ANNO TRICESIMO NONO & QUADRAGESIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXII.

An Act to amend ſeveral Laws relating to the Duties on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper.

[9th *July* 1800.]

Preamble. 19 Geo. III. Cap. 45, recited.

WHEREAS by an Act, paſſed in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to enable the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of* Lancaſter *to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Fee Farm Rents and other Rents, and to enfranchiſe Copyhold and Cuſtomary Tenements within their Survey, and to encourage the Growth of Timber on Lands held of the ſaid Duchy*, it is enacted, That where the Money to be paid as the Conſideration Money for any Grant, Conveyance, or Aſſurance of the ſaid Rents, ſhall not exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds, ſuch Grants, Conveyances, and Aſſurances, under the Seal of the ſaid Duchy, ſhall be ſubject to no Stamp Duty for the ſame: And whereas, ſince the paſſing of the ſaid Act, certain additional and new Stamp Duties have been granted: And whereas Doubts have ariſen whether the ſaid Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act of the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty continue in force; and alſo, whether the ſaid Grants and Aſſurances, which are thereby exempted from Stamp Duty, are alſo exempted from the Stamp Duties granted ſince the paſſing of the ſaid Act; be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby declared and 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 all ſuch Grants, Aſſurances, and Conveyances as aforeſaid ſhall be, remain, and continue exempted from the ſeveral Stamp Duties granted, as well ſince the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act of the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty as before the paſſing thereof, any Act or Acts to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Grants exempted from Stamp Duties by recited Act, to continue exempted from all ſuch Duties.

37 *Geo.* III, Cap. 90, recited;

II. And whereas, by an Act made in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Stamp Duties on the ſeveral Matters therein mentioned, and for better ſecuring the Duties on Certificates to be taken out by Solicitors, Attornies, and others, practiſing in certain Courts of Juſtice in* Great Britain, a Stamp Duty of Six Shillings and Eight-pence is chargeable upon every Skin or Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which any Copy, purporting to be a true Copy, or atteſted to be a true Copy, of any Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, or any Part thereof, for the Security or Uſe of any Perſon, other than the Perſon having or being entitled to the Cuſtody of ſuch Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, ſhould, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, be ingroſſed, printed, or written: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Duty ſhould be repealed, except as herein-after is provided, and other Duties granted in lieu thereof: Be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred, the ſaid Stamp Duty of Six Shillings and Eight-pence, charged and payable by the ſaid recited Act as aforeſaid, ſhall ceaſe and determine, and be no longer paid or payable, ſave and except as herein-after is mentioned and provided; and ſave alſo and except as to any Arrears of the ſaid Duties which may, on the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, remain unpaid, or to any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, relating thereto, which ſhall have been incurred at any Time before or on the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, and the ſeveral Powers, Proviſions, and Remedies for recovering the ſame reſpectively.

and from *Aug.* 1, 1800, the Stamp Duty of 6*s.* 8*d.* upon every Sheet of a Copy of any Indenture, for the Uſe of any but the Perſon entitled to the Cuſtody of the Indenture, repealed;

but not to extend to Copies for the Security of any Party to an Indenture not entitled to the Cuſtody of the Original, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall be conſtrued to repeal, or in any Manner affect the Duties granted by the ſaid Act, ſo far as the ſame relate to any Copy of any Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, or any Part thereof, made or to be made for the Security or Uſe of any Perſon or Perſons being a Party or Parties to the ſame Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, and not having the Cuſtody of the original Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, or of any Counterpart or Duplicate thereof, or where ſuch Copy ſhall not be made in lieu of ſuch original Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed.

