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# GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act for repealing the Rates and Duties of Postage upon Letters to and from *France* and the *Batavian* Republick from and to *London*, and for granting other Rates and Duties in lieu thereof; and for exempting from the Duty of Tonnage the Ships and Vessels to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters from *France* to the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*. [26th *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesty's Occasions*, certain Rates of Postage were authorized to be taken for the Port of Letters and Packets from *France* unto *London*, and from the United Provinces unto *London*; and by an Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for repealing the Rates and Duties of Postage in* 9 Annæ, c. 10. 41 Geo. 3. c. 7

Great Britain, *and granting other Rates and Duties in lieu thereof, and on Letters conveyed to or from any Part of the United Kingdom from or to any Place out of the ſaid Kingdom, and by Packet Boats from or to the Ports of* Holyhead *and* Milford Haven, certain additional Rates of Poſtage were granted for the Conveyance of Letters and Packets to or from any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from or to any Places out of the ſaid Kingdom, not within His Majeſty's Dominions: And whereas it is expedient that the Rates of Poſtage upon Letters from *France* to *London* and from *London* to *France*, ſhould be equalized, and that the Rates of Poſtage from the *Batavian* Republick to *London*, and from *London* to the *Batavian* Republick, ſhould alſo be equalized; 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 the Rates of Poſtage now payable on the Conveyance of Letters and Packets to or from *France* and the *Batavian* Republick from or to *London*, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, ceaſe and determine; ſave and except in all Caſes relating to the demanding, recovering, receiving, paying, or accounting for any Arrears thereof reſpectively, which may at the Time of the paſſing of this Act remain unpaid, or any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture reſpecting the ſame, which ſhall have been incurred at any Time before the paſſing of this Act.

The Rates of Poſtage payable on the Conveyance of Letters to or from *France* and the *Batavian* Republick from or to *London* ſhall ceaſe, *etc.*;

and the Rates herein mentioned ſhall be paid.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto ſufficiently authorized, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to demand, have, receive, and take for the Conveyance of all Letters and Packets which ſhall be conveyed, carried, or ſent by Poſt from *London* directed to any Part of *France*, and from any Part of *France* unto *London*, according to the ſeveral Rates and Sums herein-after mentioned, the ſame being rated by the Letter or by the Ounce; (that is to ſay), for every ſingle Letter Ten-pence, for every double Letter One Shilling and Eight-pence, for every treble Letter Two Shillings and Six-pence, and for every Ounce in Weight Three Shillings and Four-pence; and for the Conveyance of all Letters and Packets which ſhall be conveyed, carried, or ſent Poſt from *London*, directed to any Part of the *Batavian* Republick, and from any Part of the *Batavian* Republick unto *London*, according to the ſeveral Rates and Sums herein-after mentioned, the ſame being rated by the Letter or by the Ounce; (that is to ſay), for every ſingle Letter One Shilling, for every double Letter Two Shillings, for every treble Letter Three Shillings, and for every Ounce in Weight Four Shillings.

Rates.

Application of the Money ariſing by the Rates.

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to ariſe by the Rates aforeſaid, except the Monies which ſhall be neceſſary to defray ſuch Expences as ſhall be incurred in the Collection and Management of the ſame, ſhall be appropriated and applied to ſuch and the ſame Uſes to which the like preſent Rates of Poſtage are by Law appropriated and made applicable.

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IV. And whereas an Act, paſſed in the preſent Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majeſty certain Duties on Goods imported into and exported from* Great Britain, *and on the Tonnage of Ships and*

*and Veſſels entering Outwards or Inwards in any Port of* Great Britain *to or from Foreign Parts:* And whereas it is expedient to exempt Ships and Veſſels employed by the *French* Republick to convey the Mails of Letters between the Two Countries from the Duties on Tonnage granted by the ſaid Act on Ships and Veſſels entering Inwards; be it therefore further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, ſo much of the ſaid laſt recited Act as grants any Duties on the Tonnage of Ships and Veſſels entering Inwards, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby repealed as to all Ships and Veſſels which now are or hereafter ſhall be employed by or under the Authority of the *French* Republick in conveying Mails of Letters from *France* to any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, whilſt actually employed in conveying ſuch Mails.

Veſſels employed by the *French* Republick to convey Mails of Letters between the Two Countries exempted from the Tonnage Duty impoſed by c. 43. of this Seſſion.

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