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# Georgii III. Regis.

## CAP. LXXII.

An Act to enable the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Stamp Duties to ſtamp the Paper uſed for printing Newſpapers thereon, in Sheets of Single Demy Paper inſtead of Sheets of Double Demy Paper. [11th *June* 1794.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, it is (amongſt other Things) enacted, That the following Duties ſhould be paid on all Books and Papers called *Pamphlets*, and for and upon all printed Newſpapers, or Papers containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences; that is to ſay, For every Pamphlet or Paper contained in Half a Sheet, or any leſs Piece of Paper, printed, the Sum of One Halfpenny; and for every Pamphlet or Paper, being larger than Half a Sheet, and not exceeding One whole Sheet, One Penny: And whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, it is (amongſt other Things) enacted, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty-ſeven, the following Duties ſhould be paid for and upon every Newſpaper, or Paper containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, printed in *Great Britain*, to be diſperſed and made publick, whether the ſame be contained in Half a Sheet or any leſs Piece of Paper, or in any larger than Half a Sheet, and not exceeding One whole Sheet, over and above all other Rates and Duties by the ſaid Act, made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, an additional Duty of One Halfpenny: And whereas by another Act of Parliament, made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, it is (amongſt other Things) enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-ſix, there ſhall be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid, unto and for the Uſe of His ſaid Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, the Rates and

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10 *Annæ*, Cap. 19.

30 *Geo.* II, Cap. 19.

16 *Geo.* III, Cap. 34.

and Duties following; (that is to ſay), For and upon every Newſpaper, or Paper containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, printed in *Great Britain*, to be diſperſed and made publick, whether the ſame be contained in Half a Sheet or any leſs Piece of Paper, or in any Paper larger than Half a Sheet, and not exceeding One whole Sheet, upon every Sheet and Half Sheet thereof, over and above all other Rates and Duties by any Act of Parliament impoſed, an additional Duty of One Halfpenny: And whereas by another Act of Parliament, made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, it is (amongſt other Things) enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-nine, there ſhould be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid, unto and for the Uſe of His ſaid Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, the Rates and Duties following; (that is to ſay), For and upon every Newſpaper, or Paper containing publick News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, printed in *Great Britain*, to be diſperſed or made publick, whether the ſame be contained in Half a Sheet or any leſs Piece of Paper, or any Paper larger than Half a Sheet, and not exceeding One whole Sheet, upon every Sheet and Half Sheet thereof there ſhould be charged, over and above all other Rates and Duties by any Act of Parliament impoſed, an additional Duty of One Halfpenny: And whereas the Duty now payable for and upon every Newſpaper contained in Half a Sheet, or any leſs Piece of Paper, amounts in the Whole to the Sum of Two-pence: And whereas the Paper liable to the Duties impoſed by the ſaid recited Acts is now brought to the Head Office of the Commiſſioners for ſtamping or marking Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, in Sheets of Double Demy, to be ſtamped and marked by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the Officers employed under them, with the Stamp or Mark provided by the ſaid Commiſſioners to denote the ſaid Duty of Two-pence upon every ſuch Newſpaper as aforeſaid: And whereas it would be greatly to the Advantage of the Printers and Publiſhers of the ſaid Newſpapers, if the ſaid Commiſſioners and their Officers were authorized and impowered to ſtamp Single Demy Paper in Sheets inſtead of ſtamping every Half Sheet of Double Demy Paper, and that the ſaid Power, if given, would not injure the Revenue: 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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and the Officers employed under them, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to ſtamp or mark any Quantities or Parcels of Single Demy Paper, in Sheets which ſhall be brought to them for that Purpoſe, the Perſon bringing the ſame, paying to the Receiver General of the Stamp Duties for the Time being, or his Deputy or Clerk, the Sum of Two-pence for each ſuch Sheet of Single Demy Paper as aforeſaid; any Act or Acts to the contrary thereof reſpecting the ſaid Duties notwithſtanding.

29 *Geo.* III, Cap. 50.

Single Demy Paper may be ſtampt in Sheets on Payment of 2*d.* Duty *per* Sheet.

Size of Sheets.

II. Provided always, That every ſuch Sheet of Single Demy Paper ſhall not exceed Twenty-eight Inches in Length and Twenty Inches in Breadth; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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