From *Aug.* 1, 1800, in lieu of the Duties repealed, there ſhall be paid a Stamp Duty of 6*d.* on every Sheet of ſuch Copy intended for any other than the Parties to the In-

IV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, there ſhall, in lieu of the Duties hereby repealed, be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid, throughout the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, unto His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, a Stamp Duty of Sixpence upon every Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, upon which any Copy, purporting to be a true Copy, or atteſted to be a true Copy, of any Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, or any Part thereof, ſhall be ingroſſed, written, or printed,

for; or for the Security or Uſe of, any Perſon or Perſons, other than any or either of the Parties to the ſame Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed or Deeds, and not having the Cuſtody of ſuch original Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed, or any Duplicate or Counterpart thereof, or where ſuch Copy ſhall not be made in lieu of any ſuch original Indenture, Leaſe, or other Deed.

denture, not having the Cuſtody thereof, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That for the more effectually levying, collecting, and paying the ſaid Duties herein-before granted, the ſame ſhall be under the Government, Care, and Management of the Commiſſioners for the Time being appointed to manage the Duties charged on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, who, or the major Part of them, are required and empowered to employ the neceſſary Officers under them for that Purpoſe, and to cauſe ſuch new Stamp to be provided to denote the ſaid new and additional Duty as ſhall be requiſite in that Behalf, and to alter or renew the ſame reſpectively from Time to Time, and to do all other Things neceſſary to be done for putting this Act in Execution, with relation to the Duties herein-before granted, in the like and in as full and ample a Manner, as they or the major Part of them are authorized to put in Execution any former Law concerning ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper.

Duties to be under the Management of the Commiſſioners for Stamps.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Number of Stamps to be put on every ſuch Copy ſhall be calculated and aſcertained in like Manner, and according to ſuch and the like Rules, in every Reſpect, as are contained in the ſaid herein laſt-before recited Act, with reſpect to the ſaid Duty of Six Shillings and Eight-pence; and all the Clauſes, Proviſions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, relating to the ſaid Duty of Six Shillings and Eight-pence, or preſcribed in the ſaid laſt recited Act, with reſpect to any Copies, purporting to be true Copies, or atteſted to be true Copies, of any Indentures, Leaſes, or other Deeds, ſhall be extended, applied, and put in Practice, and ſhall continue and be in force, for the ſtamping every ſuch Copy as aforeſaid, charged with any Duty by this Act, or for the raiſing, levying, and collecting the Duty hereby granted reſpectively, in the like Manner and as fully and effectually as if the ſaid Clauſes, Proviſions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, had been re-enacted in this Act.

Number of Stamps to be put upon every Copy to be calculated according to laſt recited Act, which ſhall extend to the Duty hereby granted.

VII. And whereas by an Act, paſſed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Duties on Certificates, to be taken out by Solicitors, Attornies, and others, practiſing in certain Courts of Juſtice in* Great Britain, *and certain other Duties with reſpect to Warrants, Mandates, and Authorities, to be entered or filed of Record, as therein mentioned*; and of another Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Stamp Duties on the ſeveral Matters therein mentioned; and for better ſecuring the Duties on Certificates to be taken out by Solicitors, Attornies, and others, practiſing in certain Courts of Juſtice in* Great Britain, certain Duties are granted on Certificates to be taken out by certain Notaries therein deſcribed: And whereas Doubts have ariſen, whether Notaries, not being admitted in any Courts, are liable to the ſaid Duties; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *November* One

25 *Geo.* III, Cap. 80, recited.

From *Nov.* 1, 1800, Notaries acting without having taken out their Certificate, to forfeit 50*l.* and be rendered incapable of acting.

One thouſand eight hundred, every Perſon who ſhall act as a Publick Notary, or uſe or exerciſe the Office of a Notary in any Manner, or do any notarial Act whatſoever, without having been duly admitted in the Court or Courts wherein Notaries are uſually admitted, and without having delivered in his Name and uſual Place of Reſidence, and taken out ſuch Certificate as is directed in and by the ſaid laſt recited Acts of the Twenty-fifth and Thirty-ſeventh Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, or one of them, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and ſhall be and is hereby made incapable to do any Act, Matter, or Thing as a Notary Publick, or recover any Fee or Reward on Account of any ſuch Act, Matter, or Thing, without ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Penalty ſhall be recoverable and recovered, and applied in like Manner in every Reſpect as any Penalty of the like Value impoſed by the ſaid laſt recited Acts, or either of them, may be recovered and applied.

