution of the premiss, and that in all things according to their Duty. In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness 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 these presents do ratifie, grant and confirm the same to our Wellbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforefaid, and their Successions.

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 different Gain, and purpofing by various ways to deceive and endammage the reft of our Subjects, do work and expose to fale Gold and Silver cunningly and deceitfully wrought and debased more than the Standard allows, contrary to the Ordinances in that behalf made.

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And Counterfeit-ftones (which are of no value, cunningly fet in fuch kind of Gold and Silver) do daily fell for true Jewels at great rates to divers 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 England, 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 Mystery out of the City aforefaid.

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 aforefaid 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 exposed 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 Second year of the late King Edward the Fourth hitherto by virtue of his faid Letters Patents to them in that behalf made) all fuch kind of deceitful and fraudulent Works and Wares made and to be made of the Gold and Silver aforefaid of any kind whatfoever.

And the faults and decents in those Works deceitfully and fubtilly contrived or to be contrived by the Workmen and contrivers thereof, to punish and correct, as also 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 Myftery 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 Cofts 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, to 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 Ufe of Us and of all Our good Subjects.

Yet they have received very little or no profit thereby, but rather have been fubject 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 those Workmen and Tradesimen of that Mystery (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 Execution of the faid Authority ceafing, very many frauds, deccipts,

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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 infufficient, 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 the Workmen or Owners of any of the faid premiffes expofing them to fale.

And all and every perfons of or using the faid Mystery

Myftery whatfoever fo deceitfully working, having, or exposing to fale the premisse aforefaid, (upon due proof made) shall be by the faid Wardens for the time being committed to the next Goal or Prison, therein to be punished by Imprifonment of their Bodies according to the nature of their Offences, and out of the faid Goals or Prisons to be delivered at the differences of the faid Wardens or any of them; Or be punished by Fines to be fet and imposed upon fuch Delinquents, equal to their Offences, Faults and Deceits, as by the found Differences of the faid Wardens or any of them for the time being, shall be effecemed just and reasonable, 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, and as 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 Us 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 shall be fold or exposed to fale (not be128 A Touch=stone fot

ing tryed, approved and marked as they ought to be) according to the form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforefaid, that then the faid Wardens for the time being, or two of them, fhall have power and Authority a'l and every fuch Wares of Gold and Silver, Counterfeit Stones and Pearls, and other Stones whatfoever (fo deceitfully or unlawfully wrought and exposed to fale wherefoever they fhall be found) to arreft, feife, and to break and spoil 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 Tradefmen of the faid Craft fhall happen to remain, work, or inhabit, the faid Wardens or any of them for the time being shall 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 Mystery being in the aforefaid City of London wherein the Common Standard cr 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 shall be any manner of ways found therein; and after they shall be to reformed, to be there then affirmed for good, and ftamped with their Marks which they use for that purpose.

And all defective works whatfoever deceitful-

ly wrought as well of or in Gold as Silver, Counterfeit Stones put for Jewels therein and failing 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 Us or any of Our Heirs for the premiffes or any of them to be rendred, made or paid for ever; In witnefs whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents: Witnefs Our Self at Weftminfter 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 thefe prefents do Ratifie, Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforefaid. In witnefs whereof we have caufed these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our felf atWestminster the fixteenth day of March, in the first 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 these presents do Ratifie; Grant and Confirm the fame to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforesaid; In Witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Westminster the Sixth day of fune, in the First Year of Our Reign.

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

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Do for Us and Our Heirs as much as in Us lyes, allow the fame, and by these prefents do Ratifie, grant and confirm the same to our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforesaid. In Witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Selfat Westminster the Fifth day of December, in First Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained, Do for Us and Our Heirs, asmuch 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 Mystery aforefaid; In Witnefs whereof we have caufed thefe Our Letters to be made Patents. Witnefs Our Self at Westminsster the Third day of fannary, 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 Mystery aforefaid. In Witnefs whereof, Ge. Witnefs the King at Westminster the Thirtieth day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of King fames over England, &c.

That all Goldsmiths in London, and other Traders in Goldfmiths Wares, may know how to demean themfelves in the Buying and felling those Wares. They are to ohserve.

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

in a Shop therein any day of the week is good.

2. The fale in fuch Shop must 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 Goldfiniths 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 behind a Curtain, or a Cupboard, or fuch like, or all or any the windows be fhut, or any thing elfe hides it fo, that he that paffes by cannot readily fee what is done there, it will not alter the property: All this was refolved on H. 38. Eliz. Co. 5. 83. Moor's Rep. p. 36. Evefq; de Worchefter's Cafe. 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 ftolen, 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 5s. the ounce Troy, or other ftoln goods for 5s. which are worth 20 s. or to buy ftoln Plate or other Goods at the full value, having notice, or warning, or caufe of fufficion, (at or before the fale) that fuch Goods were ftolen, fuch fale alters not the property, but inftead thereof makes the Buyer accellary to the Fellony. See Mr. Cromp, fol. 43.

Note, In that part of the Goldsmiths Charter confirmed by Parliament it is ordained, That none that pretend to be of the Boldsmiths Trade thall keep any Shop but in Cheapside, which seems to confine the Market Overt (for that Trade) only to that place.

But the preamble to that part of the Charter K 2 being

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being confidered, and the extent of the City of London, and the imall number of Goldimiths at that time, it may be collected, that the defign by the King and Parliament was, that all the Shopkeeping Goldsmiths in London (which are suppofed not then to exceed the number of twenty) should be confined to the High-street (otherwife called Cheapfide , that being then the only High-street in London, and would then conveniently contain fo small a number of Goldsmiths) that their living fo publickly together might be a means to prevent the deceits in their Trade, which their living in obscure Turnings, and By-Lanes and Streets would increase and promote; and that if the Goldsmiths should (as they are) become very numerous, and the City of London fhould be extended larger, that then all the Shop-keeping Gol dfmiths fhould keep Shop in, or be confin'd only to the High-Streets of the City and Suburbs thereof, and every Goldsmiths Shop therein, to be (in the le-gal usage thereof) a Market overt: This seems not to be inconfistent, (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 Goldsmiths be suffered to keep Shop in obscure Turnings or by-Lanes or Streets; neither in the City of London, nor the Suburbs thereof: for they are not only the grand Receivers of Stolen Plate, but the venders of falle, adulterate, and unlawful Goldsmiths works. And affuredly the fale of ftolen Plate in fuch Shops, be it in the clearest day; and not in the least obscured from the fight of Paffengers, alters not the property, but may make the Buyer accellary to the felonious The ftealing thereof.

The Goldfiniths ORDER lately made and fet forth for Prevention and Redreis of the great Abuses committed in the several Warcs aforementioned.

Goldsmiths-Hall the 23. day of February 1675.

THEREAS Complaint hath ben made to the Wardens of the Com= pany of Goldsmiths London, That divers small Wozks, as Buckles toz Belts, Silver Hilts, and the pieces thereto belongs ing with divers other small Wares both of Gold and Silver, are frequently wought and put to fale by divers Goldsmiths and others, worle than Standard, to the abure of his Majeffies good Subjens, and great diferedit of that Manufadure ; And that there are also divers pieces of Silver Plate fold, not being Affaped at Goldfmiths-Hall, and fo not marked with the Leopards Head Crowned, as by Law the same ought to be: And whereas the Wardens of the faid Company to prevent the faid frauds, have formerly required all persons to forbear putting to fale ann adulterate Wares ci= ther of Gold oz Silver, but that they caule the same forthwith to be defaced ; And that as well Plate-workers as Small-morkers should cause their respeative Marks to be brought to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there ftrike the fame in a Table kept in the Affap-Of-**₫** 3 fice

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fice ; And likewise enter their pames and places of Pabitations in a Book there kept for that purpole, whereby the persons and their Marks might be known unto the Wardens of the faid Company, which having not hitherto ben du= In observed, Thele are therefoze to give no= tice to, and to require again all those mho erercife the faid Art oz Myftery of Goldsmiths in oz about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs of the fame. That they forthwith repair to Gold-Imiths-Hall, and there ftrike their Marks in a Table appointed for that purpole, and likewise enter their pames, with the plas ces of their respeative Dwellings, in a Book remaining in the Alfay-Office there : And that as well the Worker as Shopkeper, and all others working and Trading in Gold oz Silver Wares, of what kind oz quality loever they be, fozbear putting to fale any of the faid Works, not being agreable to Standard, that is to fap. Gold not lefs in fincnels than two and twenty Carrads, And Silver not lefs in finenefs than eleven ounces two venny weight : And that no perfon og perfons do from hencefozth put to fale any of the faid Wares either small oz great, befoze the Workmans Mark bestruck thercon, and the fame Affaped at Goldsmiths-Hall, and there approved for Standard , by firiking thereon the Lyon and Leopards-Head Crowned, or one of them, if the faid Works will

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will conveniently bear the fame: And hereof all perfons concerned are defired to take notice, and demean themselves accordings ly: otherwise the Wardens will make it their care to procure them to be proceeded against according to Law.

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

W HEREAS Complaint hath been made to the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths London, That divers small Works, as Silver Buckles for Belts, Silver Hilts, and the pieces thereto belonging, with divers other (mall Wares both of Gold and Silver are frequently wrought and put to fale by divers Golds (miths and others, worle than Srandard, to the great abule of his Majelites good Subjens, and Diferedit of that Manufas aure, and reproach in Porein parts to the Englich Boldimiths : And that there are alfo divers pieces of Silver Plate fold, not being Affaped at Goldimiths-Hall, and to not marked with the Leopards-Head Crowned, oz Lyon, as by Law the same ought to be. And whereas the Wardens of the faid Company, to prevent the faid Frauds, have formerly required all persons to for= bear putting to Sale any adulterate Wares either of Bold oz Silver, but that they caule the lame forthwith to be defaced. And that as well Plate-Workers as Small workers thould cause their respealine K 4

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aive ABarks to be brought to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there strike the same in a Table kept in the Affap-Office, and likewife enter their Pames and Places of Pabitations in a Book there kept for that purpole, whereby the persons and their Marks might beknown unto the Wardens of the laid Company; which having not of late ben duly observed, and many of the Offenders scem to be incorrigible. These are therefoze to give notice to, and to require a= gain, all those who Exercise the said Art or Mystern of Goldsmiths in or about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs of the fame, and in and about the Burrough of Southwark, that thep forth= with repair to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there strike their Marks (first approved of by the Wardens in Court) in a Table appointed foz that purpole ; and likewife enter their Rames, with the places of their respeatbe Owellings in a Book remaining in the Affap-Office there : And that as well the Mozker as Shop-keeper, and all Cutlers and Birdlers, and all others, Trading in Bold oz Silver Wares, of what kind oz quality foever they be, fozbcar putting to fale any of the faid Works , not being a= greable to Standard : that is to lay, Gold not lefs in finenels than two and twenty Carraas, and Silver not lefs in finenels than eleven ounces two penny weight. And that no perfon or perfong do from hences forth put to Sale any of the faid Wares cither

either (mall og great, befoge the 1902kmans Wark be struck clear and visible thereon, and upon every part thereof, that is wrought alunder, and afterwards sodered o: made fast thereto, infinishing the same, unlefs it be fuch fozt of Wozk adjudged by the Wardens, that it will not conveniently bear the Workers Mark. And that (all manner of Silver Deffels, and all manner of Silver Hilts to? Swo?ds, and all man-ner of Silver Buckles to? Belts and Girdles, and other harnels of Silver be Affaped at Goldsmiths-Hall, and there app20= bed for Standard ; by firiking thereon the Lion and Leopards Head Crowned, oz one of them, befoze they be expoled to Sale. And hereof all Persons concerned are requis red to take notice, and demean themselves accoedingly : otherwile the Wardens refolve to make it their care to procure them to be proceeded against according to Law. And will reward every person to; their pains in discovering befoze them (in Court) the matter of fac of any Tranfgreffoz (in the premisses) upon the Conviction of the Offender.

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

That no other weights are (by our Laws) to be used in weighing Gold and Silver, but those 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 these weights (being used in Affaying of Gold, and computing the Standard of Gold) are called by the name *Carratts*, 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; These are only used to weigh Diamonds and Pearls.

That all perfons may know the difference of *Troy* weights from others, they are to obferve that these 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 (0) And alfo on every piece is (or fhould be) fet the letter G with a Coronet at the head of it, thus (C)

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

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

The next above them is the ounce weights, they are also of Brass, and made round in nests, (that is to fay) to fall or frand one within another, and are proportioned from a drachm to 32 ounces, and sometimes 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 an ounce, the next two ounces, and fo every one double the weight of the next

* A Drachm Troy is one penny weight and fix grains; Sixteen of fuch drachms make an ounce Troy: Half a quarter of an ounce is two penny weight and 12 grains.

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 (**R**) for *Troy*, and are or fhould be marked with the *Lion* and *Leopards-Head* Crowned.

The next weights above them are fashioned 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 should be marked with the fame Marks.

The Standard of these weights is kept in the Tower of London, and also in the Goldsmiths-Hall, and the Officers there and none other should 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, 1 leave to the confideration of those immediately concerned therein.

There are other forts of Weights, by fome ufed amongftus, 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 Venice 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 I have before mentioned of them, is fufficient to prevent their being ufed inftead of the Troy weights.

There are allo other forts of weights (by our Law) in use amongst us, called by the name of Averdupois (the lesser fort of them) are made of Brass, and shaped round and flat, and every one double the weight of the next lesser, and are or ought to be Sized and Marked at Guild-Hall London, (where the Standard of those Weights is kept, with several Marks, (viz.) the City Arms in a Shield, the Dagger, the Letter A for Averdupois, a Flower-de-luce, and the Effigies of a Vesser of Effective Weights differ from the Troy weights thus, (viz.) that as the Troy ounce contains

contains twenty penny weight, fo the ounce Averaupois contains but 18 penny weight; and as the pound Troy contains twelve ounces, fo the pound Averaupois contains fixteen ounces: But these not being for the weighing Gold and Silver, what I have mentioned of them, is sufficient to diffinguish 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 their being in fo great efteem.

I have also fhewed what industry hath been used heretofore to make those Metals the more useful and ferviceable in works by Allaying them to a certain Standard, the best (for the intended purposes) in the world, and what that Standard is, I have plainly fet down.

I 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 Goldsmiths Trade, and what perfons may lawfully follow that Trade, and tome notes for the better understanding those Laws and Rules.

I have given intimation of the transfereffion of those Laws by the making and felling feveral works of Gold and Silver, of a worse and courfer Allay than that Standard, and the proper means and ways how every person may easily difcover the same, and the greatness or littleness of the deceit, and the right method of proceeding for recompence. 142 A Louch-stone foz

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

Now will any wearing Buyer be to inconfiderate as to fancy or fay this concerns not him, or it only concerns the Corporation of Goldsmiths; 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 wearing Buyers and their understanding what they onght to have, but if they shall only understand 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 encouragers of fuch evil doors, and have no excuse 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 Goldsmiths, or to the chief Magistrates in the feven Touch-Towns, who are bound

bound by Law (as aforefaid) to ftand by the part ty wronged, and endeavour what in them lies to purfue all courfes of Law to obtain their recompence.

