Inferior officers commisfions not late King's demise.

XIII. A ND 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 vacated by 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 fix months after the death or demise of bis said late Majesty: for settling whereof, be it declared by the authority aforefaid, 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 difcount at 41. per cent.

CAP. IV.

EXP.

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

CAP. V.

An act for naturalizing foreign protestants.

[THEREAS 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 confideration 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 No person to have the benefit of this act, unless he have received the sacrament, &c. - Repealed by 10 Anna, c. 5. Except what relates to the children of her Majesty's natural born subjects, born out of her Majesty's allegiance. Fix I Geo. 1. flat. 2. c. 29.

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

This act to land.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the children of all natural-born subjects, born out of the ligeance 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.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all persons born out of the ligeance 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 extend to Ire- peace, to be held for the county where he or they do or find inhabit, refide, or fettle within the faid kingdom, in like man-

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ner as persons are by this act required to do within the kingdom of Great Britain, all and every such persons shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be her Majesty's natural-born subiects of the faid kingdom of Ireland, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as if they, and every of them, had been, or were born within the faid kingdom of Ireland.

CAP. VI.

An act for explaining and making more effectual that part of an act passed in the fifth year of her present Majesty's reign, concerning the buying and selling of cattle in Smithfield, and for giving leave for bringing up calves dead to London as formerly.

TTHEREAS by an act passed in the sisth year of her present 5 Ann. c. 34. Majesty's reign, intituled, An act for the continuing the laws therein mentioned relating to the poor, and to the buying and felling of cattle in Smithfield, and for suppressing piracy, it is, amongst other things, enacted, That from and after the nine and twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seven, no person using the trade of a butcher, should sell or offer to sale, in any market, or elsewhere, either by bimself, or any servant or agent whatsoever, within the cities of London or Westminster, or within ten miles thereof, to any person or persons exercising or using the trade of a butcher, any fat cattle or sheep, either alive or dead, upon pain to forfeit the value of the cattle, or of each sheep so sold or offered to sale, as aforesaid: and whereas some doubts have arisen concerning the extent of that clause; therefore for the avoiding of any dispute or question that may arise concerning the construction thereof, 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 parliament affembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said clause, or any thing therein contained; One butcher shall not be taken or construed to extend to the selling of calves, may sell to sheep, or lambs dead by one butcher to another, but that it another any shall and may be lawful to and for any person, using the trade of theep, or a butcher, to fell or offer to fale in any shop, stall, or market in lambs, London, or elsewhere, either by himself or any servant or agent whatfoever, within the places in the faid act mentioned, calves, fheep, or lambs dead, in such manner as they might have done before the making of the faid act; any thing in the faid act, or any other law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. VII.

An all for enlarging the capital stock of the bank of England, and for raising a further supply to her Majesty, for the service of the year one thousand seven bundred and nine.

MAY it please your most excellent Majesty, whereas by or in For applica-IVI pursuance of an all of parliament made in the fifth year of tion of duties the ariting by this act.

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