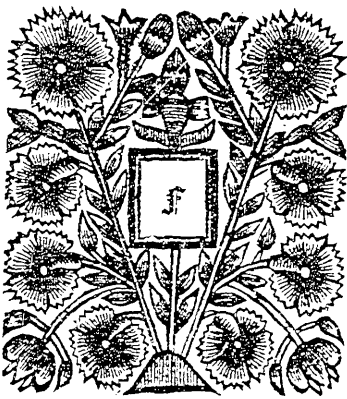


Anno Sexto
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An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade to
America.



OR Advancement of the Trade of Her Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain, to and in the several Parts of America, for the further Encouragement of Her Majesty's Ships, and Private Ships of War, the Annoying and Diminishing the Wealth and Power of Her Majesty's Enemies in those Parts, and for the Increase of Shipping and of Seamen for these and other Services; Be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Prize-Offices in any Port or Place in America be and are hereby Suppressed and Taken away, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, from and after the Four and twentieth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eight.

And for the better Encouragement also of such Ships and Vessels of War, which are or shall be in Her Majesty's Pay or Service, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Flag-Officers, Commanders, and other Officers and Seamen of every such Ship or Vessel of War, shall have the sole Interest and Property of and in all and every Ship, Vessel, Goods and Merchandize they shall Take in any Part of America (being first Adjudged Lawful Prize in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Admiralty, and subject to the Customs and Duties payable to Her Majesty, as if the same had been first Imported to any Part of Great Britain, and from thence Exported, for and in respect of all such Goods and Merchandize) to be divided in such Proportions, and after such manner, as Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors shall think fit to Order and Direct.