And I do affert, that feveral perfors 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 fuggeft that this deceit is only, or for the most part in the finall Silver Works, and therefore inconfiderable and not worth the trouble of the Magistrate, nor others to suppress it; when tis well known.

That the *small Works* are near as much confiderable as the great Works; for counting the number of *Workers and Sellers*, and the multitude of *Wearers*, and the extraordinary wearing, and breaking, and alterations of Fashions of the *small Gold and Silver Works*, above the great Plate, it will appear to be used near equal in quantity, if not more.

For, it may be observed, that in and about London, for one that works in great Plate, there is fix *[mall Workers*, and more; and that the great Workers do not always make their vessels and work of the largest fort, but do make abundance

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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 frequently make heavy Works, as Hilts, and Buckles, and fuch like, weighing 3, 4, 5, 6, 8; 10, 07 12. ounces the piece or fett, and yet is accounted *Small Work*; and that when Trade has been indifferent quick, feveral of the *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 foilling 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 10, or 151. 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 difperft, that no one perfon can complain of any confiderable lofs thereby, therefore no need of punifhing or fuppreffing thereof.

By the fame reafon if Thieves and Robbers do craftily take or fteal but by little and little, to the value of 6d. of one, 1s. of another, 2s. of another, 5s. of another, 10 or 15s. of another, $\mathbf{O}c$.

no need is there of punifhing or fuppreffing them : The inference thereof I leave to all, and do hope that the wearing buyers of Goldsmiths works, (to wit, Sword-bilts, and the pieces thereto belonging, Buckles for Belts and Girdles, and Shoe-Buckles, and Garter-Buckles, Watch-Cases, and the Pins and Studs that are put into Watch-Cases, Rings of all forts, Lockets, and other fewels; Money-Boxes, Tobacco-Boxes, Coral-Sockets, and the Brass wier put in those Sockets, and Copper Clappers in the Bells; all forts of Buttons and Taggs for Garments; Chirurgeons Instruments, Clasps, Chains, Dram-Cups, and all other 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 those Works, of 11 or 12000 l. or more, in every year : But that be the cheat small or great, or the offender rich or poor, the agrieved perfons will vigoroufly profecute, and the Magistrates severely punish every offender in the Goldfmiths Trade.

And rather then the poverty of any offender, fhould deterr the profecution and feverest punithment, I do averr that (they being the first and principal adventurers to make these fraudulent Works) it were better they were maintained by the Alms of the Parish, than thus to affist to cheat the people, and discredit the Goldsoftwares, and thereby spoil their Trade. And the more able Working-Goldsmiths, that would work honessly, are forced to follow such their ill example, or procure them to be punished, or lose their Trades. And certain it is, if the Fines on these offenders be small, it will be worth their while

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to pay it, and go on again in making and vending Such cheating Works : for true it is, that one weeks cheat, or lefs, may make double recompence for an ordinary Fine, and it will be a great chance if these punished offenders, that live privately, be catcht once in half, or a whole year after.

A more particular account of these deceits take thus: The Shop keeper buys in his Shop all forts of old course Gold and Silver works, and you may be fure not for above the just intrinsick value that 'tis worth ; which courfe Go'd or Silver, (instead of causing the Refiner to make it of the fineness of Standard) he either works up again himself, 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, about with it they go to the Shop-keepers; and they, whether Gold-fmiths, or Traders in their Works, (if evilly difposed) do receive of these New works more or lefs, as they have occasion, and put in Gage weight for weight their Old courfe Gold or Silver against the New, and only pay the Work-man for the Fashion. And the Work-men dare not refuse this way of dealing, for the number of them being great, and are generally very poor, that if one do refuse, another (especially an Alien) will imbrace it, and the refuser loseth his Trade, and fo is undone: And the complying worker has this further advantage, he will make it conrfer, and fo every time ('tis new wrought) conrfer and courfer, and as bad as poffibly he can work it, and make it fhew like Gold or Silver. And if the evil disposed Goldsmiths deliver Gold or Silver that

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 delusion of that pretence, (to wit) that he takes (or delivers to his Work-men) no Gold or Silver but Standard to be wrought into Works.

This counterfeit Gold or Silver work, is always fold to the *wearing buyer* (if Silver) at 5 s. the ounce, and (if Gold) at 4 l. the ounce, al-though most times it be not worth above half the price, befides the Fashion. I charge not all Shop-keeping Goldliniths, and Traders in their Works, with these unlawful doings; but assuredly tis an overfpread difease, for the evil-disposed Goldfmiths and Traders in their Works, will (as the Laws to prevent these deceits now are) in defpite of Fate practife it at all opportunities, and the honeft Goldsmiths and Traders in their Works, muft (though unwillingly) do fo too, or lefe their Trades. And many honeft Workers would gladly contribute largely both pains and money to punish offenders, and obtain a thorow Reformation; but are fo over-awed by the evildisposed Shop-keepers with whom they deal, that they dare not appear or give the least countenance to it, which if the Shop-keeper perceives they do, it will affuredly coft them the lofs of their Cuftom, unless fome extraordinary thing prevent.

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

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Suppose a Set of Buckles weighing two ounces be made of Sterling, which Silver the honeft Goldsmith fells for 10 s. 6 d. you may be fure he gains nothing by that; but if he take 3 s. a reafonable price for the Fashion, which is all his gains, O how 'tis forupled, as a great rate, and too dear! For the evil-disposed Goldsmith will make a Set of the fame likeness and weight, worth but 3 s. 6 d. the ounce, and take 10 s. for the Silver, and but 2 s. for the Fashion, 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 suppose a Gold Ring weighing 6 dwr. be made of Standard, which Gold the honeft Goldfmith fells for 1 l. 4 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-disposed Goldsmith will make a Gold Ring of the fame likeness and weight, and the Gold worth but 18 s. and take 1 l. 4 s. for it, and but 2 s. for the Fashion, and this by the wearing bayer is accounted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed 'tis dearer by 5 s. than the ether. 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 Goldsmiths works which are adulterated, and this deceitful pretended cheapness draws away the boneft Goldsmiths Cuftom, and exceedingly cheats the wearing buyer.

Another invention is used among the evil-difposed Goldsmiths, and Traders in their Works,

to defraud the *wearing 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 fale; and when the Cuftomer comes to buy, they will carefully obferve whether he has skill in the Silver or Gold, and whether he is forupulous 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 impudent that will put any Wares but good, into fuch forupulous perfons hands: But if they perceive the Cuftomer carelefs, or unskilful, then he is the perfon that fhall alfuredly have the Adulterated Goldfmiths works.

This artifice occasions the difficulty for perfons imployed on purpole (by the Company, or others) to buy the deceitful Works, thereby to have the offenders profecuted according to Law: For fuch perfon imployed must be very ingenuous in marnaging his words and carriage, and to make diffinction, else he may buy the good instead of the bad, by which may accrue considerable loss by the Fashion, they having not occasion for the fame.

I know many will be much offended at thefe discoveries, and reflect on me that old faying; That 'tis a forry Bird that defiles his own Neft; but let fuch confider in these cases, that he is not the defiler, that discovers and endeavours to cleanse the filthy corrupt doings in this Trade; But they that are the Actors and Abetters of adulterating the Goldsmiths Works, are defilers of their L 3 Nests. 150 A Touch-stone foz

Nests, a discredit to their Works, and dishonour to the whole Trade and Nation.

I am the more plain in this cafe, becaufe I find this diffemper is contumacious, and the offenders incorrigible, and do impudently defie the Laws, and dare the Magistrates to their faces; and do at every time they cheat in these Works, and escape, conclude that no agrieved perfors will. trouble themselves to call them in question for the fame; and the threatning against them by others, to be but as an old Womans Fable.

Wherefore these offenders ought to be exposed to exemplary punishment, not only to pay confiderable Fines, but with the Pillory, less then which will not stop the cariere of this so grand deceit. And fince the counterfeiting a Pass, was punished with the Pillory, and a Fine, lib. delib. Goal. Newgate, 5 Decemb. 8 Car. 1. and the like punishment imposed for counterfeiting a Butsbers License, 3 March. 7 Car. ead. lib. it may be fupposed that the counterfeiting the Starling on Standard in Works of Gold or Silver, and felling, exchanging or bartering the starling a greater sheat) will not be less severely dealt with.

And to the end these deceitful practices may be effectually suppress d and prevented, I will humbly propose to our wise Law-makers, whether a further Authority (with reducing all Goldfiniths into that Corporation as aforesaid) may be given to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, and to all other Surveyors as the King is Authorized by the afore-recited Stat. of 37 Ed. 3.7. to appoint, and also to the parties grieved, to this effect following; (viz.)

That

T Hat it shall and may be lawful to and for the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths of the City of London, and either of them, and their Susceffors, and such other skilful perfon and perfons as the Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, shall from time to time think fit to appoint, and anthorize 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-houses and Ware-bouses of all and every person and persons trading in, and selling any Plate Veffels, Harness, or any other work or ware of Gold or Silver, and survey, view, and try the faid wares; and in cafe they Shall find any of the faid works or wares, whether they be fingle or mixt, or joyned with the works of other Trades, to be deficient, either for want of such Stamp and Marks as by the Statutes made for regulating Goldsmiths works, are required, or be not of good and warrantable Allay, or any Brass, Copper, or Laten works, gilt or silvered, contrary to the Stat. 5 Hen. 4. 13. That then it shall and may be lawful to and for the Wardens and their Succeffors, and such other Surveyors, person and perfons fo to be authorized under the Great Seal as aforefaid, respectively to feize and secure the same, and the same seizure shall return and present at the next Seffions of the Peace for fuch County where fuch feizure is made; and in cafe upon such Presentment, the owner of such Works shall not be satisfied with such seizure, but will justifie the same to be lawful Works, that then the faid owner fhall forthwith plead Not guilty unto the faid Prefentment, and the Court thereupon, at the same Sessions, shall canse a fury to L 4 be

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be returned, to try the faid Iffue, upon which tryal the faid parties shall be at liberty to give the secial matter in evidence : And in cafe the Verdict shall be given for the Prosecutor, or the said Wares shall be condemned on fuch Presentment, by Nihil dicit, that then in either of the laid cales, the laid Wares shall be appraifed in the faid Court, upon the Oaths of two persons, and the one moiety of such appraisement shall forthwith, before delivery of the faid Wares, be paid unto the Sheriff of the faid County, to be answered on his accounts in the Exchequer to his Majesty, wherewith the Clerk of the Peace is hereby required to charge him in his Estreats in the Exchequer; and the other motety shall go and be to the person and perfons making such leizure. And the faid fustices of the Seffions to be hereby authorized and required, in case of such tryal as aforesaid, if the Verdict shall be given for the Profecutor, to tax and affels him his full cost by him expended in such prosecution, and alfo twenty shillings for his attendance, in case the moiety of the Works feized be not of that value. And in cafe the Verdict shall be given against the Prosecutor, that then the said Court shall tax and assess the Defendant his full cost of Suit, and Shall from time to time grant Execution for levying all the fame money fo taxed as aforefaid; and the faid condemnation or tryal there to be had, shall be conclusive to all parties, without further Appeal to any other Court by Certiorari, Writ of Error, or any other wife what loever.

And in cafe any Goldsmith, or any other person or persons, sellers of any works or wares of Gold or Silver, or gilt or silvered Brass, Copper, or Laten, shall refuse to permit the said Wardens, or other the person or

or persons, or Surveyors so to be authorized as aforefaid respectively, to survey, search and try, in the day time, all such wares and works of Gold and Silver, or gilt or filvered works aforefaid, as shall be within their respective Shops or Ware-houses; or shall refuse, when required, to open all their Compters, Chefts, Glaffes, Cupboards, Boxes, Drawers, Workhouses, Ware-houses, and all and every other place and places where the faid wares are ifually made or kept, that then every perfon so offending, to forfeit for every such refusal the sum of five pounds, the one moiety whereof to be to our Soveraign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and the other moiety to fuch perfon and perfons to whom such refusal is made, together with full cost, in case the said forfeitures be contested, and recovery be had by Suit at Law.

And that all fustices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other Officers, where any fearch shall be made by virtue of this Act, shall be aiding and affifting to the faid Wardens and Surveyors reflectively, in making such searches.

And that if any perfon or perfons whatfoever, do or shall counterfeit or deceitfully make, or caufe to be counterfeited or deceitfully made, the Mark or Marks of the Corporation of Goldsmiths, or the Mark or Marks of any Goldsmith, entered and registred as by the Statutes aforesaid is directed, on any work of Gold or Silver whatfoever, that then such person so offending, shall for every such offence incurr the penalty of Fifty pounds, to be divided betwixt the King, and the party grieved that shall sue for the fame : And where the offender is not able to pay such Fine, he shall undergo twelve months imprisonment 154 A Touch=stone fo2

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

And that the Wardens of the Goldsmiths aforefaid, and all other Surveyors appointed for the Affaying and Marking the Goldsmiths works, and their Successfors respectively, shall and may lawfully detain and keep (the weight of) 4 grains of Silver, and no more, out of every ounce Troy, and so proportionable out of every lesser weight, of all Silver works they do allow and mark for good, that shall contain in each piece under the weight of six cunces Troy, for and towards the extraordinary charge and pains about Affaying and Marking the same.

And that if any Action, Plaint, Suit or Information, shall be commenced or prosecuted against any, perfon or perfons for what he or they shall do in purfuance, or in execution of this Act, such perfon or perfons so fued in any Court whatsoever, shall and may plead the general Issue Not guilty, and upon any Issue joyned, may give this Act and the second matter in evidence : And if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become Non-suit, or forbear surther profecution, or suffer a discontinuance, or if the Verdict pafs against him, the Defendants shall recover their treble costs, for which they shall have the like remedy as in any case where costs 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 shall be agrieved, by having received or bought of any Goles (mith, or other Trader in Goldsmiths works in London, or five miles compass of the fame City, any

any manner of Gold or Silver work what faever, that is not of the finenels, or is worle then the Standard. appointed for Goldsmiths works by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; It skall and may be lawful to and for any one or more fuftices of the Peace, or chief Magistrate of the place where the offence Shall be committed, he or they to be hereby required and enjoyned, npon proof to him or them respectively made of such offence, by the Oath of the party grieved, of: his or her receiving or buying the work, (and producing the Report of either the (worn Allay-Master of the Goldsmiths-Hall, or the sworn Assay-Master of the Tower of London, under either of their. bands, that the Work is worse then Standard, and unlawful; which Affays and true Reports they and either of them, to be required readily to perform for nsnal Fees; which Oath the said fuffice and fuffices of the Peace, and chief Magiftrate respectively, to be hereby impowred and required to administer) to make Record of every such offence under his or their hands and feals respectively, which Record so made as aforefaid, to be to all intents and purpofes in Law taken and adjudged to be a full and perfect convictian of every such offender for every such offence. By vertue of which Record, the Wardens of the Gold-(meths, or any one of them, (having the falle Work, and a true Copy of the conviction, and Record of the offence, under the hands and feals of fuch respective fustice or chief Magistrate, delivered to them or any one of them) shall and may lawfully, and are hereby authorized and required, with the affiftance of a Constable, Headborough, or Titbing-man, (who are hereby required to be aiding and affifting herein) to levie the full sum that such deceitful Gold or Sil-

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ver works was fold at, to fuch respective person grieved, with necessary charges, and also twenty shillings for a Fine, in case the false Works be not of that value, by distress and sale of such offenders Goods and Chattels, rendring the overplus; and with such money to make re-payment to the party grieved his reafonable charges, and the aforesaid Fine and deceitful Work shall be to the use of the said Corporation.

