ANNO TRICESIMO QUARTO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act for granting Rates of Poſtage for the Conveyance of Letters and Packets between *Great Britain* and the Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, and within thoſe Iſlands. [28th *March* 1794.]

WHEREAS it hath been found neceſſary for the Convenience and Improvement of Trade and Commerce, and for the more ſpeedy Conveyance of Letters and Packets between *Great Britain* and the Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, and from thence to the Iſlands of *Alderney* and *Sark*, to eſtabliſh One or more Packet Boats between the Port of *Weymouth* in the County of *Dorſet*, or ſuch other Port in *Great Britain*, as His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General for the Time being ſhall appoint, and the Ports of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey* or One of them; be it therefore enacted by the King'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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto ſufficiently authorized, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, to demand, have,

Preamble.

Poſtage may be taken for Letters between *Great Britain* and *Jerſey* or *Guernſey*, or

between *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*.

have, receive, and take for the Port and Conveyance of all and every the Letters and Packets that ſhall be carried or conveyed by Packet Boats from or to the Port of *Weymouth* aforeſaid, or from or to any other convenient Port in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, to or from any of the Ports of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey* aforeſaid, or either of them, and to or from the Ports of *Jerſey* from or to the Ports of *Guernſey* (over and above all other Rates payable for ſuch Letters or Packets), according to the Rates and Sums in Sterling Money hereafter mentioned, the ſame being rated either by the Letter or by the Ounce; that is to ſay,

Rates.

For every Single Letter Two-pence:
For every Double Letter Four-pence:
For every Treble Letter Sixpence:
And for every Ounce Eight-pence:
And ſo in Proportion for every Packet of Deeds, Writs, or other Things.

Poſt Offices and Roads may be eſtabliſhed in *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, and the like Rates taken for Inland Poſtage as in *England*.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, to eſtabliſh Poſt Offices and Poſt Roads within the ſaid Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, or any of them, wherever it ſhall appear to him to be neceſſary and convenient for the Benefit of Trade and Correſpondence ſo to do; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Poſtmaſter General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto ſufficiently authorized, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Inland Port or Conveyance of all Letters and Packets, ſent or conveyed by the Poſt within the ſaid Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, or any or either of them, ſuch Rates of Poſtage, in Proportion to the Number of Miles or Stages ſuch Letters and Packets are carried or conveyed by the Poſt, as now are reſpectively ſettled, eſtabliſhed, and aſcertained, to be paid for the Inland Port or Conveyance of Letters and Packets, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*.

Powers of 9 *Anne*, Cap. 10.

6 *Geo.* I, Cap. 21.

26 *Geo* II, Cap. 13.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the Eſtabliſhment of One or more Packet Boats, between *Great Britain* and the ſaid Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, all and every the Clauſes, Proviſions, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Diſabilities, Penalties, and Methods, for the Recovery of the ſame, and all other Matters and Things contained in an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a General Poſt Office for all Her Majeſty's Dominions, and for ſettling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majeſty's Occaſions*, (and not repealed or altered by any ſubſequent Law); as alſo in an Act, made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in the publick Revenues of Exciſe, Cuſtoms, Stamp Duties, Poſt Office, and Houſe Money*, ſo far as the ſaid Act relates to the Poſt Office; as alſo in an Act, made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more effectually preventing*

preventing the fraudulent Removal of Tobacco, by Land or Water, and for the Eaſe of the fair Trader in Tobacco, and for aſcertaining the Rates payable for the Portage of certain Letters, and for amending and explaining the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors by Retail, ſo far as the ſaid Act relates to the Poſt Office; as alſo in an Act, made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuſes, in relation to the ſending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage*; as alſo in an Act, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to alter certain Rates of Poſtage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge, ſeveral Proviſions in an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Poſt Office*; as alſo in an Act, made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending certain Laws relating to the Revenue of the Poſt Office; and for granting Rates of Poſtage for the Conveyance of Letters and Packets, between* Great Britain *and the* Iſle of Man, *and within that Iſland*; as alſo in an Act, made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to enable the Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Forces, and the Secretary to the Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Forces, to ſend and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage*; as alſo in an Act, made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to enable the Adjutant General of His Majeſty's Forces, and the Comptrollers of Army Accounts, to ſend and receive Letters and Packets, free from the Duty of Poſtage*; and likewiſe in an Act, made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain additional Rates of Poſtage, for Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Poſt within the Kingdom of* Great Britain, *for preventing Frauds in the Revenue, carried on by the Conveyance of certain Goods in Letters and Packets, and for further preventing Frauds and Abuſes in relation to the ſending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from Poſtage*, or in any other Act relating to the Poſt Office, ſhall extend, and be deemed and conſtrued to extend to the ſaid Iſlands of *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*, and to each and every of them, and to all His Majeſty's Subjects within the ſame Iſles, as fully and effectually in every Reſpect, as if the ſaid ſeveral Iſles, and His Majeſty's Subjects therein, had been expreſsly included in the ſaid ſeveral Acts, or in any of them.

4 *Geo.* III, Cap. 24,

5 *Geo.* III, Cap. 25,

7 *Geo.* III, Cap. 50,

22 *Geo.* III, Cap. 70,

23 *Geo.* III, Cap. 69, or

24 *Geo.* III, Seſſ. 2, Cap. 37,

or any other Act relating to the Poſt Office, to extend to *Jerſey* and *Guernſey*.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Surplus which ſhall remain at the End of each Quarter, of all Monies ariſing by the ſaid Rates and Duties by this Act granted, after defraying the additional Expence of conveying Letters between this Kingdom and the Iſlands of *Guernſey* and *Jerſey*, ſhall be, and be deemed Part of the Revenue of the General Letter Office, or Poſt Office, or Office of Poſtmaſter General, and ſhall be carried to, and made Part of the Conſolidated Fund.

Surplus of Rates at the End of each Quarter to be deemed Part of the Revenue of General Poſt Office.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted, for any Thing done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special

General Iſſue.

Matter in Evidence in his, her, or their Defence or Defences; and if afterwards a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Proſecution, or be nonſuited, or Judgement ſhall be given againſt him, her, or them, upon Demurrer or otherwiſe, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them, againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Treble Coſts.

FINIS.