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## CAP. XXII.

**An Act to render valid Indentures of Apprenticeſhip of Poor Children and others, made upon improper Stamps, upon certain Conditions; and to indemnify all Perſons who may have incurred Penalties thereby.** [18th *April* 1801.]

WHEREAS divers Indentures of Apprenticeſhip made for the binding Poor Children and others, have, through Miſtake and Inadvertency, and without any Intention to defraud the Revenue, been made out and executed upon Stamps of a different Denomination and Value than is required by the ſeveral Acts relating to the Stamp Duties charged and payable upon Indentures of Apprenticeſhip, and by reaſon thereof great Inconvenience has ariſen, and may ariſe, to the Maſters and Miſtreſſes of ſuch Apprentices, and to ſuch Apprentices, by reaſon that ſuch Indentures are not valid or binding upon any of the Parties thereto: And whereas it is expedient that the ſame ſhould be rectified; for Remedy whereof, May it 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 Autho- Preamble.

On Payment by *Dec.* 31, 1801, of the Duty payable on Indentures of Apprenticeſhip, or on Production of ſuch as ſhall have been ſtamped with a Stamp of a higher Value, though of a different Denomination, than is required by Law, the ſame ſhall be ſtamped with the proper Stamp, without Payment of any Penalty, and ſhall be valid, &c.

rity of the ſame, That upon Payment on or before the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* One thouſand eight hundred and one, of the full Rate or Duty payable in reſpect of any ſuch Indenture, or on the Production at the Head Office of Stamps, of any ſuch Indentures of Apprenticeſhip, where the ſame ſhall have been ſtamped with any Stamp of a higher Value, though of a different Denomination, than is required by Law, every ſuch Indenture ſhall, on being tendered at the proper Place in the Stamp Office where ſuch Indentures are ſtamped, during the Time of Office Hours, be ſtamped with the proper Stamp for ſuch Indentures, without the Payment of any Penalty whatever; and every ſuch Indenture being ſo ſtamped as aforeſaid with the proper Stamp (whether the ſame ſhall be ſo ſtamped during the Time mentioned in any ſuch Indenture, or after the Expiration thereof) ſhall thereupon be good, valid, and available in Law and Equity, and ſhall be binding upon all the Parties thereto, and ſhall be deemed to have been in full Force from the Execution thereof, and ſhall and may be given in Evidence in any Court or Courts whatſoever; and the ſeveral Clerks, Apprentices, or Servants therein reſpectively named, ſhall be capable of following and exerciſing their reſpective intended Profeſſion, Trade, Employment, or Buſineſs, as fully as if the ſaid Indenture had been properly ſtamped at or after the Execution thereof; and all and every Perſon and Perſons who hath or have incurred any Penalty or Forfeiture by any ſuch Neglect or Omiſſion as aforeſaid, ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged of and from, and indemnified againſt the ſame, except only in ſuch Caſes where any Proſecution ſhall be now depending; any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

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