Provided always, that where fuch offender shall find himself agrieved, by such conviction and distress as afore (aid, that it shall and may be lawful for him, within one week after the faid distrefs shall be made as aforefaid, (and not after) to appeal in writing from the person convicted, (he entering into Recognizance before the fuffice or Magistrate that made the Record, to profecute the faid Appeal to effect) to the Judgment of the Justices of the Peace in their Quarter-Seffions, to whom the fustice of the Peace, or chief Magistrate, or Alderman that first convieted the offender, shall certifie under bis or their hands and feals the evidence upon which the conviction pass'd, and the whole Record thereof, and the faid Appeal and Recognizance; whereupon such offender may plead and make defence, and have his tryal by a fury thereupon. And in case such Appellant shall not prosecute with effect, or if upon such tryal he shall not be acquitied, or fudgment pass not for him upon his said Appeal, the said fuffices at their Seffions shall give treble cost against such offender, for his said unjust Appeal : And no other Court shall intermeddle with any Cause or Causes of Appeal upon such conviction, record and diffress, but it shall be finally determined in the Quarter-Seffions only. This

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

If this or fome other provision shall be thought fit by our Law-makers to be made, for the better enabling the Wardens of the Goldsmiths to perform their duty, and to make the profecution of these offenders quick, cheap, and easter, it will doubtless totally suppress these deceits.

But now as the cafe is, the Wardens will fay, we are willing to do our duty to the utmost, we have provided an $\mathcal{A} \int ay$ -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 Goldsmiths works in London, and three miles compass, the Assault and Touch at our Office, as those free of our Company have.

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

But here lyes the mischief that marrs all, let us agree upon and appoint a fearch as fecret as we can, and so fecretly proceed about the work, is possible we may surprize one, two, or three of these deceitful Traders at first, and view and try their 158 A Touch-stone foz

their works. But 'tis certainly true, they will give notice one to the other; then 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 refafe 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 Goldsmiths and Traders in their Works, that do refuse to give free liberty of fearch, (to all or any of those authorized by Law to search, view and try the Goldsmiths works) be Indictable and Fineable by the Common Law for the Contempt; if it be so, yet the charge and trouble, and little profit, will discourage the prosecution.

and little profit, will difcourage the profecution. And, whether the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, and other the Surveyors, have Authority (upon refusal) to break open Glasses and Press, and all places where they do see any works of their Trade, (amongst any Goldsmiths and Traders in their works) and to view and try the same; if they have, yet that Authority will avail little, for the Adulterated works are chiefly kept in more obscurity.

And the agrieved perfon will fay, I have bought *a fet of Silver Buckles*, 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 all other

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other forts of small 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 refule to do, I confider that to profecute him at the Seffions, will require the loss 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 loss of time and great expence, therefore I will omit the profecution : And because of the disparagement to wear fuch brassie counterfeit Gold or 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 apprehension of the discouragement in profecuting the Workers and Sellers of these 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 dull, 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 160 A Touch=stone foz

cution of these offenders for small crimes, may be rather a loss than gain to you; yet the bringing these offenders sometimes to publick punishment, will make them sensible that they are not secure as heretofore from the tash of the Law, for such their deceitful practices. But if the proceedings of the Wardens, and the grieved persons, were made more effectual, cheap, quick and easie, where the Wardens go once in their search now, they would then go ten times; and where there is one agrieved prosecutor now, there would then be twenty: then who would dare to offend in the Goldsmiths Trade?

Now let me reafon the cafe a little with you, that will notwithftanding all that I have writ, and all the late punifhments that have been inflicted for these offences, obstinately and refolutely persist in working and selling unlawful Gold or Silver works, what do you think will be the right ways either to advance your Trade, or less the selection of the se

Can you imagine that although the buyer perceive not the deceit at first, (when the work is newly fold, and canningly set off, with all your skill) that he will not perceive it in the wearing like Brass 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 5 s. the ounce for the Silver, and 4 l. the ounce for the Gold, besides the Fashion.

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 deceit,

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ccit, but rather use any other thing instead thereof? And thus people are discouraged to buy your Works, and your Trade decays; whilst you vainly think to treble your profit, but instead thereof lose your Trade.

When otherwife if your Gold and Silver works be of Standard goodnefs, your Cuftomers will fay, 'Tis as good as money in their Pockets, weight for weight; and that they know what they paid for the Fafhion, 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 goodnefs, for one ounce that is therein ufed now, there would then be three ounces and more : And thus would your Trade flourifh, and the old Proverb would be to you experimentally true, that Honefty is the best Policy.

And although the old (but erronious) Proverb is, That honeft dealing is a Jewel, but they that use it fhall die Beggars; yet I have obferved, and 'tis well known of feveral perfons that have got confiderable Effates by indirect and unjust means, and it has mouldered and wassed away; and the parties come to a very mean condition.

And others who have used a good conficience in their dealing, and have what in them lay, proceeded in all their ways by the rule of justice and honefty, have been very prosperous, 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 fell cheap, and we work honeftly and have no gains coucht undifernably in the Metal, therefore muft have a fuitable and visible profit to our labour; and by confequence our works must bear a bigker prife than the adultereted works of the fame likeness and weight, or we cannot live: And the falfe works being cheaper, and yet more gaunful than our honess will be vended, and have free passage amongs the unskilful people, whilst our good and lawful works will lie on our hands.

How then can we (by common reafon) be induced 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 just 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 shall never prosper: and further, you are to confider, you are placed by providence in this Trade for your livelihoods, and I hope have ingenuous capacities to manage it fo, that you may

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may appear to the world to be curious Artifts. Then be you ingenious allo to keep a Brotherly Correspondence one with the other, and every one endeavour his uttermost (to obtain the New Laws afore-propofed, and in the mean time) to difcover, impeach, and profecute by the affiftance of the Wardens, 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 knavish actions and defigns in your Trade, all then muft work Gold and Slver of a like goodness, none then can under-fell you but will ruine themfelves: And you cannot be accounted ignominicus Informers, which are those that sue upon Penal Statutes, and aim more at the private lucre than the suppressing or preventing the Transgression, and will unlawfully compound the Offence, or take bribes to forbear profecution. Be you clear from these in your prosecutions, 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 just and honest, and honorable to your Trade and Nation, you will certainly have the Bleffing of Divine Providence in fo eminent a measure, that you will be forc'd to confess, that no ill courfe is comparable to the just and honest, for your growing rich, and that your Riches well gotten is bleffed to you and yours.

HAT my good intent for preventing fraud not only in cafes where Majjy Gold and Silver are used, but also in other Works made or pretended to be made thereof, may take the better effect, I shall give you another Statute still in force, made as well to suppress and prevent the Gilding and Silvering of Copper and Brass Works, and the deceit therein used, as the wasting the Gold and Silver of this Nation, (viz.)

Stat. 5 Hen. 4. 13.

I Tem, Whereas many fraudulent Artificers imagining to deceive the common people, do daily make Locks, flings, Beads, Candlefticks, Harnels for Girdles, Hilts, Challices and Sword Pommels, Powder-Dores, and Covers for Cups, of Copper, and of Laten, and the fame over Guilt and Silver, like to Gold or Silver; And the fame fell and put in gage to many Aden not having full knowledge thereof for whole Gold and whole Silver, to the great deceit, lofs, and hinderance of the common people, and the wasting of the Gold and Silver, It is Ordained and Stablished, that no Artificer nor other man whatloever he be from henceforth soll gild nor filver any such Locks, Kings, Beads, Candleficks,

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ftitks, Parnels for Girdles, Chalices, Hilts, noz Pommels for Swords, Powder-Bores not Covers for Cups made of Copper oz Laten, upon pain to forfeit to the King one hundzed hillings, at every time that he thall be found guilty, and to make latisfaction to the party grieved to: his das mages: But that (Chalices always ercepted) the faid Artificers may work, or caule to be wrought Ornaments for the Church of Copper and Laten , And the faine Gilt or Silver, fo that alwaps in the foot, og in some other part of every such Omament to to bemade, the Copper and the Laten hall be plain, to the intent that a man may lie whereof the thing is made. for to elehem the deceit aforelaid.

By which Statute the Gilding or Silvering any Locks, Rings, Beads, Candlefticks, Harnefs (that is, the Buckles) for Girdles, Chalices, Hilts, Pommels for Swords, Powder-Boxes and Covers for Cups made of Copper or Laten (to wit, Brafs) is politively forbid, upon the penalty of sl. for every offence. And one reason thereof appears to be this, That fuch working Copper or Laten, and covering the fame with Gold or Silver, is not only a great wasting of the Gold and Silver, but the occasion 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 fomé perfons at this day (as well as when that Statute was made) are or may be deceived by M 3 fuch

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

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 wherein Gold or Silver may be wrought. And becaufe much deceit was then ufed in the working of Buckles; and in Hilts and Pommels for Swords, *Ge.* as well as of later times, fuch fevere penalties were laid on the Workers of fuch falfe Wares, purpofely to fupprefs all Counterfeit 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 itinking 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 inftead thereof.

Therefore it may be reafonably conceived, that the workers of whole Gold and whole Silverworks are intended by the faid Statute, parties grieved as well as the wearer, and fhall recover fatisfaction from the Olfenders.

And I am well affured, that the profecution of the Offenders against this Statute (which may be done by Bill, Plaint or Information) belongeth to the Wardens and Company of Gold/miths, London, as well as the private agrieved party.

And the makers and workers of fuch counterfeit works are fubjected to the Wardens and Companies

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panies power to Correct and punish in as full and ample manner as fuch workers who cover Tin with Silver mentioned in their Charter.

Will further add fomething that may be uleful to I them that know it not, to prevent their being deceived with the Counterfeit Coin, that (notwith standing the great care used by our Governors to prevent it) is continually made and vended among ft us. Wherefore they are to observe,

First, That there is one fort of unlawful Money, that is made fo, (of the lawful 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 finishing, will be made much like in countenance, and near as paffable as good Money.

Thirdly, There is another fort of unlawful Money, made of folid 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 first making) to the colour of good Silver Money.

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

Of the first, The good Silver Coin that is clipt, filed or leffened, although thereby made unlawful, 168 A Louch-stone foz

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

Of the fcond, Thisfort, although when artificially finisht, it much refembles 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 either the edge or flat part of it upon a dry board that hath gravelly 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 false, you will thereby discover it. Or else take a Goldsmiths Graver made fharp, and enter it in fome part of the flat of the Money as if you begun to engrave it, 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 cannot 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 plainly 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 duller 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 good Money.

There may be other forts of Counterfeit Silver money, and other ways to discover the fame. But to enlarge this Discourse on the critick-niceties of what is, or may be observable therein, 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 these plain Rules here laid down, and by their care to obferve nicely the proportion, stamp, countenance, and wearing of the good money, will eafily dif-cern its difference from the Counterfeit. And as the Counterfecting, Clipping, Rounding, Wasking, Filing, Impairing, Diminishing, Falsifying, Scaling or Lightening, (for wicked lucre fake) the proper Money or Coins of this Realm, is High Treaton by these Statutes (to wit) 25 Edw. 3. 2. and 5 Eliz. 11. and 18 Eliz. 1. And the Actors of these Crimes, their Counsellors, Consenters, or Aiders therein, to be punished accordingly: So the counterfeiting the Sterling or Standard Gold or Silver of this Realm, in any Works or Wares whatfoever, both the working, felling, exposing to fale, exchanging or bartering thereof, is feverelv

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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 refue 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 of the City of London, truly rendred into English; the Inrollment whereof is now remaining of Record in the Chappel of the Rells, Confirmed in the Fifth Year of King JAMES.

J AMES by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all men to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas our noble Progenitor, Henry after the Conquest the Sixth, having information, that by reason of the loss and unfortunate casualties that happened to the men of the Mystery of the Cutlers of the City of London by Sea, they then were not able to live but by the benevolence of well difpoled people; whereof he having a Princely confideration, did by his Letters Patents of his efpecial grace, grant and give license to the forelaid Cutlers of London, that they for ever after should have one perpetual Commonalty of themfelves, and that the faid Commonalty fhould choofe, and make Richard Wellon Master of the Commonalty and Mystery 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 Myftery to furvey and govern the faid Myftery and Commonalty, and all perfons and their works for ever.

And further of his meer grace did grant and give licenfe for him and his Heirs to the forefaid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty, that they and their Succeffors, Mafters, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myftery aforefaid for the time being, might purchafe Lands, Tenements, and Rents to the value of 20 *l per ann* 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 London, and the Suburbs thereof, for the better Rule and Government of the faid Company, and every of them; and for the avoiding of divers deceips and abufes used in the faid Mystery, to the great damage and loss of our loving Subjects, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have willed, ordained, conflituted and granted ; and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do will, ordain, conftitute and declare and grant, that all and fingular the perfons of the Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of the City of London and the Suburbs thereof, for ever hereafter are and shall be by virtue of these presents, one one Body Corporate and Politick in deed and name, by the name of *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of* London.

And them by the name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of *Catlers* of *London*, We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successfors, really and fully create, make, ordain, constitute and declare one body corporate and politick in deed and name.

And that by the fame name of Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, they shall and may have perpetual fucceffion. And that they and their Succeffors by the name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, shall and may be for ever hereafter perfons able and capable in Law to purchase, have, receive, and enjoy, Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Jurifdictions, Franchifes, and other Hereditaments whatfoever, of whatfoever kind, nature or quality they be to them and their Succesfors, 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 difpole of Mannors, 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 same name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of Lon-

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London, they shall and may be able to plead, and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended in all Courts and places whatfoever, and before whatfoever Judge or Iuftices, 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, purchase, receive, posses, enjoy, retain, give, grant, fet, lett, alien, affign and difpofe, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, do, permit, and execute.

And that they the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of *Catlers* of *London*, for ever hereafter shall and may have a *Common Seal* to ferve for the causes and business of them and their Successors; and that it shall be lawful for them and their Successors to change, break alter, and to make anew the faid *Seal* from time to time at their pleasure as they shall think best.