35 *Geo.* III, Cap. 63, recited; and ſo much as enacts that the Commiſſioners, &c. ſhall not be required to provide Blank Policies of Inſurance for Sums not amounting to 10,000*l.* repealed; and from *Aug.* 1, 1800, ſtamped Policies to be provided for 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9000*l.* reſpectively.

VIII. And whereas the Proviſion contained in an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Stamp Duties on Sea Inſurances*, by which it is enacted, That the Commiſſioners or Officers in the ſaid Act mentioned ſhall not be required to provide, at the publick Charge, any ſtamped Parchment for Policies of Inſurance, where the Sum to be inſured thereon ſhall not amount to Ten thouſand Pounds or upwards, has been found to be productive of great Inconvenience: And whereas it is expedient that certain Proviſions of the ſaid Act, relating to the cancelling of certain Policies of Inſurance in certain Caſes, and to the making an Allowance of the Stamps thereon, ſhould be amended in certain Particulars herein-after mentioned; and that Proviſion ſhould be made to permit the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps to make an Allowance of the Value of certain Stamps on Policies of Inſurance, iſſued on former Acts of Parliament, prior to the ſaid laſt recited Act, that have never been uſed, and have been rendered uſeleſs by the ſaid Act: Be it therefore enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as enacts, that the ſaid Commiſſioners or Officers in the ſaid Act mentioned, ſhould not be required to provide, at the Publick Charge, any Parchment ſtamped for Blank Policies of Inſurance, as in the ſaid Act is particularly mentioned, where the Sum to be inſured thereon ſhould not amount to Ten thouſand Pounds or upwards, ſhall, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred, be, and the ſame is hereby repealed; and that, from and after the ſaid Firſt Day of *Auguſt*, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall provide ſufficient Quantities of Parchment or Paper only, and not of Vellum, adapted for Policies of Inſurance, with the ſeveral Forms for Blank Policies of Inſurance printed thereon, and ſtamped according to the Proviſions of the ſaid Act, for the ſeveral and reſpective Sums of Five thouſand Pounds, Six thouſand Pounds, Seven thouſand Pounds, Eight thouſand Pounds, and Nine thouſand Pounds reſpectively, to be inſured thereon.

Policies may be brought to the Stamp Office to be cancelled within Six Months of the Date of Delivery.

IX. And whereas it is expedient that the Period within which any ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, delivered in purſuance of the ſaid laſt recited Act, may be brought or ſent to the Commiſſioners of Stamp Duties, at their Head Office, to be cancelled, on the Terms and according to the Regulations in the ſaid laſt recited Act contained, ſhould

be extended: Be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for all and every Perſon or Perſons, to whom any ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, ſhall have been delivered in purſuance of the ſaid Act, bearing the Date of the Delivery thereof by the proper Officer, in the Manner in the ſaid Act directed, to bring or ſend to be cancelled any ſuch ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, allowed by the ſaid Act to be cancelled, unto the Commiſſioners of the Stamp Duties, at their Head Office, at any Time within Six Calendar Months after the Date of the Delivery thereof as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Commiſſioners or their Officers ſhall have the like Authority as is in the ſaid Act contained, to cancel the Policies ſo brought as aforeſaid, and to exchange the ſame for other ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, with Stamps of the like Value with the ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper ſo cancelled, in like Manner in every Reſpect as if the ſame had been brought to be cancelled within the Period preſcribed by the ſaid laſt recited Act; any Thing in the ſaid Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

So much of laſt recited Act as empowers the Commiſſioners to cancel Policies brought within 10 Days after Departure of the Veſſel, repealed.

X. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid laſt recited Act as empowers the ſaid Commiſſioners to cauſe any Policy that ſhall have been made and ſubſcribed on any Ship or Ships bound on a Voyage outwards from any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, or any Part, Share, or Intereſt therein, or ariſing thereout, or on any Goods or Merchandizes laden on board ſuch Ship or Ships which ſhall be brought to be cancelled within Ten Office Days after the Departure of ſuch Ship or Ships from any ſuch Port or Place in like Manner, and under the like Powers, as if ſuch Policy had been brought to be cancelled within Ten Office Days from the Date of the Firſt Subſcription, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be, and the ſame is hereby repealed.

If an Inſurance be made on a Ship that does not proceed upon her Voyage, or upon Goods that ſhall not have been ſhipped, &c. the Commiſſioners may cancel the Policies.

XI. And whereas it is expedient, that the Proviſions in the ſaid recited Act, empowering the ſaid Commiſſioners to make Allowances for Stamps on Policies of Inſurance, where the Sum inſured ſhall exceed the Intereſt of the Aſſured in any ſuch Policy, ſhould be further extended: Be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, in caſe any Inſurance ſhall have been made on any Ship, that is to ſay, on the Body, Tackle, Apparel, Ordnance, Munition, Artillery, Boat, and other Furniture thereof, or upon the Freight of any Ship, or in caſe any Inſurance ſhall be made on any Goods, Merchandizes, or other Effects laden or to be laden on board of any Ship or Ships, whether ſuch Ship or Ships ſhall be ſpecifically named in ſuch Policy or not, and it ſhall happen that any ſuch Ship ſo inſured as aforeſaid, ſhall not have proceeded upon the Voyage inſured, or that any Goods, Merchandizes, or other Effects ſo inſured as aforeſaid have not been ſhipped on board any Ship or Ships, whether ſpecifically named in the Policy or not, or in caſe of any Inſurance made on any Ship or on any Freight, or on any Goods, Merchandizes, or other Effects, the Sum inſured ſhall be found to exceed the Intereſt of the Aſſured on which the Riſk attached, and in caſe the ſeparate Intereſt of One Perſon, or the joint Intereſt of Two or more Perſons aſſured in ſuch Policy, ſhall fall ſhort of the Sum inſured on ſuch Account by the Sum of One thouſand Pounds or upwards, where the Duty payable thereon ſhall be at and after the Rate of One Shilling

and Three-pence *per Centum*, or of Five hundred Pounds and upwards, when the Duty payable thereon ſhall be at and after the Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence *per Centum*, then and in every ſuch Caſe as aforeſaid, upon due Proof on Oath or Affirmation to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any One of them, that any ſuch Ship hath not proceeded upon the Voyage inſured, or that any ſuch Goods, Merchandizes, or other Effects aforeſaid, have not been ſhipped on board any Ship or Ships, whether ſpecifically named or not, and that no Riſk hath, in either of ſuch Caſes, attached, or on ſuch due Proof as aforeſaid of the Value of the Intereſt, if any, aſſured in any ſuch Ship, Freight, Goods, Merchandizes, or other Effects as aforeſaid, on which any Riſk has attached, and on the Production of the Policy whereby ſuch Inſurance was made, and alſo on ſuch due Proof as aforeſaid being made of the *bonâ fide* Return of the Premiums by the ſeveral Underwriters or Inſurers on ſuch Policy, on Account only of ſuch, no Riſk, no Intereſt, or ſhort Intereſt, as the Caſe may be, or of the Proportion of the Premium ſo returned on any ſuch Account as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to make an Allowance to the Aſſured or Aſſureds of the Stamps on any ſuch Policies, in reſpect of the Sums thereby inſured, when the Whole of the Premiums ſhall have been returned on any ſuch Account as aforeſaid, or of ſuch Part of the Sums thereby inſured as ſhall be found to exceed the Intereſt of the Aſſured or Aſſureds in any ſuch Policy; and the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby authorized and required to cancel any ſuch Policies, and to deliver other ſtamped Papers or Parchment of the Value of the Stamps ſo allowed as aforeſaid, in the Manner in the ſaid Act directed with reſpect to Policies brought to be cancelled: Provided always, That no ſuch Allowance ſhall be made as aforeſaid, in any Caſe where the Intereſt of the Aſſured or Aſſureds in any ſuch Ship, or in any ſuch Freight, or on any ſuch Goods, Merchandizes, or other Effects, ſhall be valued in or by any ſuch Policy ſo brought to be cancelled as aforeſaid.

