

Inferior officers commissions not vacated by the late King's demise.

XIII. **AND** whereas several doubts have been made, and disputes have arisen and may arise, whether on the death or demise of his late majesty King William the Third (of glorious memory) the commissions granted to the collectors, supervisors, gagers, or other inferior officers of the excise, before his said late Majesty's demise, shall have continuance longer than six months after the death or demise of his said late Majesty: for settling whereof, be it declared by the authority aforesaid, That no commission to any sub commissioner, collector, supervisor, gager, or other inferior officer, that hath been constituted in pursuance of any commission under the great seal of England, by the chief commissioners and governors of and for the receipt of the excise, shall be determined, or made void by reason of the death or demise of his said late Majesty; but that every such commission doth remain in full force and virtue, until the authority and constitution of such officer were or shall be revoked or annulled by the chief commissioners of the excise for the time being.

Purchasers of annuities on 6 Ann. may have their quarterly payments due between Christmas, 1708. and 30 Sept. 1710. advanced, allowing discount at 4l. per cent.

C A P. IV.

EXP.

An act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and false musters, and for the better payment of the army and quarters.

C A P. V.

An act for naturalizing foreign protestants.

WHEREAS the increase of people is a means of advancing the wealth and strength of a nation; and whereas many strangers of the protestant or reformed religion, out of a due consideration of the happy constitution of the government of this realm, would be induced to transport themselves and their estates into this kingdom, if they might be made partakers of the advantages and privileges which the natural-born subjects thereof do enjoy; be it enacted, &c.

All persons taking the oaths, and making and subscribing the declaration appointed by 6 Annæ, c. 23. shall be deemed natural-born subjects. No person to have the benefit of this act, unless he have received the sacrament, &c. — Repealed by 10 Annæ, c. 5. Except what relates to the children of her Majesty's natural-born subjects, born out of her Majesty's allegiance. *1 Geo. 1. stat. 2. c. 29.*

Children of natural-born subjects born abroad, to be deemed natural-born subjects; explained by 4 Geo. 2. c. 21.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the children of all natural-born subjects, born out of the allegiance of her Majesty, her heirs and successors, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be natural-born subjects of this kingdom, to all intents, constructions, and purposes whatsoever.

This act to extend to Ireland.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all persons born out of the allegiance of her Majesty, her heirs or successors, who shall qualify themselves in the courts of Chancery, Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer, within the kingdom of Ireland, or at some general quarter sessions of the peace, to be held for the county where he or they do or shall inhabit, reside, or settle within the said kingdom, in like man-

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