And further, We will, and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successions, We do grant to the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Castlers of London aforesaid, and their Successions, that for ever hereafter there shall and may be one of the Commonalty and Mystery aforesaid in manner and form hereafter in these presents mentioned, chosen, and named which which shall be, and be called the *Master* of the faid Commonalty of the Mystery of the *Cutlers* of *London*.

And that likewife there fhall and may be Two of the faid Commonalty and Mystery in manner and form hereafter in these presents expressed, chosen, and named, which shall be, and be called the Wardens of the faid Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London.

And alfo that there fhall and may be Twenty of the Commonalty aforefaid in manner and form hcreafter expressed, named, and sworn, which shall be, and be called the Assistants of the faid Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and from time to time shall be assisted and aiding to the Master and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery aforfaid for the time being in all causes, matters, and businesses touching or concerning the faid Commonalty.

And further We will, and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successfors, do grant unto the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the *Cutlers* of *London*, and their Successfors, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the faid Master and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or to the greater part of them, calling to them the most part of the Affistants for the time being, as often as they shall think it needful or expedient to Affemble, Convocate, and Congregate themsfelvestogether, 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 make any Constitutions, Laws, Ordinances, Statutes, Articles and Orders what loever, which to them, or the greater part of them as is aforefaid, fhall feem reationable, profitable, or requisite, for touching or concerning the good Effate, Rule, Order, and Government of the faid Commonalty of the faid Mystery of the faid Cutlers, as to them, according to their wifdom and difcretion shall feem convenient; and in what order and manner the faid Mafter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Myftery, and all other perfon and perfons using the faid Mystery within the City of London , and the Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the fame City fhall demcan and behave themfelves, as well in all and fingular matters, caufes, and things touching or concerning the faid Mystery, or any thing therunto appertaining.

As also in their several Offices, Ministeries, Functions, and bufineffes touching or concerning the faid Commonalty and Mystery as aforefaid, and all and fingular fuch Pains, Penalties, Punifhments and Imprifonments of body, or by Fine or Amerciament, or by any of them, against or upon any Offender or Offenders which fhall tranfgrefs, break, or violate the faid Constitutions, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances or Orders fo to be made, ordained, and eftablished, or heretofore made, ordained, and eftablished, or any of them to impose, provide, and limit. and the fame, and every part thereof to ask, levy, take and receive by way of distress or otherwise, by any lawful ways or means, of or against the faid Offender or Offenders, his or their Goods or Chattels, or any of them, as the

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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 most convenient or expedient.

All which Laws, Orders, Ordinances, Constitutions, Institutions and Articles, fo made or to be made, ordained and eftablished, We will and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant and command to be from time to time; and at all times kept, obeyed and performed in all things, as the same sught to be, upon the pains, penalties and punishments in the same to be imposed, inflicted and limited: So as the same Laws, Statutes, Articles and Ordinances, pains, penalties, imprisonments, Fines and Amerciaments be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this our Realm of England, nor the laudable customs of our City 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 Succeffors, do affign, create, confitute and make our well-beloved Subject Thomas Porter, Citizen and Cutler of *London*, to be the prefent Mafter of the faid Commonalty 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 fhall fo 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 Mytery, fhall be named and chofen unto the Office

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in due manner, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereafter in these presents mentioned and expressed.

And alfo we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, we do affign, name, conftitute and make our well-beloved Subjects William Bagley and Thomas Cheshure, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the prefent Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Nyftery 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 Cheshire shall so long live; and from thence until two other of the faid Commonalty and Mystery shall be chosen into the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in thefe prefents expressed and declared.

And we have affigned, named, conftituted and made, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do affign, name, conftitute and make our we'l-beloved Subjects Richard Haws, Thomas Green, John Gardiner, Thomas Asher, Oliver Pluncket, al. Plucker- George Ellis, Reynold Green, Chriftopher Hatfield, William Helie, John Beston, Henry Adams, Edward Anarews, Laurence Evans, John Johnson, Nathaniel Muthews, Miles Bancks, John Porter, and fames Tackley, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the first and present Affistants of the faid Commonalty and Mystery 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, shall for time be removed

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moved 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 these presents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, we do grant unto the faid Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of Londor, and their Succeffors, That the Master, Wardens, Affistants and Livery of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforefaid, from time to time for ever hereafter; fhall 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 Mystery of the Cutlers of London, which shall be Master of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until one other of the faid Commonalty and Myftery of the Cutlers of London, be chosen into the faid Office of Master of the faid Commonally and Mystery, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in these prefents expressed and declared.

And that he which fhall fo be chosen and named into the fame Office of Master of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, before he be admitted to execute the faid Office, shall take his corporal Oath before the Master of the faid Commonalty and Mystery his predecessor, and the Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, well and truly to execute the faid Office of the Master of the faid Commonalty and

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and Mystery, in all things concerning the faid Office; and that after the faid Oath to as aforefaid to be taken, he shall have and exercise the faid Office for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and from thence until one other be chofen and fworn in form aforefaid, into the faid Office of *Master* of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, in manner and form before in these prefents expressed.

And likewife that they may elect, nominate and chufe two other of the Freemen of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, which shall be Wardens for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and from thence until two other of the same Commonalty and Mystery be chosen and sworn unto the said Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in these prefents expressed and declared.

And that they which fhall be fo chofen and named into the faid Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, before they be admitted to execute the faid Offices, shall take their corporal Oaths before the last Master and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, their last 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 to as aforefaid to be taken, they shall and may exercise the faid Offices for one whole year from thence next enfuing, and from thence until two other be chosen and fworn in form aforefaid into the faid Offices of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and

and Mystery, in manner and form before in these prefents expressed and declared.

And further we will, and by these prefents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, do grant to the faid Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Myftery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, That if it happen the Master and Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or any of them, to die, or otherwife for any reafonable caufe to be removed or difmiffed from his, their, or any of their Office or Offices of Mafter and Warden aforefaid, or any of them, within the year wherein they or any of them shall be fo elected and chosen as is aforefaid; That then and fo often it shall be lawful to and for fuch and fo many of the faid Master, Wardens, Affistants and Livery, which shall be then living or remaining, or the greater part of them, at their pleasure to choose, make and swear one other of the faid Commonalty and Mystery to be Master, Warden or Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, according to the Ordinances and Provisions before in these presents expressed and declared; to execute and exercise the faid Office of Master, or the faid Offices of Warden or Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, until the faid Even of the Holy Trinity then next following, first taking their corporal Oaths in form as is aforefaid, and fo often as the cafe shall require.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors we do grant to the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, and their Successions, that

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that whenfoever it happeneth, any of the faid Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being to die or be removed from his or their Office or Offices : All which Affistants, and every or any of them we will fhall be removable, and to be removed by the faid Mafter and Wardens, and Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Mystery, or the greater part of them in manner as aforefaid, for evil Government, Mif-behaviour, or for any other reasonable cause, that then, and fo often it shall and may be lawful to and for the faid Master, Wardens, and so 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 Mystery in his or their place and ftead which fhall fo happen to die or be removed, as is a forefaid.

And that he and they which fhall be fo chofen and named to be Affiftant or Affiftants of the faid Commonalty and Myftery as aforefaid, 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 fhall 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 Offices, and fo as often as the cafe fhall require.

And further, we will, and by these prefents for us, our Heirs and Successions, do grant to the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the *Cutlers* of *London* and their Successions,

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ceffors, fpecial Licenfe, and free and lawful power and authority to have, receive, and purchase to them and their Succeffors for ever, as well of us, our Heirs and Succeffors, as of any the Subject or Subjects of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever, Mannors, Melluages, Lands, Tenements, Re-Etories, Tithes, Rents, Revenues, and other poffeffions and Hereditaments what foever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or Succeffors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service: So that all the faid Mannors, Meffuages, Lands, Tenements and other Hereditaments whatfoever, fo by them to be had, perceived, or purchased by virtue of these prefents, do not exceed in the whole to clear the yearly value of one hundred Marks, the Statute of Lands and Tenements, not to be put into Mortmaine, or any other Statute; Act, Ordinance, Provision or Reftraint, or any other thing, caufe, or matter whatfoever to the contrary in any wife notwithstanding.

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 shall and may be able to give, grant, affign, or by any other lawful ways or means whatfoever, alien, devife, or affign, to the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, 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-Νđ ceffors

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

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Succesfors, that they and their Successors shall and may have one honess and discreet person in manner and form hereaster in these presents to be chosen and named which shall be, and be called the Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London.

And we have affigned, conftituted, made, named and ordained; and by these presents, for us and our Heirs and Successfors, do affign, conftitute, make, name and ordain our well-beloved Subject Thomas fadwyn to be the first and present Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the faid Office during the term of his natural life, except he shall be removed by the Master, Wardens, and Affistants for the time being, or the greater part of them for evil Government, or for any other reasonable cause, and that from time to time, and at all times after the death or removing of the faid

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faid Thomas Jadwyn, the Master, Wardens, and Affistants of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or the greater part of them, shall and may choose and make one other difcreet person to be Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Mystery; and that the faid Clerk now named, as also he which shall be chosen and made to be Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Mystery after the death or removing of the said Thomas Jadwyn, as is aforefaid, shall and may exercise and enjoy the faid Office of Clerk of the faid Commonalty and Mystery during the good will and pleasure of the Master, Wardens, and Affistants of the faid Commonalty and Mystery 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 these presents, for us, our Heirs and Successfors, we do ratifie and confirm unto the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successfors, and all man-

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ner Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Jurisdictions, Messuges, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of their Predeceflors, by what name or names foever, or by virtue of what Incorporation foever, now have, hold, use and enjoy, or heretofore have had, held, used or enjoyed by reason or force of any of the Charters or Letters Fatents of any of our Progenitors or Predecessions, Kings or Queens of England, by any manner of means heretofore made or granted, or by any other means, right, title, use, custom or prescription heretofore had, used or accustomed, alt bough the fame, or any of them heretofore have not been uled, or have been abused, evil used or discontinued; and although the same or any of them have been forfested or loft.

To have and to hold the fame Meffuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchifes, Jurifdictions, and other the Premisses before by these presents granted unto the faid Master, 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 these presents do straitly charge and command for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, that the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London and their Succeffors, shall and may have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all the faid Meffuages, Lands. Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Authorities, Iurifdictions and Franchifes aforefaid, according to the tenor and effect of these our Letters Patents. without the lett or hinderance of us, our Heirs or Succeffors, or of any Justices, Sheriffs, Bailiffs. or other Officers or Ministers of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever; willing that neither the faid Master, Wardens, or Commonalty, nor any of them, by reafon of the Premifies, or any of them, by us, our Heirs or Successions, the Justices, Sheriffs, Efcheators, or other Bailiffs or Ministers of us, our Heirs or Succeffors whatfoever, be thereof hindered, molested, vexed, grieved, or in any wife troubled; willing, and by these prefents, charging and commanding as well our Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of our Exchequer at Westminster, and other the Judges and Juftices of us, our Heirs and Successors; as also our Attorney or Solicitor General for the time being, and every of them, and all other our Officers and Ministers 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 Process whatsoever, against the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of them, for any Caufe, Thing, Matter, Offence, Claim or Usurpation, or any of them, by them, or any of them, claimed, attempted, ufed, had or ufurped before the making of these presents; willing also, that the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of them, by any of the Juffices, Officers, or Ministers aforefaid, in or for the due ule, claim, or abuse of any Liberties, Franchises or Jurisdictions

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ctions within the faid City of London or Suburbs thereof, before the making of these presents, be not molested, troubled, or hindered, or compelled to answer to them, or any of them.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Succeffors, for the better order, rule, and government of all and fingular perfon and perfons which now do use, or hereafter shall use the Mystery, 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 Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London, and their Succeffors, that the faid Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being for ever hereafter shall have the oversight, view, fearch, correction and government of all and fingular persons what soever occupying, exercising, or using the (and Mystery, 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 these presents, according to the Laws of the Realm to punish and correct, or caule to be punished and corrected of-fendors for their Offences, Deceits, Falshoods, Abuses, or Misdemeanors in the false, insufficient and deceitful occupation or use of the Mystery, Art, or Trade of Cutlers aforefaid, according to their demerits in that behalf.

Wherefore we will, and by these presents, for us, our Heirs and Successfors, do straitly charge and command all and singular *Mayors*, *fuscies*, *Sheriffs*

Sheriffs, Constables, and all other the Officers, Ministers, and Subjects of us, our Heirs and Succesfors what foever, that they and every of them be aiding, belping, affisting, and comforting, to the faid Master, Wardens, and Affistants of the Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London aforesaid 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 these prefents granted unto the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty aforefaid, and every or any part or parcel thereof, according to the tenor and true meaning of these presents, although express mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the Premisses, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants by us or any of our Progenitors or Prcdeceffors to the aforefaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty heretofore made in these presents is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation or Restraint to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, caufe or matter whatfoever in any wife notwithstanding.

In witnels whereof, we have cauled these our Letters to be made Patents. Witnels our Self at Westminster the 8th. day of *fuly*, in the fifth year of our Reign, of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, and of *Scotland* the Fortieth.

Per breve de privat' Sigillo, Gr.

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Thus I have given you a true account of the *Cutlers* Charter of Incorporation, wherein is given them great Power and Authority in the affairs of that Mystery: 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. 1 Ricio. 3. 12. and Stat. 5 Eliz. 7. and part of Stat. 14 Car. 2. 11. all which I will here cite verbatim, (viz.)

Stat. 3 Edw. 4. cap. 4.

Tem, Whereas in the faid Parliament, by the Artificers of manual Occupations, men and women inhabiting and refi-vent in the City of London, and other Cities, Towns, Burroughs and Dillages within the same Realm of England and Wales, it hath ben pitcoully thewed and tomplained, how that all thep in general, and everyof them, be greatly impoverished, and much hindred and prejudiced of their woeldly increase and daily living, by the great multitudes of divers Commodities and Wares pertaining to their Myfteries and Occupations, being fully widught and ready made to fale, as well by the hands of Strangers being the Rings Enemics, as other in this Realm and Wales, fetched and brought from beyond the Sea, as well by Merchant Strangers as Denizens, and other perions, whereof the greatest part in nıbsubstance is deceitful and nothing worth, in regard of any mans Occupation or Profit; by which occasion the said Artificers cannot live by their Mysteries and Occupations, as they have done in times pass, but divers of them, as well Houtholders as Hirelings, and other Servants and Apprentices in great numbers, be at this day unoccupied, and do hardly live, in great miscry, poverty and néed, whereby many inconveniences have grown before this time, and hereaster more be like to come, (which God defend) if due remedy be not in this behalf provided.