Policies of Inſurance ſtamped according to the Proviſions of Acts prior to the laſt recited Act, and Policies ſtamped according to recited Act, not carried to be cancelled within the Period thereby preſcribed, may be cancelled by the Commiſſioners.

XII. And whereas divers Perſons have in their Poſſeſſion certain Policies of Inſurance ſtamped in purſuance of certain Acts of Parliament in force at and immediately before the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act, and which Policies of Inſurance were, and are, by the ſaid laſt recited Act, rendered uſeleſs and of no Value whatever to the Perſons poſſeſſing the ſame: And whereas alſo, divers Perſons have in their Poſſeſſion many Policies of Inſurance ſpoiled, obliterated, or rendered unfit for Uſe, and allowed, according to the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act, to be cancelled; but inaſmuch as the ſame, through Inadvertence and undeſignedly have not been carried or ſent to be cancelled within the Period by the ſaid recited Act preſcribed, the Commiſſioners of Stamps are not, by the ſaid Act, authorized to cancel ſuch Policies, or allow Stamps to the Amount of the Value thereof: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhould be empowered to cancel the ſaid ſtamped Policies, and to provide other Policies, ſtamped according to the Proviſions of the ſaid laſt recited Act: Be it therefore enacted, That on the Production to the ſaid Commiſſioners of any Policies of Inſurance, ſtamped according to the Proviſions of any Act or Acts paſſed prior to the ſaid laſt recited Act, or of any ſuch Policies of Aſſurance ſtamped in purſuance of the ſaid laſt recited Act, that ſhall not have been carried

carried or ſent to be cancelled within the Period by the ſaid Act preſcribed, and on due Proof made to the ſaid Commiſſioners, in the Manner in the ſaid laſt recited Act preſcribed, with reſpect to Policies of Inſurance brought to be cancelled, that ſuch ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, whereon any ſuch Policy hath been written or printed, hath not been ſubſcribed or underwritten by any Perſon or Perſons, or uſed for any other Purpoſe or in any other Manner whatſoever, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required to cancel the ſame; and to ſtamp, or cauſe to be ſtamped, for the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons producing the ſame, any Quantity of other Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, fit for the like Uſes, with Stamps amounting to the like Value, and to mark the Date and Time of the Delivery thereof, in Manner in the ſaid laſt recited Act preſcribed, without demanding or taking, directly or indirectly, for the ſame, any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Conſideration whatſoever.

Duties granted by laſt recited Act to extend to every Deed which by Law may form, or is intended to form, a Part of any Conveyance of Lands, &c. whereby a greater Intereſt ſhall be conveyed than a Term of Twenty-one Years.

