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CAP. LXXIV.

An Act for further continuing until the First Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and three, an Act, made in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enable the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, to let to Farm the Duties granted by an Act, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, on Horses let to Hire for travelling Post, and by Time, to such Persons as should be willing to contract for the same.* [12th *July* 1799.]

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Twenty-seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to enable the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, to let to Farm the Duties granted by an Act, made in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, on Horses let to Hire for Travelling Post, and by Time, to such Persons as should be willing to contract for the same,* the Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, were empowered, either by themselves, or by His Majesty's Commissioners for

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27 Geo. III, Cap. 26 recited.

managing the Duties on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, thereunto duly authorized, to let to Farm the ſeveral therein recited Rates and Duties, to ſuch Perſons as ſhould be willing to Farm the ſame, for any Term not exceeding Three Years, at a Rent not leſs than the groſs Amount which the ſame ſhould appear to have produced within the Year ending on the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-ſix, under certain Rules, Directions, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, expreſſed in the ſaid Act: And whereas the Powers of the ſaid Act were continued by Two ſubſequent Acts of the Thirty-third and Thirty-ſixth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, until the Firſt Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred: And whereas it appears to be expedient that the Proviſions and Powers of the ſaid Acts ſhould be further continued for a Time to be limited: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it 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, from and after the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, to and for the Lord High Treaſurer, or the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time as it ſhall and may be neceſſary, either by themſelves, or by His Majeſty's Commiſſioners for managing the Duties on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, thereunto authorized for that Purpoſe under the Hand and Seal of the Lord High Treaſurer, or under the Hands and Seals of the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, to let to Farm, ſeparately in Diſtricts, the ſaid Rates and Duties ariſing within each Diſtrict, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be willing to Farm the ſame, ſo as the ſaid Rates and Duties reſpectively ſhall from Time to Time be put up at a Rent not leſs than the Groſs Amount which the ſame produced within the Year ending on the Firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-ſeven, under and ſubject to the ſeveral Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, preſcribed in the ſaid Act.

From *Aug.* 1, 1799, the Treaſury may let to Farm the Duties mentioned in the recited Act, ſeparately in Diſtricts.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no ſuch Contract or Agreement for letting to Farm the Rates and Duties aforeſaid, ſhall be made to continue for a longer Time than until the Firſt Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and three.

No Contract to be made to continue beyond *Feb.* 1, 1803.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamp Duties, or any Three or more of them, to preſcribe the Time for making any Depoſit, on Account of the Rent to be paid by ſuch Farmers of the ſaid Rates and Duties, and the Sums to be ſo depoſited; and in caſe the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall contract or agree with the ſaid Commiſſioners to Farm the ſaid Rates and Duties for the Term herein mentioned, ſhall fail to make ſuch Depoſit within the Time preſcribed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſhall fail to enter into Security for the due Performance of ſuch Contract or Agreement, in the Manner directed by the ſaid recited Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamp Duties ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required to declare ſuch Contract or Agreement null and void, and to cauſe the ſaid Rates and Duties ariſing within the Diſtrict or Diſtricts comprized in ſuch Contract or Agreement, or intended to be

In Default of Perſons failing to make Depoſits of the Rent to be paid, within the Time preſcribed, or to enter into Security, Commiſſioners for Stamps to declare the Contract void, and again put up the Duties to be let.

let to Farm thereby, to be again put up to be let to farm, in like Manner as herein-before is directed, and ſo from Time to Time as often as ſuch Default as aforeſaid ſhall be made.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Proviſions, Articles, Clauſes, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and all other Directions, Matters, and Things, preſcribed or appointed by the ſaid recited Act, not altered by or repugnant to this Act, ſhall be in full Force and Effect as fully, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame and every of them had ſeverally been re-enacted in this Act. Powers of recited Act to extend to this Act.

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