Our redoubted Sobereign Lozd the King considering the premises, and willing in this case to provide remedy, by the Advise, Affent and Authority aforesaid, hath orbained, enaged and established,

That no Merchant, born Subjea of our faid Lord the King, Denizen nor Stranger, noz other person, after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel nert coming. hall bring, lend nor conver, nor caule to be brought, fent nor sonveyed into this Realm of England, and Seigniozy of Wales, any of the Chaffers, Wares of Things underwritten; that is to fap, any wollen Caps, wolled Cloths, Laces, Copies, Ribbands, Fringes of Silk and of Thied, Laces of Thred, Silk twined, Silk in any wife emhoudered, Laces of Gold, of Silk or Gold, Sade dles, Stirrups, o? any Darnels pertaining to Saddles, Spars, Bosse for Bridles.

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dles, Andirons, Gridirons, any mannee of Locks , Bammiers , Pinlons , Firc-Tongs, Dripping-pans, Dice, Cennisballs, Points, Purses, Gloves, Girdles, Harnels for Girdles of Iron, Laten, Steel, Tin, or of Alkmine, any thing wrought of any tawed Leather , and tawed Furs , Bulcans, Shwes, Galoches og Coaks, Knives, Daggers, Wooknives, Bodkins, Shers toz Caplozs, Sciflars, Razors, Chefs-men, Plaving-Cards, Combs, Pattens, Packnødles, any Painted ware, Forcers, Calkets, Kings of Copper o? of Laten gilt, Chaffing diffes , Banging Candlefticks Caffing balls, Sacring balls, Rings to? Curtains, Ladles, Scummers, counterfeit Balons, Ewers, Bats, Bruthes, Cards foz Woll, black Fron Thred, commonly called and named White Wier, 02 ann of those Wares oz Chaffers to be uttered and fold within the same ficalm of England, og in the Country of Wales, by wan of Merchandize, upon pain to forfeit the fame Merchandizes, at every time, and as often as they may be found in the hands of any perfon to be fold.

The one half of the same sozieitures to be paid to the use of our Lozd the King, and the other half to him that will suff seize the same for the King; the same half by him so seized to our Lozd the King, to be delivered by the said seizer thereof to the Escheator of the Country or place, where the same seizen shall be made, by In-

Cutlers Mares.

Indenture betwirt them made duly to an fiver thereunto in his Accompt.

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Provided always, that if any of the faid Wares or Chaffers made out of this Land, be taken upon the Sea, without fraud or collusion, or come in this Acalm of England, or the Country of Wales, by way of Wreck, that those be in no wise taken within this Ac or Statute, but that they may befold within this Realm of England, or Wales, this Ac or Statute notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all Wares and Chaffers made and wrought in the Land of Ireland, or Wales, may be brought and sold in this Realm of England, as they were wont before the making of this Statute, this Actor Statute notwithstanding.

Allo our Lozd the King hath ozdained and established, by the Assent and Authos rity aforelaid, That the Masters and War= dens for the time being of every Craft and Mystery, in every City, Bozough, Town and Dillage, where any fuch Craft oz Mustern is used or occupied, thall have fufficient power and authority in every fuch City, Town, Bozough and Dillage. where they for the time being thall be Wars dens of Masters of any such Craft of App= fterp; and the Mapoz of such City, Borough, Town 02 Dillage, fo2 the time being, if any Mayor be, or the Bapliffs or Banliff of any fuch City, Bozough, Town 02 Dillage, for the time being, if any Bapliffs of Bayliff there be; And no Mapoz DŽ

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o? Serjeant, o: any other Officer to them affigued, by the faid Mapor, Bayliffs og Bayliff, in every fuch City, Sozough, Town and Dillage, where any fuch Craft oz Mpfterp is uled oz occupied, where no fuch Mafters noz Wardens of any fuch Craft og Mystery be, that the Mafters og Wardens of the Crafts and Mysterics of the City, Cown, Bozough oz Dillage nert adjouning to the lame, and the Constable of fuch City, Bozough, Cown oz Dillage, mall have power and authority to fearch in their own Crafts and Mysteries, and in all other Crafts and Mysteries, uttering by way of fale any of the aforefaid Wares, as well within Cilics, Downing, Cowns and Dillancs of the fame fiealm of England, and of the Country of Wales, as within the Liberties and Franchife of the fame Cities, 20roughs, Cowns and Dillages, at all times reasonable by the day, at fairs and Warkets, Shops open and Ware houles. all such manner of Wares, Chaffers and Merchandizes, pertaining to every of their proper Crafts and Mysteries, which thall be made by any Alien Artificer.man o2 100= man, og any ocher perfon og perfons within the fame Realm of England og Wales, og which at any time thall be occupied by any of the faid Crafts oz Mpfteries, in whole hands loever they may be found.

. Provided also, that the said Masters, Wardens, and other named in the said Ordinance to be searchers, shall not enter into into any place exempted by Priviledge, Franchife or Custom, to make in the same any fearch as is asorclaid, but by the oversight of some Oacer of every such place so exempt, where any such search shall happen to be made. (This to be in sorce so long as shall please the king.)

And if the faid fearchers by the same fearch do find that such Chaffers, Wares og Merchandizes, og ann part thereof, be nor pure, lawful, and able Chaffers, Wares or Merchandizes, and duly wrought and made as they ought to be, and that sufficiently proved.

That then it hall be lawful to such fearchers, to take and scize all such Chaffers, Wares and Merchandizes, which shall so be found not god, pure, lawful oz able, noż well wrought, as a thing soffeit: The one half of the same soffeiture to be paid to the use our Lozd the King, and the other half thereof to such Masters oz Wardens which so shall make search and find the same.

Stat. 1 Rich, 3. cap. 12.

Tem, It was thewed in the same Parliament by the Artificers of the said Nealm of England, as well of the Citv of Londoa, as of other Cities, Cowns, Bozougus and Diflages of the same Realm, that is to sap, Birdlers, Point-makers, Pinners, Ourlers, Blovers, Jopners, Painters Cardmakers, Wiermongers, Weavers, 1902ners, Bottle-makers and Copper-smiths, O 2 that

that whereas they were wont in times paft to be arcatly fet awork and occupied in the said Crafts, toz the sustemance of themfelbes, their Wives, Childzen, 20pprentices, and Servants, and many other of the Kings Subjeas.

pow foit is, that by Merchant Strangers, Denizens and others, there is brought into these parts from beyond the Scas, to be fold within this thealm of England, as much Wares as may be wought and made by the Artificers above renearled, that by reason thereof the people of firange Countries where the faid Wares be made, be greatly occupied and increased, and the said Artificers in this Acalm areatly impoverified, and without the Kings grace helved to them in this behall, are like to be undone for lack of Occupation.

Our laid Sovereign Lozd the King confidering the premiffes, by the Advice and Affent of the Lords Spiritual and Tempozal, and at the praper of his-Commons in the laid Parliament affimbled, and by Authozity of the same, hath ordained and provided, That no Merchant Stranger, after the feaft of Easter next coming, hall bring into this ficalm of England, to be fold, any manner of Girdles, noz Barnels wzought foz Girdles, Points, Leather Laces, Purfes, Pouches, Pins, Gloves, Knives, Hangers, Caplors Shars, Stiffars, Andirons, Colbards, Conas, Fireforks, Brid.

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Gidirons, Stock-locks, Rens, Pinges, and Garnets, Spurs, painted Glass, painted Papers, painted Poycers, painted Images, painted Cloths, beaten Gold oz beaten Silver wought, in papers for Painters, Saddles, Saddlestræs, Poste-Parnels, Boots, Vitts, Stirrups, Suc-kles, Chains, Laten nails with Iron thanks, Curnets, Banging Candlefricks, Dolp-water-flops, Chaffing-diches, Hanging Lavers, Curtain-rings, Cards for wooll, Hoan-Cards, (ercept Clasps foz Garments) Shærs, Buckles for Shooes, Bzoches oz Spits, Pawks-bells, Tin and Leaden Spoons, Wier of Laten and Fron, Jron Candlesticks, Gates, Boins for Lanthoins, of any of the faid Wares. made and wrought, pertaining to the Crafts above specified, og any of them, upon pain to forfeit all the faid Wares fo brought into this Realm contrary to this Act, or the value of the fame, in whole hands they or any of them thall be found : The one half of such Fines and Foxfeitures to be to the King, and the other half to him oz them that thall frize oz purfue foz the fame, by Acion of Debt, by 102it oz Bill at the Common Law, 02 by Bill 02 Plaint, after the cuftom of the City o; Cown where any such fines, forfeitures and Penals ties thall hereatter happen to be or fall : And that the Defendant in such Naion be not admitted to wage his Law, not that anp Protection or Effoin of the Kings Ser-0 3 vice.

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vice, hall be allowed in the same for any such Defendant.

Stat. 5 Eliz. cap. 7.

W Pereas heretofoze the Artificers of this ficalm of England, (as well within the City of London, as within other Cities, Towns, and Bozoughs of the fame fielm) that is to wit, Girdlers, Cullers, Saddlers, Glovers, Point-makers, and fuch like Pandicrafts-men, have been in their faid Faculties greatly wrought, and greatly fet on work as well to fuffentation of themfelves, their Wives and Families, as to: a good education of a great part of Pourh of this field, in good Art and laudable Exercise, belides the manifold benefits that by means of by reason of their knowledges, Inventions, and continual Travel, bailp and universally came to the whole Effate of the Commonwealth of the fard fielm.

Ner notwithstanding so now it is, that by reason of the abundance of Fozeign Wares byought into this ficalm from the parts beyond the Seas, the faid Artificers are not only less occupied, and thereby utterly impoverished, the Bouth not trained in the faid Sciences and Crercises, and thereby the faid Faculties, and the erquisite knowledges thereof, like in thost time within this ficalm to decay, but also divers Cities and Towns within this Ecalm

Realm of England much thereby impaired, the whole Realm greatly endamaged, and other Countries notably inriched, and the people thereof well fet on work, to their Commodities and Aibings in the Arts and Sciences aforefaid, and to the great discouragement of skilful Workmen of this Realm, being in very ded nothing inferiour to any Stranger in the Faculties aforefaid.

For reformation whereof, be it enaded by our Sovereign Lady the Quens Diglinels, and by the Lords Spiritual and Tempozal, and the Commons of this prefent Parliament affembled, and by the Authozity of the fame, That no perfon oz perfons whatloever, from oz after the feaft of the Pativity of St. John Baprift now nert enfuing, hall bying of caule to be brought into this Realm of England, from the parts of bepond the Scas, any Birdies, Barnels for Girdles, Rapiers, Daggers, Knives, Hilts, Pommels, Lockets, Chapes, Dagger-Blades, Handles, Scabbards, and Sheaths for Knives, Saddles, Poste-Paracis, Stirrups, Bitts, Bloves, Points, Leather Laces oz Pins, being ready made, og woought in any parts beyond the Seas, to be fold, bar= tered of exchanged within this fiealm of England, og Wales; upon sain to fogfeit all fuch Wares to to be brought, contrary to the true meaning of this Aa, in whole hands toever they or any of them thall be found, or the very value thereof.

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The one half of the forfeitures to be to our Sovereign Lady the Quéns Highnels, her Peirs and Successory, and the other moiety thereof to him or them that will seize the same, or sue therefore in any Court of success of the Queens Majesiy, her Peirs and Successory, by Raion of Ocht, Bill, Plaint, Information or otherwite, where no Wager of Law, Moin or Protection, Gall be to him or them allowed.

Stat. 14 Car. 2. cap. 11. the branches thereof to our purpole are verbatim thus.

A No it thall be lawful to og fog any perfon og perfons, authorized by Whit of Aflistance under the Scal of his Majestics Court of Erchequer, to take a Constable, Peadbogough, og other publick Officer inhabiting near unto the place, and in the day time, to enter and go into any Poule, Shop; Cellar, Ware-house og fioom, og other place; and in rafe of reustance, to byeak open Doogs, Chess, Crunks; and other Package, there to leize, and from thence to kying any kind of Goods og Merchandize whatsoever Prohibited, and Uncustomed, and to put and fecure the same in his Majesties Stoge-house in the Post next to the place where such feizure thall be made.

And fozasmuch as it doth appear by daily experience, That there are great yzaciles and combinations betwen the Im-

Importers and Owners of Goods and Merchandizes, and the Seizers and Infozmers, with defign and intent to defraud the force of the Law, and his Majefip of his Outics and Customs : Be it enaacd by the Authozity alozelaid, That no Ship oz Ships, Goods, Wares of aferehandizes, shall be feized as fozfeited, toz oz by reason of unlawful Importation or Exportation, into o? out of this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, oz Port and Cown of Berwick, og any the Posts, Members og Creks thereunto belonging, og fog not payment of any Cuftgins of Subadics now due, of heres after to be due and papable to his Majefty, but by the perfon or perfons who are or thall be appointed by his Majefty to mas nage his Customs, oz Officers of his Majeftics Customs for the time being, of fuch other perion of perions as thall be deputed and authorized thereunto, by Warrant from the Loid Treasurer of Under=Trea= furer, oz by special Commission from his Majefty under the Great of Privn Scal: And if any feizure thall hereafter be made by any other perlon of perlons whatloever, for any the caules aforefaid, such leizure thall be boid and of none effect, any Statute, Law, Aa oz Pzovision to the contrary in any wile notwithstanding.

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At the Court at Whitehal!, June 6. 1673. Present,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

His Royal Highness the	Earl of Carbery.
Duke of York.	Vicount Hallifax.
Lord Chancellor.	Lord Maynard.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Newport.
Lord Privy Seal.	Lord Eerkley.
Duke of Landerdale.	Lord Holles.
Duke of Ormond.	Mr. Secretary Coventry.
Earlof Ogle.	Mr. Chancelor of the
Lord Chamberlain.	Exchequer.
Earl of Bridgewater.	Mr. Chancellor of the
Earl of Bathe.	Dutchy.
Earl of Carlifle.	Mr. of the Ordinance.
Earl of Craven.	Sir Tho. Ofborne.
Earl of Arlington.	
Mafter	Speaker:

W Hereas by the late Addrefs of both Houfes of Parliament, his Majefty washumbly defired by his own example to encourage the conftant 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 gracioufly declared, that he would not only do it by his own example, but would difcountenance all other perfons that fhould wear Foreign Manufactures: and that his Majefty

Majefty had given order to the Lord Treasurer to direct the Commiffioners of the Cuftoms, to caufe all goods of Forein Manufacture prohibited by Law to be feized, at what Port, or on whole account foever they shall be imported into this Kingdom; and that his Lordship shall grant no Warrant for the release of them. And whereas upon the Petition of the Silk-Weavers of London, prefented to his Majefty in Council, fetting forth that they have attained 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 by prohibiting the Importation of Forein Manufactures. they fhould increase and flourish; his Majesty was pleafed to declare, and accordingly then gave order to the Master of his Robes, that he fhould not prepare for his Majefties use 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: And likewife that the Lord Chamberlain of his Majeffies Houshold should 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 first day of May next, and no longer; as alfo Linen and Callicoes, and fuch other wearing things, as by our own Trade are imported from the East- Indies.