XIII. And whereas, by an Act paſſed in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, certain Leaſes of Lands or Tenements of ſmall Value for a Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, are exempted from the Duties granted on Deeds by the ſaid Act, and Doubts have ariſen on the Conſtruction thereof; be it further enacted, That the ſaid Duties granted by the ſaid laſt recited Act ſhall be conſtrued to extend to every Deed which by Law may form, or is intended to form, a Part of any Conveyance of Lands or Tenements, whereby a greater Intereſt in the ſame ſhall be conveyed than a Term of Twenty-one Years, whatever may be the Value thereof; any Thing in the ſaid Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding: Provided always, That where, by reaſon of any ſuch Doubt, any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, upon which any ſuch Deed as aforeſaid ſhall have been engroſſed, written, or printed, ſhall not have been duly ſtamped according to the Proviſions of the ſaid laſt recited Act, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, and they are hereby authorized, upon the Production thereof to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any One of them, for the Purpoſe of being ſtamped according to the Proviſions of the ſaid laſt recited Act, at any Time within Twelve Months after the paſſing of this Act, to cauſe ſuch Deed to be ſtamped, upon Payment of the Duty by the ſaid laſt recited Act granted, without any Penalty whatever; and every Perſon concerned in engroſſing, writing, or printing any ſuch Deed, or in making or executing the ſame, ſhall be, and is hereby freed, diſcharged, and indemnified from all Penalties and Forfeitures that ſhall have ariſen, or may ariſe, in reſpect of any ſuch Deed.

Such Deeds not ſtamped agreeably thereto, may be duly ſtamped within Twelve Months after paſſing this Act.

34 *Geo.* III. Cap. 14. recited.

XIV. And whereas, by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Stamp Duties on Indentures of Clerkſhips to Solicitors and Attornies in any of the Courts in* England, *therein mentioned*, it is enacted, That within the Bills of Mortality, from and after the Fifth Day of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, and in every other Part of *England* and *Wales* from and after the Tenth Day of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, there ſhall be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid, unto and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, for and in reſpect of every Contract in Writing made

after the ſaid Fifth and Tenth Days of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four reſpectively, whereby any Perſon ſhall become bound to ſerve as a Clerk in order to his Admiſſion as a Solicitor or Attorney in any of the Courts of Law or Equity in the ſaid Act mentioned, in purſuance of the Laws then in force for the better Regulation of Solicitors and Attornies, divers Rates and Duties in the ſaid Act mentioned, and the Indentures or other Writings containing ſuch Contract, duly ſtamped according to the Directions of the ſaid Act, are required to be inrolled or regiſtered with the proper Officer to be appointed for that Purpoſe, by the Court wherein ſuch Perſon ſhall propoſe to be afterwards admitted a Solicitor or Attorney by virtue of the Service under ſuch Contract, together with an Affidavit of the Time of the Execution of ſuch Contract by ſuch Clerk; and in caſe ſuch Indenture, or other Writing, ſhall not be ſo enrolled or regiſtered within Six Months next after the Execution thereof, together with ſuch Affidavit of the Time of Execution of ſuch Contract, then, and in ſuch Caſe, the Service of ſuch Clerk under ſuch Indenture or Writing ſhall be deemed to commence from the Time of ſuch Enrolment or Regiſtry only, and not from the Execution of ſuch Indenture or Writing: And whereas the ſaid Act did not receive the Royal Aſſent until the Twenty-eighth Day of *March* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety four; and ſeveral Perſons were bound by Indentures and Writings made after the ſaid Fifth and Tenth Days of *February* reſpectively, and before the ſaid Twenty-eighth Day of *March*; and which Indentures and Writings are charged with and liable to the ſaid Duties impoſed by the ſaid Act, and no Proviſion is therein made for the Payment of the ſame, or for the Enrolment or Regiſtry of ſuch Indentures and Writings reſpectively: And whereas it is reaſonable that ſome Proviſion ſhould be made for that Purpoſe; therefore be it enacted, That any and every ſuch Indenture and Writing, made after the ſaid Fifth and Tenth Days of *February* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four reſpectively, and before the ſaid Twenty-eighth Day of *March* in the ſame Year whereon any ſuch Duty is by the ſaid Act required to be paid, ſhall and may, on Payment of the Duty thereby required, on or before the Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and one, be ſtamped with the proper Stamp in that Behalf, and the Commiſſioners for the Time being appointed to manage the Duties on ſtamped Parchment, Paper, and Vellum, are hereby authorized and required to cauſe the ſame to be ſtamped accordingly.

