

Wearing
printed Callico-
es, &c.

A Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, of the City of *Coventry*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the said City chiefly depends upon the Woollen Manufacture; which of late is much decayed, by reason of the so general Use and Wearing of stained and printed Callico- es and Linens: That great Numbers of People who used, and were employed in, the said Business, within this City, and Parts adjacent, are, for want of Work, reduced to a very low and miserable Condition, and incapable to support themselves, and Families: And praying Relief.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Petition of the Weavers, Walkers, and others, Freemen, and belonging to the incorporate Company of Clothiers in the City of *Worcester*, is referred.

Ditto.

A Petition of the chief Magistrates of the Town of *Dundee*, in the behalf of themselves, and the Inhabitants of the said Town, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That they being informed, That the Woollen and Silk Manufacturers have petitioned against the Using and Wearing of printed, painted, and stained, Linen, in general, without excepting those of the *British* Manufacture: That the Linen Manufacture is the only one left in *Scotland*, and is wholly the Product of their own People's Industry: That thereby not only the Poor chiefly subsist, but their Lands are improved, their Rents paid, and their Shipping employed; so that if the Petitions of the Woollen and Silk Manufacturers be granted, without an excepting Clause for *British* Linen, the Trade and People of that Country must, contrary to the Design of the Union, be greatly diminished; and many Thousands of Poor will be reduced, and starve: And praying, That an excepting Clause may be inserted for *British* Linen, in any Bill that shall pass on this Head.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Petition of the Weavers, Walkers, and others, Freemen, and belonging to the incorporate Company of Clothiers in the City of *Worcester*, is referred.

Orwell Navigation.

A Petition of the Gentlemen, Owners, Proprietors, and Occupiers, of Lands, Meadows, Mills, &c. lying upon, or adjoining to, the River *Orwell*, running from *Stowmarket* to *Ipswich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That some of the principal Inhabitants of *Stowmarket* have petitioned, that the said Town being very much impoverished, for want of a Trade to the said Town, and that their Poor are grown very numerous, insomuch that they are not able to support the said Charge: and have desired Leave, that a Bill may be brought in, to make the River *Orwell*, leading from *Stowmarket* to *Ipswich*, in the said County, navigable; pretending that whatever Damage the Proprietors against the said River shall or may sustain, by the making of the said River navigable, they will readily make Restitution for: That the making the said River navigable will be an irreparable Injury to the Petitioners, from the Undertakers Fishing of the River, Feedings of the Meadows with their Haling Horses, flooding the Meadows, by the stopping the Waters for their Purpose, and intirely depriving the Millers of the Advantages of the said Waters; whereby they will be incapacitated to pay their Rents: Coming over the said Lands at all times of the Year, flooding the said Meadows at the very time of Hay Harvest, must inevitably be the Ruin of them: That they do design, for the Mitigation of the Charge of the Undertakers of the said Rivers, to get a Commission of Sewers, to oblige the Proprietors against the said River to clear their respective Parts; so that the said River, in all Probability, will be made navigable at the Charge of the Proprietors: And praying, That an intire Stop may be put to any further Proceeding of the abovesaid *Stow* Petitioners, in relation to the said River.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition

of the chief Inhabitants of the Town of *Stowmarket*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and of several of the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Tradesmen, and Freeholders, of the said County, is referred.

A Petition of the Bailiff, Burgesses, and Freemen, of the Corporation of *Ipswich*, in Common Council assembled, under their Common Seal, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That whereas there is a Petition presented, that Leave might be given to bring in a Bill for making the River *Orwell* navigable from *Ipswich* to *Stowmarket*, in the County of *Suffolk*; that in case any such Bill should pass, it would be very much to the Damage of this Corporation; for that the Importation and Exportation of Goods and Merchandizes, which have hitherto been at *Ipswich*, will, in a great measure, be carried to *Stowmarket*; whereby the Trade and Markets of *Ipswich* will be inevitably reduced and impaired, if not totally lost and ruined, in case the said River be made navigable to *Stowmarket*: And praying, That the Bill for making the said River navigable to *Stowmarket* may not pass.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the chief Inhabitants of the Town of *Stowmarket*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and of several of the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Tradesmen, and Freeholders, of the said County, is referred.

A Petition of the Portmen, Gentlemen, Merchants, Mariners, free Burgesses, and other Inhabitants, of the Town and Borough of *Ipswich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, whose Hands are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That, whereas there is a Petition of divers Gentlemen, Freeholders, and others, in the said County, for bringing in a Bill to make the River *Orwell* navigable, which runneth from the Town of *Stowmarket* to the Town and Port of *Ipswich*, in the said County, being about Sixteen Miles by Water; that it will be a great Advantage to the Town of *Ipswich* in general, and to the Increase of the said Trade, and Navigation thereof: And praying, That the said Bill may pass.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the chief Inhabitants of the Town of *Stowmarket*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and of several of the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Tradesmen, and Freeholders, of the said County, is referred.

A Petition of the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Bristol* to the Kingdom of *Ireland* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners, for some Months past, have been greatly obstructed and prejudiced in their Trade to *Ireland*; occasioned by the Commissioners of the Customs, and the Officers under them, in this Port; who, under Pretence of an Act, made the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act against clandestine Running of uncustomed Goods, &c. have denied them the full Debenture for Goods exported thither, and landed there; although they have produced Certificates, that said Goods have there been really landed, and the Duty paid; for they pretend, that no more Drawback be allowed than what the Certificate from thence does express; whereas all weighable Goods, as Tobacco, Sugar, Hops, &c. do waste and decrease considerably in Weight, and are liable to many Accidents; which, if such Loss should be borne by the Exporter, will be an apparent Prejudice to Trade; and they insist, that no Debenture be made out till Return of the *Irish* Certificate; which will further impede Trade: And praying to be relieved.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter of Fact; and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House:

And it is referred to Mr. *Earl*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Lowndes*, Mr. *Lowther*, Mr. *Jessop*, Sir *Tho.*

Orwell Navigation.

Ditto.

Drawback on Exports to Ireland.