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An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Rates and Duties upon Letters and Packets sent by the Post within *Ireland*. [25th *March* 1803.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, certain Duties and Rates upon the Portage and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets within this Kingdom*, certain Duties of Postage were imposed within *Ireland*, for a Time therein limited; which Act has been by several Acts of the Parliament of the United Kingdom continued until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and three; and it is expedient that the said Rates and Duties should be further continued, and that certain Regulations should be made for the collecting and levying the same: 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

Irish Act 40 Geo. 3. c. 8.

From *March* 25, 1803, there ſhall be paid in *Ireland* the following Rates of Poſtage.

the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and three, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland*, for the Time being, and his or their Deputy or Deputies, Servants, and Agents, to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Portage and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets which he or they ſhall convey, carry, or ſend Poſt to and from Places within *Ireland*, according to the ſeveral Rates and Sums of Money, *Iriſh* Currency, herein-after mentioned; that is to ſay, For the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter or Piece of Paper from the Office in *Ireland*, where ſuch Letter or Piece of Paper ſhall be put in, to any Diſtance within the ſame, not exceeding Fifteen Miles *Iriſh* Meaſure, the Sum of Two-pence; and to any Diſtance exceeding Fifteen Miles, and not exceeding Thirty Miles, the Sum of Three-pence; and to any Diſtance exceeding Thirty Miles, and not exceeding Fifty Miles, the Sum of Four-pence; and to any Diſtance exceeding Fifty Miles, and not exceeding Eighty Miles, the Sum of Five-pence; and to any Diſtance exceeding Eighty Miles the Sum of Sixpence; and for the Port or Conveyance of every Double Letter, Double the ſaid Sums reſpectively; and for every Treble Letter, Treble the ſaid Sums reſpectively; and for every Ounce Weight, Four Times the ſaid Sums reſpectively; and ſo in Proportion for any greater Weight than an Ounce, reckoning every Quarter of an Ounce equal to a Single Letter; and that all Letters and Packets, directed from any Place in *Ireland* to any Part or Parts in *Great Britain*, or beyond the Seas, or received in *Ireland* from *Great Britain*, or any Part or Parts beyond the Seas, ſhall be charged and pay for their Portage and Conveyance within *Ireland* from or to *Dublin*, *Waterford*, or *Donaghadee*, or any other Port where Packet Boats for the Conveyance of Letters to and from *Ireland* are or may be eſtabliſhed, as they ſhall reſpectively be ſhipped from or landed in any of the ſaid Places, according to the Rates aforeſaid; and that every Letter or Packet paſſing through the General Poſt Office in the City of *Dublin* from any Place within *Ireland*, not leſs diſtant than Four Miles from the General Poſt Office in the ſaid City to any Place within *Ireland*, not leſs diſtant than Four Miles from the General Poſt Office in the ſaid City, ſhall be charged and pay according to the Diſtances herein-before mentioned to *Dublin*, and be further charged and pay according to the ſame Rates from *Dublin*; and that for every Letter or Packet, directed on board or brought or ſent from on board any Ship or Veſſel riding or ſtopping in any Port within *Ireland*, there ſhall be charged and paid to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, over and above the Rates aforeſaid, the Sum of One Penny.

Ship Letters.

Britiſh Poſtage may be received in addition to Rates, and accounted for to *Great Britain*.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland*, and his or their Deputies, and he and they are hereby required to demand and receive for the Port and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets for *Ireland* from *Great Britain* or Foreign Parts, in Addition to the Rates of Poſtage hereby reſerved, ſuch further Rates of Poſtage as now are, or hereafter ſhall be charged for the Conveyance of ſuch Letters and Packets by any Act or Acts now made, or hereafter to be made, for charging Poſtage thereon in *Great Britain*; and that His Majeſty's

Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland*, ſhall, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to account for and pay the ſame Quarterly, to the Revenue of the Poſt Office of *Great Britain*.