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To the end therefore that thefe 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 Treasurer do renew his Orders to the Commissioners of the Customs, that they direct the feizure and confifcation of all manner of Forein wearing Massifatheres that are prohibited by Law, and to caute his Majefties part thereof to be publickly burnt, that fo the Petitioners, his Majefties Subjects, may find all due encouragement and advantage in the profecution of their leveral Trades and Callings: And that this Order is to be Printed and affixed in all the Ports and Custom-houses of England.

Robert Southwell.

Notwithstanding all which provisions made by authority(by reason of some defects therein) there hath been, and now are manifold abuses and difcouragement in this Mystery of *Cutlery*, that the fame is much decayed, and like to be utterly loss is and thereby not only great numbers of his Majessies Subjects deprived of so excellent and exceeding necessary way of employment, but the fafety of this Kingdom much obstructed, unless timely care be taken for procuring remedy therein.

To which purpose I humbly offer to the consideration of those in Authority, whether a Law may be made to this effect, (viz.)

First, That all and every person what sever now infing or exercising, or that shall bereaster use or exercise

exercife the Trade or Mystery of Cutlers within the City of London, and three miles compass of the fame City, having been bound before the Master or Wardens of any Corporation & & c, in the City of London, and ferved Apprentiships thereto the stage of seven years at the least, to be admitted and enjoyned within one month after their using or exercising the said Trade or Mystery, to take the freedom of the City of London, and to enter him or themselves into the Corporation of Cutlers of the said City in the same manner, and upon the same conditions, as before is mentioned in the like case of the Goldsmiths of London.

Secondly, That the Statutes for prohibiting the Forein wrought Manufactures, be supplied with this further Authority, (viz.) that at the seizing any such prohibited Works or Wares, the same to be appraised, and only the value thereof (confidering the same as Wares lawful) to be forseit to the King, and the Seizer; and the Works or Wares to be utterly defaced, broken, and spoiled, to prevent their being used amongst us.

Thirdly, That it be now enacted to prohibit Forein wrought blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, after a certain space of time, as at the end of seven years or more, under the like penalties as other prohibited works of the said Mystery.

And that in the mean time no Sword-blades, Rapier-blades, Hanger-Blades, nor Cimiter-blades, be exposed to sale, sold, exchanged, nor bartered in any place in London, or three miles compass of the same City, by any Trader therein, unless those Blades be first brought to Cutlers-Hall in London, and there Affayed, by the Master and Wardens of that Mystery or

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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 purpose) and all defective and unserviceable blades (so brought) to break and spoil, and all to be done and returned to the owners in convenient time, uponta sutable penalty for every such blade exposed to sale, sold, exchanged, or bartered, not tried and marked as aforesaid.

Fourthly, That no manner of Foreign-wrought blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters be exposed to fale, fold, exchanged, or bartered, in any place (out of the faid City, and three miles compass) within this Realm, by any Traders therein, unlefs those Blades be first Assault by the Masser 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 each City, Burrough and Town; and if good, to be by them, or either of them marked with their Mark allowed as aforefaid: And all defective and unserviceable blades to break and spoil upon a suitable penalty for every such blade exposed to fale, sold, exchanged or bartered, not tryed and roarked as aforefaid.

Fifthly, That after the fet t mo for trying and marking all Forein-wrought Blades aforefaid already imported, no Forein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters, to be imported during the time limited (for importing the fame) but only at the City of London, and be brought to Cutlers-Hall to be Assauld Marked as aforefaid.

Sixthly, That there be a convenient charge impofed upon all Forein-wrought Blades of Smords, Rapiers, Hangers and Cimiters that are already imported,

ported, and that shall be henceforward imported; tried, and Marked as aforefaid, during the time limited for Importing the same. Which charge to be taken and received by the said Master and Wardens, or one of them, to the use of that Corporation; and to be by them set apart for raising a Stock for the setting up the Manufacture of making the Blades aforesaid in this Kingdom, and to no other use whatsoever: and the government and regulating that Manufacture to be by the said Corporation of Cutlers, and none other.

Seventhly, That the Master and Wardens of the Company of Cutlers, or either of them, be impowered to have the view, search, Tryal, and Regulation of all works of or belonging to their Mystery, in all and every place throughout England, amongst all perfons what sever, making, selling, exposing to sale, exchanging or bartering the same; and to mark the good Wares, and seize, brake, and spoil all unlawful, false or insufficient Works or Wares belonging to their Trade or Mystery, and to impose such Fine or Fines as may be convenient upon the Offenders.

Eighthly, That all perfons not opening all places in the Shops, and Work-houfes, and Ware-houfes, or not giving free liberty of searsh, and to execute the Authority of the Master and Wardens of the Cutlers; to pay 5 l. for every such offence, half to the King, and half to the Corporation.

Ninthly, That the Master 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 same, to the best of their skill and knowledge, so long as they continue thereing not to spare any person for favour nor affection, nor grieve any for hatred or malice. Tenth-

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Tenthly, That no perfon or perfons whatfoever may bereafter make, fell, expose to fale, exchange or barter within this Realm, any Hilt, Pommel, or other Work made of Brass or Copper belonging to a Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or Cimiter, upon a sutable penalty; and all such Works to be broke and utterly defaced.

Eleventhly. That the connterfeiting, or the caufing to be counterfeited the lawful Mark or Marks of any Corporation of any Manual Trade or Mystery, or the lawful Mark or Marks of any Master-worker of any Manual Trade or Mystery within this Realm, by any ways or means what oever; on any the proper works of the Trade of such person or Corporation whose Mark or Marks are counterfeited, to be punished with the Pillory, and a fine, according to the merit of the offence.

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

For the firft, That those perfons exercifing the Mystery 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 those places, and by confequence be fupposed very little, or not at all, to correct and prevent the abuses in the works of that Mystery : and the perfons exercifing that Mystery, and being no Free-men or Members of that Corporation, are not under the Government thereof, and therefore will refuse to obey those wholefome Laws and Ordinances as the Corporation shall find

find neceffary to make for the better regulating and government of their Trade.

For the fecond, That notwithftanding feveral works of the Myftery of Cutlery Forcin 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; those works are as frequently imported; fold, and bartered amongst us as ever. For instance,

Suppose twenty dozen of Forein wrought Hilts be feized according to the Statute 5 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 must be fold amongst the Cutlers to pay the King and the Seizer, and fo will pass under the name of seized and condemned Goods, and by that means are and will be fecured from being queftioned any more in like manner by any perfon whatfoever. Now here is that which marrs all; for under the name of those 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 most other prohibited Manufactures, but the totally breaking and spoiling the fame, as aforefaid, would perfectly cure this mischief

For the 3; 4, 5, 7, and 8.

1. The Kingdom will then be furnished with weapons fecurely good and ferviceable: And,

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2. It will furely be granted that the Corporation of *Cutlers* will be the most proper judges of all Wares belonging to their Mystery, 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 wellferved: and upon any miscarriage the King, or any perfon will know where to complain, or have any account of what they defire

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) occasions great mischiefs and deceits in the Kingdom, as well by our own Artists, as from abroad, by making and vending false wares, and fuch as upon tryal, are not fit for use and fervice.

4. This liberty increases the number of bad Workmen, which are but burthenfome and inconarenient, 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 unless a penalty be imposed for refusing to open all places in the Shops, Work-houses, Ware-houses, and other places where the works of the Cutlers Trade are kept, the authority of fearching, and the labour and endeavours of the Master and Wardens will be in vain; for it is the natural inclination and ftudy of the Makers and fellers of falle works, not only to get knowledge of the time in which the fearchers will come, but also keep and conceal their falle works in private places under lock and key: and the authority of impofing a penal-ty of 54. in this cafe may be conceived the more reafonreafonable, it being given to the feveral Corporations of Girdlers, Sadlers, Cordwainers, and Curriers by the Statute 1 7ac. 21. and by long experience thereof, found very wholefome, and

of fo excellent use, that it continues still in force. For the fixth, That the fetting up and encou-

raging the Manufacture of Sword Blades, &e. in England as aforefaid, would remedy and prevent these inconveniencies following, (viz.)

1. That we are necessitated to have them from abroad at fuch prices as they upon confideration of our necessities or their own flock) 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 otherwise 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 quantities of untried blades at lower prices than ordinary, which was partly the definition 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 worft and most defective Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Gc. 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 Artifts of this Kingdom did formerly make, and would

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would be now (with little experience) in the fame capacity to make as good and ferviceable of thefe forts, as any be in the world; efpecially here being all conveniencies to that purpofe, as good as any in Forein parts: Then how are we overfeen to be thus remifs, and fo freely to leave the benefit of working the great quantities we ufe, to be wholly polleit by Strangers abroad. And befides that lots, may it not be supposed that we may be in War with all our neighbour Nations; or at least Zollingen (the place where they are now chiefly made, may be in our enemies hands, and we (not in condition to supply this Kingdom by the Artifts within us) for want of these weapons, be brought to great extremity.

That Forein wronght Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimiter-Blades are not prohibited by the Stainte 5 Eliz. 7. aforecised, take these Reafons, (viz.)

r. That no particular mention is made of them in that Statute, and in all penal Statutes, the Letter is firifily to be regarded.

2. That Dagger-Blades are therein particularly prohibited, they being then frequently made in *England*, but not the other Blades; therefore those not prohibited.

3. That Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or Cimiter-Blades are not comprehended, and fo not prohibited under that name of *Rapiers*: for the general term of *Rapiers* is mentioned, for that, Hilts, Pommels, Ge are particularly prohibited, they being execliently; weil madei amongft is f and those par-

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particulars being joyned together, do (in the common acceptation) lofe their particular terms, and are called by the general names of Swords, Rapiers, Cc. fo that Rapiers are not mentioned for the intent of prohibiting Sword, Rapier, Hanger, Cimiter-Blades, but to effectually prohibit Hilts, Pommels, Lockets, Chepes, Ge. and are therefore mentioned both by their particular and general terms.

4. That if the makers of that Statute had in-tended that the general term of *Rapiers* fhould comprehend all the particular parts of that weapon, then furely they would not have mentioned the Hilts, Pommels, Lockets, Chepes, & c. they being particular par s thereof, as well as the Blades.

5. That the particulars are not comprehended nor prohibited under the general terms of any Wares, take this instance in Statute 14 Car. 2. cap. 13. which forbids the bringing into this Realm any Bone-lace, Cut-work, Imbroideries, Fringe, Band ftrings, Buttons or Needle work. made of Thred or Silk, or either of them, in parts beyond the Seas: Now observe, the gene. ral terms are Bone-lace, o'c. they may not be imported, but Thred, and Silk, and the reft of the particulars, of which Bone-lace, &c. are made, may (and its very well known to) be freely Imported. Thus all Forein wrought Swords, Rapiers, Cc. are prohibited under the general term of Rapiers; and all Forein wrought Bone-lace, &c. under the general term of Bone-lace, Ga., but Forein wrought, Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimiter Blades, although positive Works of the Cutlers Ρ

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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, Silk, $\mathcal{G}c$. although they are politive works of the Trades they relate unto, and the material particulars of Bone-lace, $\mathcal{G}c$. yet not being particularly mentioned, are not prohibited, but may, and are frequently brought in and fold amongft us, and not in the least interrupted as Foreinwrought prohibited Wares.

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

1. The Corporation have not flock to perform that work, it being a great undertaking, will require a great and continued fum which must be mannaged to as to answer 10 *l. per cent. per ann.* (besides the charge of the Work) to bear the loss in bad debts, and other casualties incident to all Trading.

2. A fmall imposition on the particulars may in the whole amount to a confiderable sum; up on the fecurity of which, and the credit of the Corporation, may be raifed a sufficient stock to immediately set up the work.

That it is undeniably beft and fitteft, and will be the more proferous to be mannaged by the Corporation, for these reasons.

First, For that they being sk'lful in the affair, will know how to direct the mannagement thereof to the best advantage, and with least charge, and and will not be fubject to be deceived by their Work-men, or fuch as shall be intrusted by them to mannage or over-see it.

2. It will not be subject to fall into the hands of Executors (which otherwife it will be if it come into private hands, which was the destruction of this work at Hounflow ;) but by being in the Corporation, it will have a continued fubfiftance, and be fupported.

It may be observed, that in all Manufacture of this kind, the English have exceeded other Nations: as for instance, in that of the Knife-Blades 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 furnish all parts : only it may be thus far farther observed, 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 diferedit upon our Manufactures, which by the propofals will be prevented.

To the ninth, The fecret tie and obligation of an Oath, upon those Officers, is the only way to restrain those secret faults which our Laws cannot take cognifance of.

To the tenth, The making and vending Brass Hilts is not only against the intent of our Laws but a great injury and discouragement to the Artifts of this Mystery, by reason those Wares (which are brittle and unserviceable) are frequently fold instead of the good and ferviceable works, and thereby the employment of the Ar-PA tifts

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tifts of good works much impaired, and turns 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 confequence imaginable; for it prevents the difcovering the makers of falle, infufficient, and unlawful works; and deftroys the fecurity; and prevents the knowledge of good works, thereby difcourageth the honeft 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 cafes) may bring them in danger of the Fillory; and by feveral other circumfrances of being undone and many more evils do attend this wicked action, therefore cannot be too feverely punifhed.

To conclude, The Trade and Mystery of the Gutlers being of great concern to this Nation, not only for the fafety thereof, but for the employment of great number of people, therefore ought to have a futable effecem and encouragement amongst us. Other Corporations (of lefs moment are effecemed, and by concurrence of the Members in particular, and the people in general) are foregulated and encouraged, that the Members thereof become wealthy and honorable.

But where be any of the Cutlers Trade that make any confiderable proficiency in their Effates in compatifon of other Tradefinen? what is it that makes a Trade flourish, but the profit thereof? What I have proposed and defigned, is but for a reasonable advantage; which confidered, can any perfor feruple their affistance for obtaining for

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 hand is the emblem of his Authority, *Rom.* 13. 3. although by other inftruments more men are kild, yet all are faid to be flain with the Sword.

If those Trades that concern the attiring our bodies, and furniture of our houses, and other materials of delight, have fo great incouragement, shall the makers and traders in that eminent Manufacture the Sword, the principal instrument (of War) for keeping all in fastery, be flighted, despised, and reduced to a contemptable condition:

Can he be accounted a true English-man, that inftead of making or being advantage to his own Nation and Countrymen by buying and using their works, and encouraging the Artists thereof, will undefervedly flight, despise, contemn, and undervalue them and their works, and buy all, or most part of Aliens, both at home and abroad, whose works do not in the least exceed the works of our Natives?

Tis only fancy that makes the difference, but let it not be faid of English-men that their fancies are fo mis-guided as to effeem Foreign works better than they are, or to think English works to be Forein, when presented to them by Foreiners hands.