Every Indenture made in the Bills of Mortality after *Feb.* 5, and in every other Part of *England* and *Wales* after *Feb.* 10, 1794, and before *March* 28, 1794, whereon any Duty is by the laſt recited Act impoſed, may, on Payment of the Duties on or before *June* 1, 1801, be duly ſtamped; and may, within Three Months after being ſtamped, be enrolled by the proper Officer of the Court, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Indenture and Writing ſhall and may, at any Time within Three Calendar Months next after the ſame ſhall be ſo ſtamped by virtue of this Act, be enrolled and regiſtered by the proper Officer of the Court for that Purpoſe, together with an Affidavit of the Time of the due Execution of ſuch Contract, in Manner directed by the ſaid Act, and ſuch Officer of the ſaid Courts is hereby required and authorized to enrol and regiſter the ſame accordingly; and the Service of every ſuch Clerk ſhall be deemed and taken to commence according to the due Execution of ſuch Indenture and Writing; the ſaid Act, or any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Commiſſioners of Stamps may cancel

XVI. And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps ſhould be empowered to allow to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall

have taken out any Probates of any Will or Letters of Adminiſtration, through any Inadvertence or Miſtake, in any Eccleſiaſtical Court or Courts, the full Value in other ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, of the Amount of the Stamp Duty on any of ſuch Probates or Letters of Adminiſtration that ſhall have been rendered wholly uſeleſs and of no Effect whatever, ſo as that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall pay the Stamp Duty granted upon Probates of Wills or Letters of Adminiſtration, by any Act or Acts now in force, more than once upon any One Will, or on the ſame Property of any Perſon dying Inteſtate: Be it therefore enacted, That where due Proof on Oath ſhall be made to ſuch Commiſſioners of Stamps, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, (which Oath the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any One of them, is hereby authorized to adminiſter), that any Will hath, through any Inadvertence or Miſtake, been proved, or that any Letters of Adminiſtration have been taken out on the ſame Property in more than One Eccleſiaſtical or Prerogative Court, or more than once in any ſuch Eccleſiaſtical Court, and that by Reaſon thereof more than One Stamp Duty ſhall have been paid thereupon, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Commiſſioners, and they are hereby authorized, upon Delivery to them of any ſuch uſeleſs Probate or Letters of Adminiſtration as aforeſaid to be cancelled, and on Production of the valid Probate or Letters of Adminiſtration that ſhall have been granted on any ſuch Will or Property as aforeſaid, to cancel ſuch uſeleſs Probate or Letters of Adminiſtration, and to ſtamp or mark, or cauſe to be ſtamped or marked, or deliver any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, ſtamped with Stamps of the like Denomination and Value with the Amount of any ſuch Probate or Probates or Letters of Adminiſtration, without demanding or taking, directly or indirectly for the ſame, any Sum of Money or other Conſideration whatſoever.

Uſeleſs Probates of Wills and Letters of Adminiſtration, and allow ſuch Stamps.

XVII. And whereas many Perſons who, by an Act paſſed in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Stamp Duties on the ſeveral Matters therein mentioned, and for better ſecuring the Duties on Certificates to be taken out by Solicitors, Attornies, and others, practiſing in certain Courts of Juſtice in* Great Britain, are required to obtain and enter Certificates of their Enrolment, Entry, Admiſſion, or Regiſter, in the Courts therein mentioned annually, between the Firſt Day of *November* and the End of *Michaelmas* Term then next following, have neglected or omitted ſo to do, through Abſence or Inadvertency, and without any Intention to defraud His Majeſty of the ſaid Duties, and ſome Actions have been commenced, and are depending, and other Actions may be commenced againſt ſuch Perſons, to recover the Penalties incurred by them: And whereas the Recovery of all the Penalties that may have been incurred in many of the ſaid Caſes would be attended with the Ruin of the ſaid Parties: And whereas it is expedient that ſome Relief ſhould be given in ſuch Caſes: Be it therefore enacted, That where any Perſon, who ſhall have neglected or omitted to obtain and enter his Certificate at the Time and in Manner required by the ſaid Acts, ſhall nevertheleſs have obtained and entered, or ſhall obtain and enter, his Certificate before or within One Calendar Month after the paſſing of this Act, in Manner directed by the ſeveral Acts paſſed relating to Certificates to be taken out by Solicitors, Attornies,