Rates of Poſtage by the Penny Poſt Office.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland*, for the Time being, and his and their Deputies, from and after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and three, to demand, have, receive, and take for the Portage and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets conveyed by the Penny Poſt in *Ireland*, according to the ſeveral Rates hereinafter mentioned, (that is to ſay), that for the Port and Conveyance of any Letter or Packet not being more than Four Ounces in Weight, from and to any Place within the Limits of the Circular Road about the City of *Dublin*, there ſhall be paid at the Time of putting ſuch Letter or Packet into the Penny Poſt Office, the Sum of One Penny; and for the Port and Conveyance of every Letter or Packet not exceeding the like Weight, from or to any Place beyond the ſaid Limits ſo aſcertained as aforeſaid, from or to any Place within the Circuit of the Penny Poſt Office, there ſhall be paid at the Time of putting in ſuch Letter or Packet, the Sum of One Penny, and a further Sum of One Penny on the Delivery thereof; and that for every Letter or Packet of any Weight which ſhall be ſent to, or delivered from the General Penny Poſt Office by the Penny Poſt, from or to any Place not being within the ſaid Limits as before aſcertained, there ſhall be paid the Sum of One Penny over and above, and excluſive of the ſeveral Rates chargeable thereon.

Bills of Exchange, *etc.* charged as diſtinct Letters.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Bill of Exchange, Merchants Account, Invoice, or Bill of Lading, Writ, Proceſs, or Proceeding at Law, written upon the ſame Sheet or Piece of Paper, with a Letter, and every Letter to or from ſeveral or diſtinct Perſons, written upon the ſame Sheet or Piece of Paper, ſhall be rated, taxed, and paid for, as ſo many ſeveral or diſtinct Letters, according to the ſeveral Rates eſtabliſhed by this Act, or hereafter to be eſtabliſhed by any Act to be paſſed relative to the Portage of Letters within *Ireland*.

Letters with Patterns to pay as double Letters.

V. And whereas Patterns of Cloth, Silk, Stuff, and ſmall Samples of other Sorts of Goods, are frequently encloſed in a ſingle Letter or Piece of Paper, and ſent by the Poſt; be it further enacted, That for every ſingle Letter or Cover endorſed on the Outſide, "Patterns," containing One or more Paper or Papers with Patterns, or containing One or more Pattern or Patterns of Cloth, Silk, or Stuff, or One or more Sample or Samples of any other Sort of Goods, and containing no other Writing, Matter, or Thing, ſave only what appertains to ſuch Patterns or Samples, if the ſame together do not exceed One Ounce Weight, the Rates payable for a Double Letter by this Act, or by any Act to be paſſed relative to the Portage of Letters in *Ireland*, ſhall be paid, and no more.

Account to be kept of Money ariſing by the Duties.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſhall cauſe an Account to be kept of all Monies ariſing to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by virtue of this Act.

VII. And

To be paid into Exchequer of *Ireland*, and carried to *Irish* Conſolidated Fund.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the net Revenue and Monies ariſing by the Rates and Duties hereby granted to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, after paying all Charges, Outgoings, Diſburſements, Law Proceedings, Expences, and all Salaries neceſſary for the Receipt and Management of the ſame, and all Expences attending the ſaid Office, and the due Execution of this Act, ſhall be paid into His Majeſty's Exchequer in *Ireland*, in ſuch Manner, and at ſuch Time and Times, as His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, or the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſhall direct and appoint, and ſhall be carried to and made Part of the Conſolidated Fund of *Ireland*.

Penalty on Neglect or Embezzlement by Poſtmaſters or Officers.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Poſtmaſter or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland*, now or for the Time being, or any Perſon concerned in the Execution of this Act, ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform any Matter or Thing whatſoever, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; or if they, or any of them, or any other Officer employed by virtue of this Act, ſhall embezzle, divert, or miſapply any of the Monies by them, or any of them, collected or received by virtue of this Act, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, then, and in every ſuch Caſe, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit his Office, and be incapable to ſerve His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, in any Office or Place of Truſt or Profit, and ſhall be liable, for every ſuch Offence, to forfeit and pay Treble the Sum ſo embezzled, diverted, or miſapplied.

No Fees to be paid on Money ariſing under this Act.

IX. And be it further enacted, That neither the Sixpence *per* Pound, nor any other Fee, ſhall be payable to, or be deducted or received by any Officer or Officers employed by virtue of this Act, to his or their Uſe, for or on Account of the iſſuing or Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money ariſing by, or which ſhall be received for or on Account of the Aids hereby granted to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, or of any Payment to be made in purſuance of this Act, but that the ſame ſhall be accounted for to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors.