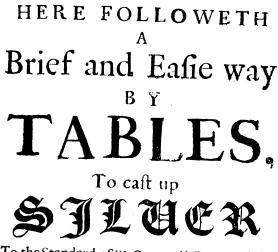
But rather have fo good opinion of our Natives as to put a true effeem on English works in English hands; effectially those of the Cutlers:

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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 those works be according to their goodness and greatness of use, this Mystery and Corporation cannot want (if endeavoured for) any Authority that may be truly called neceffary.

Then will the Members of this Mystery and Corporation study, and spend their time in contriving and making curious and serviceable works, and find out ways to employ many that are in want, and idle about, and run into many evil practifes.

Now to you of the Corporation and Mystery, I fay, roufe up your spirits, and give a suble active pursuit and attendance for attaining these things; you must expect to take pains before profit comes: and if some rubs and difficulties happen, you may remember, that many do attend the pursuit of the most valuable and profitable atchievements: Remember the chief instrument of your Trade, the Sword; it is the instrument of Victory and Conquest: then be your actions in these concerns of like merit, in being victorious conquerors of all difficulties that happen in your pursuit of all lawful and reasonable things that inay in probability make your Mystery and Corporation increase in Riches and Honour.



To the Standard of XI. Ounces ij. Peny-weight.

GOLD.

To the Standard of \underline{XXII} . Carracts.

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Questions wrought by the Golden-Rule: Also by Decimal Tables.

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

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Of OZ. CaraEts observe.

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 12 Ounces, __________ is a Pound-weight, Troy.

 20 Penny-weight, ___________ is one Ounce.

 24 Grains, ____________ is a Penny-weight.

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The Ordinary way.

Four Ingots of Silver.

D.wt. L. m.Oz. D. mt. Gr. Better, 16, 1 Num. 1. _____ 40, 6, 10, 00. Worfe, II, Num. 2. _____ 37, 7, 5, 00. Worfe, 15. Num. 3. _____ 26, 9, 10, 00. Better, 10. Num. 4. _____ 38, 11, 00, 00. ---- 153. 10. 5. 00. Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. 4. Betternels of Num. 4. — 21, 0, 17, 6. Whole betternes, ---- 57, 3, 21, 10. Oz. D. wt. Gra. Mit. Worfnefs of Num. 2. ____ 23, 7, 12, 5. Worfnefs of Num. 3. ---- 29, 16, 14, 18. Whole worfnels, _____ 53, 4, 3, 3. Worfnels deducted out 2 Oz. D. mt. Gra. Mit. of the betternels, refts \$ 3, 19, 18, 7. So this _____ 3 Oz. 19 d. wt. 18 Gr. 7 Mit. Added to 153. 1. mt. 10. ____ 5. ____ Makes the 4 Ingots 2 1. mt. Oz. d.mt. Gra. Mit. to be Standard, -. J 154, 2, 4, 18, 7.

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Questions wrought by the GOLDEN Ruk.

The Standard of Silver is xj. Ounces; 2. Senny-weight fine.

A Silver Ingot weighing 401. mt. 6 Ounces, 10. d. mt. better 16. d. meight and a balf. What will this amount to in Standard Silver?

The Work.

D.wt. L.wt.Oz.D.wt.Grs.Mit. 222 40. 6. 10. 16: - 36. 3. 4. 4. This - 36.0z. 3 d.wt. 4 Grs. 4 Mit. - Added to 40 l.wt. 6. 10. 00. L.wt.Oz.D.wt.Grs.Mit. Maketh in Standard Silver, 43.6. 13. 4. 4.



A N Ingot of Silver weighing 37 l.ws. 7. Oz. 5. d. wt. worfe 11. d. weight, and a half. How much of 14 peny-weight better, will make it good to the Standard of -- 11 Oz. 2 d. weight.

The Work.

D.wt. L.wt.Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Worfe, 11. Z 37, 7, 5, 00. Better, 14. 30, 10, 13, 9, 8.

This is wrought by the backer Rule.

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A Ningot of Silver weighing 40 l.mt. 6. Oz. 10 d. weight, worfe 18 d. wt. 12 Grains, How much is to be taken off and fined to 14 Peny-weight better, to make good the reft to the Standard of — 11 Oz. 2 d. weight.

The Work.

L.wt. Worfe, 18 Z 8. Oz. Dmt. Grs. Mit. Better, 14. Z 10, 6, 17, 3, 8
Ext. Oz. Dut. Gra. Mit. 11. 16. Z 10, 6, 17, 3. 8. 10. 3. L. pt. L. pt.
8. Oz. Dwt. Gr. Mit.
12, 3, 2, 8, 6,
20, 3 2, 8, 6,

L.wt.Oz. Dwt.Gr.Mit. L.wt.Oz. D.wt.Gr.Mit. 20, 3, 2, 8, 6. Z_{24} , 6, 7, 22. So there is to be fined, 24, 6, 7, 22. And the remain is 16, 0, 2, 2.

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HALL CONSTRUCTION OF CONSTRUCTUON
The former Question is resolved another way.

The Work.

Ounce, D. wt. D. wt. 10. $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$. X14. 11. 16. X18 and a balf. Oz.D.wt. 1.wt. Oz. d.wt. Gra. 10. $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Z 40, 6, 10, 00. 11. 2. Z 37, 1, 19, 4. $_{14}^{3^2\frac{1}{2}}$ Z 37, I, 19, 4. I6, 0, 2, 2. This 16 l.wt. 0 Oz. 2 d. wt. 2 Grs. to remain. Oz. D.wt. 1. wt.Oz.d. wt. Gra. 11. 16. Z40, 6, 10, 0. 11, 2, 43, 0, 3, 14 gr. and a balf. Lwt.Oz. Dwt.Gra. 32, and a balf, Z_{43} , 0, 3, 14. 18, and a balf, 24, 6, 7, 22. This 24, 6, 7, 22. is to be fined. Silver.

Silver. Silver. Pound pet. Owner. Half-penny Half-penny weight. weight. 1 2 3 4 56 78 9 Grain D.wt. T, I 2 3456 78 9 2 3456

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# A N Addition for Silver after the rate

of xj Ounces, ij. Penny. weight fine, for the ordinary Rating.

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# The Ordinary rating of Silver to the Standard.

### Example:

D.wt.

L.wt.Oz.D.wt.Gra

Better 16, 1 Num. 1. 40, 6, 10, 00. Worfe, 11. Num. 2. 37, 7, 5, 00. Worfe, 15. Num. 3. 36, 9, 10, 00. Better, 10, Num. 4. 38, 11, 00, 00.

Grofs weight. _____ 1 53, 10, 05, 00.

The Ingot, Num. 1. ____ 40, *l.6*, *oz.*10 *d.*00, *gr.* Multiply _____ 40. l. by -- 16 d.*mt*. and a *balf*. The Product is ______ **5**3, *Ounces*.

And the 6 Ounces 10 Peny Oz.D. wt. Gra. Mit. weight, after that rate, is _____8, 22, 10. So the betternels of Num. I, is 33, 8, 22, 10. Example.

Example.

02.D. wt.Gr. Mit. THe betternefs of Num. 1. 33, 8, 22, 10. And the better. of Num.4. 19, 4, 4, 60. The whole betterness 52, 13, 2, 10. Oz.D.wt. The worfness of Num.2.-21, 12, 10, 15. And the worf. of Num. 3. -27, 11, 21. The whole worfnefs, _____ 49, 4, 7, 15. D.mt.Grs.Mit. •, 5, 23, 11. So the clear betterneis Oz: with the addition, makes 3, 19, 18, .6 the allay, ______ And the gross weight, 153 L.m. 10, Oz. 5, d. mt. With the allay, makes 3 154 l. 2, 4, 18, d. 6. Netz

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### Note.

As so many Penny-weight is at the Pound-weight;

So many two Grains at the Ounce.

A^S if the Affay be better *Imo-penny* weight, the Ounce is — 4 Grains.

If Two-penny weight and a half, the Oz. is ------ 5 Grains.

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

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



## Here followeth a T A B L E

to this purpole, to find what the Ounces should be of Betterness or Worseness.

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A Ningst of Silver, — 40 P-und weight. The Standard, _ 42 L.mt. - I Ounce. 18 D.mt. _ 22 Grains. What is the Affay?

#### The Work.

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### The Work.

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The Ingot better <u>12</u> Penny-meight. The groß weight 40 Pound meight. What is the Standard?

#### The Work.

D.mt. L.mt. Oz. D.mt. Gra. 222. 40. 12. 2 2. 1, 18, 22.

This — 2, l.wt. 1 Oz. 18 d.mt. 22 Gra. Added to the — 40 l. weight. Makes 42. l.wt. 1, Oz. 18. d.mt. 22. Gra: (Standard.

L. mt. A Pot of Silver Ingots -- 500 Allay, -- 4 If the -- 4, Pound weight of Allay were left out, what should be the pot affay. The Work.

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### A Pot of Silver Ingots — 500 L.mt. The allay rated to — 4 l.mt. 504.

This Pot was molt and caft out, but afterwards upon review, was found to have 2 l.mt. of Allay too much. How much fhould the Pot affay come fhort?

#### The Work.

L.wt. 502 Z222 D.wt. 504 Z221 d.wt. 2 Gra. 47.

So the Pot affay fhould be worfe, -21 Gr.  $\frac{1}{2}$ . wrought by the backer Rule.

500 L.wt. of Silver worle, -- I D.wt.12 Gra. Howmuch Silver of ---- 14 d.weight better, makes it Standard.

L.wt. D.wt. D.wt. l.wt. Oz. d.wt. Gr. I.  $Z_{750}^{1\frac{1}{2}}$  14.  $Z_{53}^{1.}$  6, 17,  $3\frac{3}{7}$ .

How much Silver of ------ 13 Peny-weight better, will carry away ----- 1 l.weight 3 Ounces 10 d.mt. of allay.

#### The Work.

### The same Questions may be wrought thus.

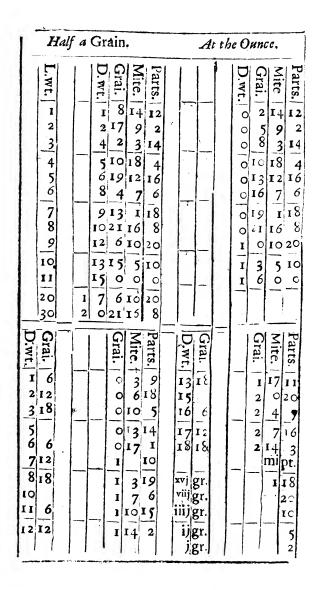
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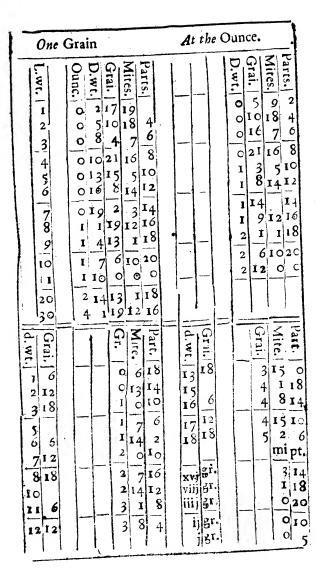
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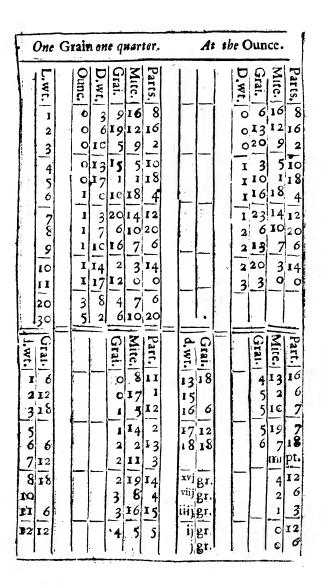


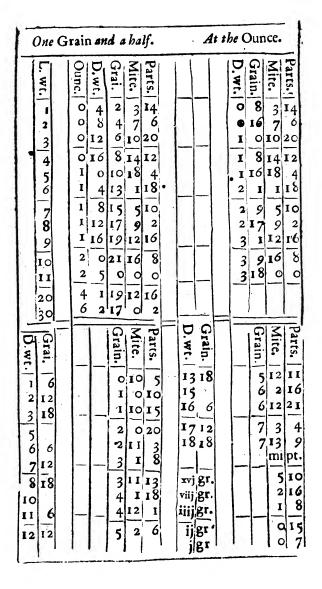
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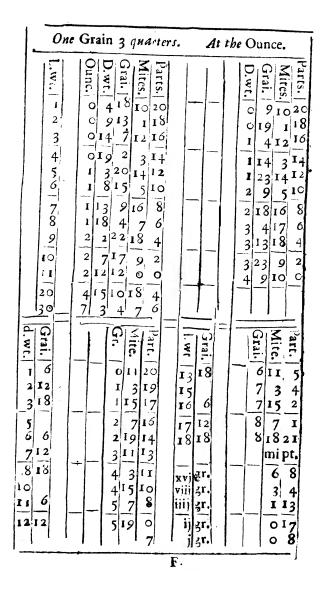


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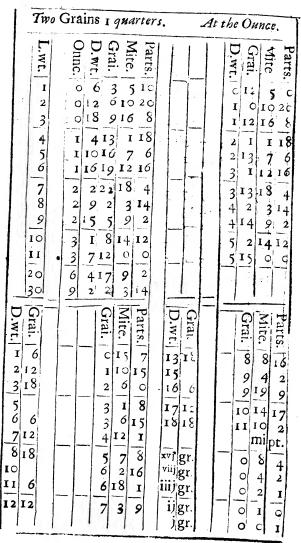




