

That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty ſeven, there ſhould be raiſed, levied, and paid, to and for the Uſe of His Maſteſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors for ever, for every Barrel of Li- quor made or to be made within the Kingdom of Great Britain for Sale, by Infuſion, Fermentation, or otherwiſe, from Foreign Fruit or Sugar, or from Britiſh Fruit or Sugar, or from Fruit or Sugar mixed with any other Ma- terials whatſoever, commonly called Sweets, or called or diſtinguiſhed by the Name of Shade Mines, for which no Duty had been then already paid or ſhould be paid on or before the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of June, the Sum of Twelve ſhillings, to be paid by the Maſter thereof; and ſo in proportion for a greater or leſs Quantity: And whereas on the Credit of the Duty by the ſaid Act granted, the Sum of five hundred thouſand pounds hath been advanced by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and raiſed by Exchequer Bills, carrying an Interest after the Rate of Three pounds per Centum per Annum; and the principal Sum of four hundred ninety nine thouſand ſix hundred pounds, Part of the ſaid Sum of five hundred thouſand pounds ſtill re- mains unpaid: And whereas the ſaid Governor and Com- pany of the Bank of England do conſent that the ſaid Sum ſo unpaid, with Interest thereon, be transferred to and charged upon the Fund commonly called the Sinking Fund: Now for the Payment of the ſaid principal Sum of four hundred ninety nine thouſand ſix hundred pounds, with ſuch Interest as ſhall be due thereupon; be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That by or out of ſuch Monies as now are or ſhall from time to time be and remain in the Receipt of the Exchequer, of the ſaid Surpluſſes, Exceſſes, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues compoſing the ſaid Sinking Fund, after paying or reſerving ſufficient to pay all ſuch Sums of Money, as by any former Act or Acts of Parliament have been and by this Act are directed to be paid out of the ſame, there ſhall and may be iſſued and applied any Sum not exceeding the Sum of four hundred ninety nine thouſand ſix hundred pounds, to cancel and diſcharge the like Sum in Exchequer Bills, made out in purſuance of the ſaid Act made in the Tenth Year of His Maſteſty's Reign, and charged upon the ſaid Duty on Sweets, as alſo ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall from time to time become due and payable for Interest upon the ſaid Exchequer Bills, until the ſame ſhall be paid off, or Money ſufficient ſhall be reſerved for that Purpoſe.

499,600 l. to be paid out of the Sinking Fund to the Bank of Eng- land, to cancel the like Sum in Exchequer Bills, iſſued on the Credit of the Duties of the recited Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the fifth Day of April, One thou-