37 *Geo.* III. Cap. 90, recited;

Perſons who have neglected to obtain Certificates as required by recited Act, and who ſhall obtain and enter them within a Month after

passing this Act, indemnified.

Attornies, and others, practising in certain Courts of Justice in *Great Britain*, then and in any such Case every such Person shall be and is hereby indemnified, freed, and discharged, from and against all Penalties, Forfeitures, Incapacities, and Disabilities incurred, or to be incurred, for or by Reason of his having neglected or omitted, previous to the passing of this Act, to obtain or enter such Certificate, and all Acts done by any such Person shall be of the same Force and Validity as the same or any of them would have been, if such Person had obtained his Certificate according to the Directions of the said recited Act of the Thirty-seventh Year aforesaid; and no Action or Actions shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be commenced or prosecuted for any such Neglect or Omission as aforesaid, until after the Expiration of the said One Calendar Month, and then only against any Person or Persons who shall not have obtained or entered his Certificate as aforesaid; and in case any Action or Actions shall have been commenced before the passing of this Act, against any Person or Persons for such Neglect or Omission, such Person or Persons shall not be liable for such Neglect or Omission to the Payment of more than the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and the Informer or Informers in such Action or Actions shall not recover, or be entitled to recover, more than such Sum of One hundred Pounds, in any such Action or Actions, together with the Costs of Suit; and the Person or Persons against whom any such Action shall have been brought shall, upon Payment into the Court in which such Action or Actions shall be brought, of the full Sum of One hundred Pounds, and upon Payment to the Informer or Informers by whom any such Action or Actions shall have been brought, of the Costs of Suit, to be taxed according to the Practice of such Court, be wholly indemnified, freed, and discharged, from and against all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred by Reason of any such Neglect or Omission as aforesaid.

Persons, against whom Actions shall have been commenced before passing this Act, not liable to pay more than 100*l.* with Costs;

but nothing herein shall indemnify any Person against whom Judgement shall have been given, on or before *June* 1, 1800.

XVIII. Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein-contained shall be construed to extend to indemnify any Person, against whom final Judgement shall have been given on or before the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred, in any Action in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, for any Penalty or Penalties incurred by having neglected or omitted to obtain his Certificate according to the Directions of the said Act.

34 *Geo.* III, Cap. 72, recited.

XIX. And whereas by an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to enable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Stamp Duties to stamp the Paper used for the printing Newspapers thereon in Sheets of Single Demy Paper, instead of Sheets of Double Demy Paper*, it was among other Things provided, that no Sheet of Single Demy Paper, stamped in pursuance of the said last recited Act, for the printing of Newspapers, should exceed Twenty-eight Inches in Length and Twenty Inches in Breadth: And whereas it is expedient to permit the Commissioners and Officers in the said Act mentioned, to stamp and mark, in Manner by the said Act directed, Single Demy Paper for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, of a larger Size than in and by the said Act is allowed: Be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and Officers in the said Act mentioned, and they are

Single Demy Paper not exceeding 30 Inches and an Half in

are hereby authorized to ſtamp and mark, in the Manner in the ſaid Act directed, any Single Demy Paper, not exceeding Thirty Inches and One Half Inch in Length, and Twenty Inches in Breadth; any Thing in the ſaid Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Length, and 20 Inches in Breadth, may be ſtamped.

LONDON: Printed by GEORGE EYRE and ANDREW STRAHAN, Printers to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1800.