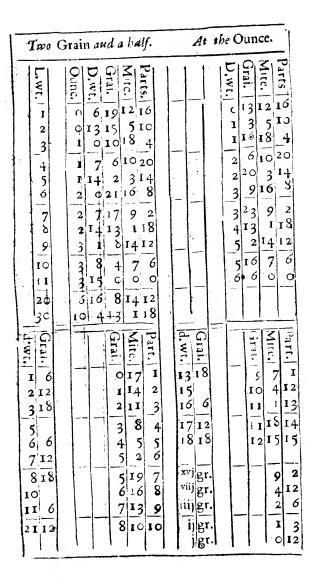




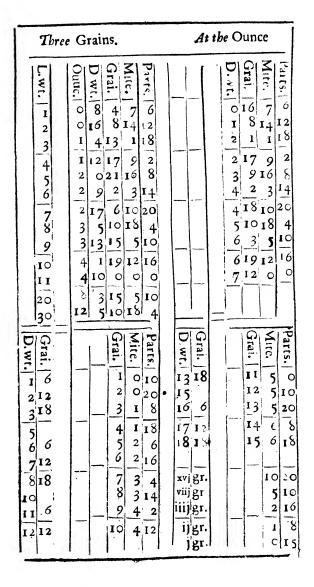
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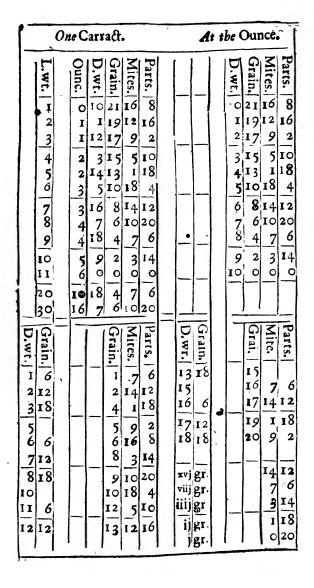
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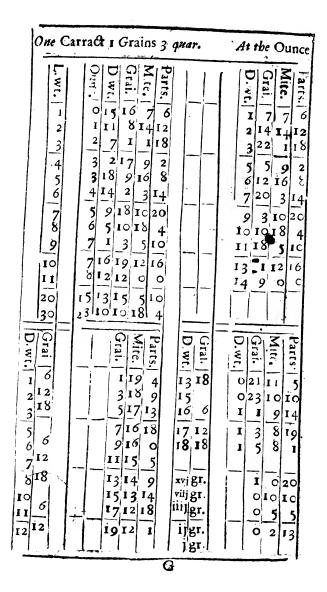
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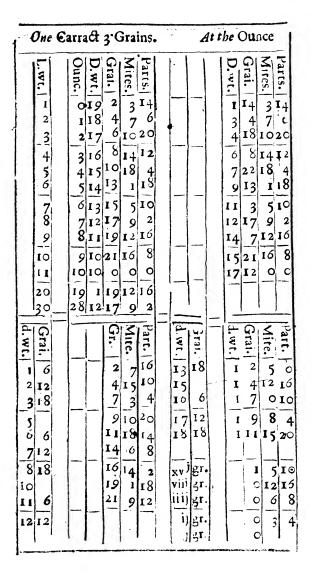


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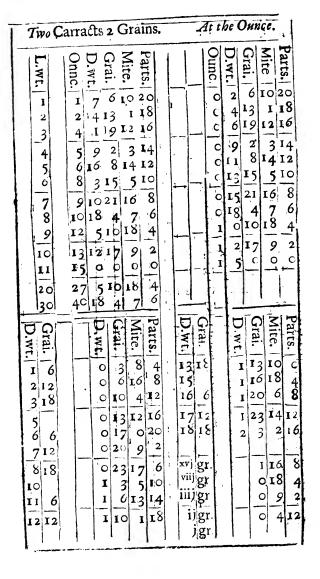
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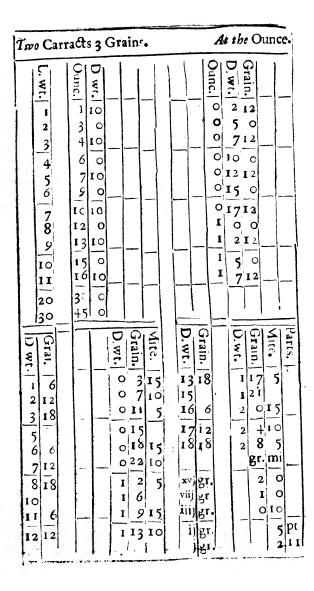
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#### Four Ingots of GOLD.

Car. Gra. L.mt.Oz. D.mt.Gr. Better. 1, 1, 1, Num. 1, ---- 4, 6, 10, 00. Worfn. 1, 0, 1. Num. 2, ---- 3, 7, 5, 00. Worln. 1, 2, 3. Num. 3, ---- 6, 9, 10, 00. Better. 1, 1, 0, Num. 4, ---- 8, 11, 00, 00. ----- 23, 10, 5, 00. Oz. D. wt. Gra. Mit. Betternels of Num. 1, -3, 8, 3. Betterness of Num. 4, --- 6, 1, 14. Whole betternes, - 9, 9, 17, 3. Or. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Worfenels of Num. 2. ____ 2. 4, 5, 11. Worsness of Num. 3. - 6, 5, 00, 13. Whole Worfnels, -8, 9, 6, 4, Worfnels deducted out Oz. Gra. Mites. of the betternels, refts ( 1. 0, 10, 19. So this - I Oz. 00 D.mt. 11 Grains. Added to 23, 1. mt. 10, ____ 5, ____ 00. 1.mt.Oz.d.wt.Gr. Makes the 4 Ingots to be Stan. 23, 11, 5, 11.

#### Questiont



# Questions wrought by the

#### GOLDEN Rule,

#### For the Standard of 22 Carrads.

A Gold Ingot weighing 81.mt. 60z. 16 d.mt. worfe — 1 Carral, 2 Grains 3 quarters; What will this amount to in Standard Gold?

The Work.

Thus 7 Ounces, 17, d.wt. 16 Grains 18 Mites. Deducted out of --- 8 l.wt. 6 Ounces 16 d.wt. Refleth, - 7 l.wt. 10 Oz. 18 d. wt. 7 Gra. 2 Mites. The Standard required.

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A Ingot of Gold weighing 81.mt. 6 Oz. 16 d.m. worfe -- 1 Carrati, 2 Gr. 3 quarter. How much of -- 1 Carrati, 1 Grain better, will make it good to the Standard of 22 Carratis.

#### The Work.

Car. Gra. L.wt. Oz. D. wt. Gra. Worfe, I,  $2,\frac{1}{4}$ . Z 8, 6, 16. Better, I, I. Z 11, 6, 15, 14.

This is wrought by the back Rule.

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A Gold Ingot weighing — 8 Pound weight worfe, — 2 Car. — 1 Grain.

How much is to be taken thereof and fined to 1 Car. — 3 Grains better to make good the reft to the Standard of — 22 Car.

Car.Gr. L.wt. Ca.Gr. 1.wt.oz.d.wt.gr. 2, 1. Z 8, 23, 3. Z 10, 3, 8, 14. 1, 3. Z 10, 3, 8, 14. 19. 3. Z 12, 4, 8, 13.

8, 1.0z.d.mt.gr. L.wt.0z.d.mt.gr. 2,4,8,12,20,4,8,13, 12, 4, 8, 13. 20,4,8,13, 8, 0, 0, 0. 24, 10, 5, 22. So there is to be fined. ---4, 10, 5, 22.

The fame Question wrought thus.

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

Gold

Gold. Gold. Ounces. Pound-mi = ~ 3456 Quarter of a Quarter of a Grain. Grian. I 0085227 2 34 50 78 I I 14204 17045 2 0 4 5 4 5 2 3 8 6 3 6 2 7 2 7 2 7 3 0 6 8 1 8 8 9  $\mathbf{I}_{1}^{1}$ Gra. 100. **5** 000011 Ļ I 0.00284 Ż 000568 000710 000852 8 8 0012784 



### Here followeth TABLES for GOLD to this purpose, to find what Pound-weight, Onnces and Parts, should be of Betternels or Worfenels.

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A TABLE for the Addition of GOLD, rating by the common way.

HE foregoing Tables were composed by four Reynolds, Affay-Master of the Mint in the Tower of London, and this Impretion is from a Printed Copy corrected by him, with his hand to it to testific the fame; and are chiefly calculated for the making Gold or Silver (that is of any Allay) to the Standard goodnets: (that is to faw) If it be better than Standard, those Tables do clearly shew how much Allay must be put in each pound, and ounce, and peny weight, to make it Standard : And if it be worse than Standard, those Tables do clearly shew how much of betterness of Gold or Silver, will make that course Gold or Silver, by the pound, ounce, and peny weight, to be of Standard goodness.

• 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, Peny 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 first parcel on the left hand (from the top to bottom) shew the betterness or worseness of pound weights, from 1 pound to 500 pound weight Troy.

The fecond parcel of Columns are those on the right hand of that page, on the upper part, and shew the betterness or worseness of ounces, from 1 ounce to 11 ounces Troy.

The third parcel of Columns are those under the last mentioned Columns, and shew the betterness or worseness of peny-weights, from 1 dwt. 6 grs. to 17 dwt. 12 grs. Troy. The fourth parcel of Columns, are those under the last mentioned Columns, and shew the betterness or worseness of the weight, from 1 awr. to 4 grs. Troy.

At the head of every Column is its Signiture, (to wit) *l.wt. ownce*, *dwt. grains*, *mutes*, *parts*, according as the Column is to fignifie. This being mentioned, a ferious and ingenuous perufal of the Tables, will make it clearly manifest.

Another use of them I will more clearly demonstrate, (that is) to make the weight for the Aslay-Standard; and also to make several weights to compute the just value of any fort of Silver by the Aslay: To which purpose it may be observed, that in the foregoing Treatise, the *Touch-Stone*, *Cc.* in page 30 and 31. is an account of the materials used for

making Aflays, * amongft which there is mention made of those weights, which Standard-weight may be made of different quantities, as to weigh 1 dwr. or 18 grains. or 12 grains, or 6 grains, and

* For the better inftructing the ingeneus Reader to make Afays of Gold and Silver, and the freral materials ufed therein. See the Treatife Initialed the Cornpleat Chymift, written in French by Chrift, Glater, and Engliffed by a Fellow of the Royal Society. Printed for John Starkey at the Mitter in Fleethreet near Temple-Bar.

the computing-weights muft be answerable to which foever of them you use; all which is clearly comprised in the faid Tables.

The usual Standard-weight is made of Brafs, and in weight 12 grains; which number you may find in the last parcel of Columns in that page, at the head of which are these words, (to wit) *Eighteen peny weight*, in which faid last parcel in the second Column, the last number (except four) four) is that number, 12 grains. The reason for chusing 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 reason all forts of Standard Aslay-weights, must be of the numbers in that page, for right against 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 against the faid 12 grains on the right hand of it, and is 19 mites, 17 parts.

of it, and is 19 mites, 17 parts. The next weight, for half-peny weight better or worfe, is in the page under that Title, in the laft parcel of Columns against 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 16 parts.

The next weight, for a peny weight better or worse, is in the page under that Title, in the last parcel of Columns against the said 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 1 mite, 3 parts.

The next weight, for a peny half-peny weight better or worle, is in the page under that Title, in the last parcel of Columns against the faid 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 1 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 against the faid 12 grains, on the right hand.

Note that 37 parts is accounted a mite, in the Silver Tables, and 22 parts is accounted a mite in the Gold Tables.

To make an Affay of Silver, the manner is thus: First, having all the Materials and Instruments mentioned in the Touch-Stone, pag. 30 and 31. (and what other Tools, &c. 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 must 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 highest degree of fineness; 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 waste of the Assay will be the weight 19 miles, 17 parts. If the Silver from which it was taken be a half-

If the Silver from which it was taken be a halfpeny weight worfe, then the waste of the Assay will be the 19 mites, 17 parts, and also the weight 16 parts.

If the Silver from which it was taken is halfpeny weight better, it will not be wasted the 19 mites, 17 parts, by the weight 16 parts. And so proceeding further, as the Silver is

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, must be always in the other other Pan with the Refined 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 Standard-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 have here discovered 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 betternefs or worfenefs, are known by the Titles at the head of each page, by the words Grains and Carracts, and are increased 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 thews what Allay is in every fort of Gold, from one Troy-grain, to 30 l.wt. But to enlarge further, will fwell this Book too much ; therefore my advice is, that you ftudioufly and frequently perufe the foregoing Treatife and Tables, which with ingenious pra-ctice, will make you an Artift herein. And I with (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 practipracticable, that every capacity may be capable thereof. To which purpose note further,

That the manner of making the aforefaid Coples or Tefts, is thus: Take of Sheeps-bones that are burnt very white, beat 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 flicking 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 shilling piece of Silver, and the other end near as wide as a Half-Crown piece, which hole pollifh very fmooth; lay this Brass on a level Anvil, the widest end of the hole uppermoft, and fill the hole with the faid moistned Bone-ashes, and press it hard with your hand : Then with a Drift-pin of Brais made Globical at the lower end, and a shoulder round it to reft upon the edge of the hole, to keep the faid round end from running in too far, which Drift-pin force down (with a Wood Mallet) on the faid Bone afhes 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 thrust the faid Cople whole out of the Brass hole. and fet it ( with as many of them as you will make) on a loofe Board on a Shelf, and when thorow dry they 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 square, about 6 or 7 inches over, and about 20 inches high; at the bottom must be an Air-hole 5 or 6 inches wide, and 3 inches high; and about 8 inches high must be an Iron-grate fixed within, and even to it (over the other hole) must be another Air-hole about 3 inches fquare, (without which must be a space to lay some burning Coals) upon which Grate must be placed a Muffle, which may be made of a large three-square Crucible, with a hole (a quarter of an inch wide) in each fide, and one fuch hole in the small end : or the Muffle may be made of broken Crucibles finely powdered, and tempered with a fifth part of Tobaccopipe-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 must be closed with lute to the upper hole, refting upon the Grate as aforefaid, and a fpace must be by the fides and farther end of the *Muffle*, fufficient to permit the Fire to be ftrong on the Grate as above the Muffle, and the Fire of Charcole always gently kindled, will not break the Muffle; and a Fire must be always before the mouth of the Muffle, to make the heat equal on the Cople. The Allay-Scales are made by the Scale-makers in St. Annes-lane, London, and must turn with the weight of the 740th part of a grain Troy.

Note, That when the Silver is Fined to the higheft degree, when cold on the Cople it will appear bright, and clear from the leaft fully or darkish colour, and of the countenance of pure Tin. Here 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 few) and the particular Allay and Value of many of them, according to the aforefaid Standard of 22 Carracts and 11 ounces 2 dwt. accounting the Gold at 41. the onnce, and the Silver at 5 s. the ounce Troy.

These Gold Foreign Coins were Assayed in the Mint, and rated as Bullion, 1663.

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better 12 Hungary Ducket	2 6 0- 9- 8
worfe o HSpanish Pistol	4 8 0-17-4
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Ducket double of Rome	4	12	
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Ducket of Suevia	2	7	
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Old Gilder of S. Andrew	2	3 12	
Carolous Gilder	I	12	
Collen Gilder	2	2	
Horn Gilder	r	12	
St. Davids Gilder	2	2	
Saxon Gilder	1 1		
Philip Gilder	2.2	3	
Half Philip Gilder	11	13	
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Car.Gr.	dwt.Gr.
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Golden Lion	216
First part of it	021
Second part of it	119
Golden Gullen	2 6
Golden Renish Gullen	2 8
Mark of Bohemia	2 0
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Milreys	420
1/2 Milreys	210
Flemifh Noble	410
Single Piftol	241
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# These Silver Foreign Coins were Affayed in the Mint, and valued as Bullion, 1653.

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worfe 2 0	Zealand Dollar	I 2 05-0
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**B**Y the Printers default, the numbering the Pages of the foregoing Treatile, 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 differnible enough to be known, the Bookfeller for whom this Treatile is Printed hath the Copy, by which you may mend what is amifs.

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