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CAP. LXXVIII.

An Act for preventing the Miſchiefs ariſing from the printing and publiſhing Newſpapers, and Papers of a like Nature, by Perſons not known; and for regulating the Printing and Publication of ſuch Papers in other Reſpects. [28th *June* 1798.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Regulations ſhould be provided touching Publications of the Nature herein-after mentioned: 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 no Perſon ſhall, after Forty Days from the paſſing of this Act, print or publiſh, or cauſe to be printed or publiſhed, any Newſpaper or other Paper, containing publick News or Intelligence, or ſerving the Purpoſe of a Newſpaper, until an Affidavit or Affidavits, or Affirmation or Affirmations, made and ſigned as herein-after mentioned, ſhall be delivered to the Commiſſioners for managing His Majeſty's Stamp Duties, at their Head Office, or to ſome of their Officer or Officers in the reſpective Towns, and at the reſpective Offices which ſhall be named and appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, for the Purpoſe of receiving ſuch Affidavits or Affirmations, (but which

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