

so as they are not repugnant to the Law of England) for the good and Government of the said Trade, likewise power to heare and decide causes, and to implead, fine, and punish offenders as they please; to use a common Seal, and bear a Coat of Arms, &c. Their Coat of Arms is as followeth, viz. Barry-nebulee, Argent, and Azure, a cheif quarterly, or, and Gules, in the First and Fourth, two Roses of the Second, in the Second and Third, a Lyon of England, and for their Crest on an Helmet and Wreath of their Colours, a Pegasus, or Flying Horse Argent, charged on each Wing, with three Roses, Gules, Barbed, and seeded proper, and for their supporters two Passes as their Crest, Motto, God be our defence.

The next is the Fellowship of the English Merchants for discovery of New Trades, commonly called the M O S C O V Y C O M P A N Y, being first Incorporated in the beginning of the Reign of King Philip, and Queen Mary, upon the discovery of Isles, Lands, Territories, and Signiories by Seas lying Northwards, North-eastwards, and North-westwards from England: and was afterwards confirmed by an Act of Parliament, in the eighth year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, and have by their Charter several Immunities and Priviledges granted them, as to raise Armes, for the subduing of Countreys, in the limits aforesaid, and to enter thereon, and set up English Standards; to make Acts and Ordinances for the good of the said Trade, provided they are not contrary to the Laws of England; to punish Offenders, by Fine or Imprisonment; to use a common Seal, and bear a Coat of Arms, &c.

This Company is found very profitable to this Nation, by the Trade they drive into Moscovy and other parts with the said limits by the Commodities they export, and for which they import several rich and good Merchandizes.

The Commodities by them exported from hence are Woolen cloths of all sorts both dyed and drest, Kersies, Cottons, Bayes, Perpetuances, Fustians, and Norwich stuffs, proportionable dyed and drest; Lead, Tinn, Pewter, wrought Allom, and Copper, Thread, and Lace, also much defective Wines, and Fruits, not fit to be spent in this Kingdom, together with most sorts of English Commodities, for which they import Pot-ashes, Tarr, Cordage, Cable-yarne, Tallow, Wax, Red-

hides, Buff-Hides, Cow-hides in the haire, Goat-skins undrest, Cordovants, Tand-hides, Hoggs-brissels, Raw-silke, Corne, Linseed, Spingglass, Slood, Beaver-wool, and Wombs, several sorts of rich Furs, Seal-skins, Ruberbe, Castornm, Agarick, with several other Druggs, Traine-Oyle, Flax, Hemps, courle and fine, Linnen, Caviare, and Salmon, Stock-fish, Cod-fish, Bacon, Pork, Beef, with other Provisions, &c.

This Worshipful Company or Fellowship of Merchants is governed by a Governour, 4. Consuls, and Assistants, consisting of 24, who are annually chosen out of the said Fellowship, on the first of March, which said Governour, Consuls, and Assistants, or the Major part of them, are to mannage the affairs of the Company; which at present is committed to the care of: John Follise, Esq; Governour, Mr. Nicholas Penning, Mr. Benjamin Albyn, Mr. Daniel Edwards, and Mr. Tho. Daryes, Consuls; Mr. Tho. Hancock, Treasurer. Sir James Moysesford, Henry Spursloe Esq; Mr. George Dickons, Mr. Francis Pargiter, Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Benjamin Glanville, Mr. Richard Broke, Mr. Edward Lewes, Mr. Thomas Woodcocke, Mr. Benjamin Coles, Mr. James Young, Mr. George Midlemore, Mr. Robert Canning, Mr. Charles Carryl, Mr. Edward Vickers, Mr. James Courtney, Mr. Samuel Meverill, Mr. Edward Bell, Mr. William Vickers, Mr. George Grove, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Edmond Davenport, Mr. John Cowper, and Mr. Richard Perry.

The Achievement belonging to this Company, is undee of 6. pieces Azure, and Argent over all, a Ship under saile, proper, having on each saile a Cross Gules, between 3 Besants, on a cheif, or, on a Deff, between 2 Roses Gules, a Lyon Passant, or, and for their Crest on an Helmet, and Torce, a Lizards head, crazed proper, gorged with a Crown Gules, and for their supporters, on the Dexter-side a Lizard, and on the sinister an Apres, both proper and Gorged with Crowns Gules, and standing on a hill.

The next Company is the LEVANT, or TURKEY Company of Merchants, which by their discovery, made the first Trade into the Signorie of Venice, and then into the Dominions of the Grand Signiour, and including the Trade, of the East Indies, which as then was undiscovered to us by Sea, their Goods being brought upon Camels, Asi-negoes or the like,

Their Coat of Armes.

Their Statute.

Their Act.

Rise.

And Priviledges.

Commodities exported, and imported.

Their Priviledges.

The Governour of the Company.

The names of the present Governour, Consuls, and Assistants.

Their Achievement.

The Company of Levant Merchants.