Letters or Packets ſhall be exempt from Poſtage, as under 42 Geo. 3. c. 63.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Letters or Packets ſent by the Poſt in *Ireland* to or from any Place or Places whatſoever, ſhall be exempted from paying the Duty of Poſtage according to the Rates eſtabliſhed by this Act, other than and except ſuch Letters and Packets as are excepted, and in ſuch Manner, and under ſuch Reſtrictions as are declared and enacted concerning the ſame, in and by an Act, paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to authorize the ſending and receiving of Letters and Packets, Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newſpapers, by the Poſt, free from the Duty of Poſtage, by the Members of the Two Houſes of Parliament of the United Kingdom, and by certain Publick Officers therein named; and for reducing the Poſtage on ſuch Votes, Proceedings, and Newſpapers when ſent by any other Perſons*; or except as is herein-after excepted, declared, and enacted.

Adjutant General in *Ireland* exempted.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty's Adjutant General in *Ireland* for the Time being, to ſend and receive Letters

Letters and Packets by the Poſt in *Ireland*, free from the Duty of Poſtage, in the ſame Manner, and under ſuch Reſtrictions as Perſons heretofore or now authorized to ſend or receive Letters, free from the Duty of Poſtage, in *Ireland*, do now ſend and receive Letters, free from the ſaid Duty of Poſtage.

Letters ſent under Cover to publick Officers in *Ireland*, to evade Duty ſhall be ſent to the Poſt-Office in *Dublin*.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any publick Officer in *Ireland*, in the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſecond Year aforeſaid, or in this Act mentioned, ſhall receive under Cover to him, with Intent to evade the Payment of any of the Rates granted by this Act, any Letters or Packets intended for or directed to other Perſons, every ſuch Officer is hereby authorized and required to ſend the ſame to the General Poſt Office in *Dublin*, in order that ſuch Letters and Packets may be charged with the Duty of Poſtage payable thereon; it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act that the Privilege of ſending and receiving Letters and Packets by ſuch Officers, ſhall extend to ſuch Letters and Packets only as relate to the Buſineſs of their reſpective Offices, or their own immediate and private Concerns.

Muſter Affidavits from Out-penſioners of *Kilmainham* Hoſpital to paſs Free, in unſealed Covers; and alſo Receipts of Out-penſioners.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Covers containing Muſter Affidavits from the Out Penſioners of the Royal Hoſpital of *Kilmainham*, and ſent from any Place within *Ireland*, directed to the Regiſter of the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhall be delivered to the ſaid Regiſter free of the Duty of Poſtage; provided that every ſuch Cover ſhall be unſealed, and ſhall contain no other Incloſure, ſave and except the ſaid Muſter-Affidavits; and that all printed Receipts for the Pay of ſuch Out Penſioners, made up as a Letter, or Cover of a Letter, and directed with the Words, "To Out Penſioner of the Royal Hoſpital of *Kilmainham*," being printed thereon, and ſealed with the Seal of the Paymaſter of the ſaid Royal Hoſpital, ſhall in like Manner be delivered free of Poſtage to ſuch Out Penſioners within *Ireland*, to whom they ſhall be directed reſpectively, provided ſuch printed Receipts ſhall not contain any Encloſure; and if any ſuch Receipt, Cover, or Muſter-Affidavit ſhall be found to contain any Encloſure whatſoever, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in that Caſe, every ſuch Receipt made up as a Cover or Letter, and every ſuch Cover or Muſter Affidavit, ſhall be charged and liable to Treble the Duty of Poſtage, according to the Rates eſtabliſhed by this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

If containing any other Incloſure to pay Treble Poſtage

Letters to Members of Parliament in *Ireland*, containing Letters for others, charged with Treble Poſtage.

XIV. And whereas Frauds may be practiſed in ſending Covers, Letters, and Packets by the Poſt in *Ireland*, directed to Members of Parliament, and other Perſons privileged by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſecond Year aforeſaid, or by this Act, to receive Letters and Packets in *Ireland*, free of the Duty of Poſtage, containing Letters and Packets intended for others, and not intended for ſuch Members or other Perſons to whom ſuch Covers, Letters, and Packets are ſo directed, whereby the Perſons for whom ſuch Letters and Packets are really intended, may receive ſuch Covers, Letters, and Packets free from the Duty of Poſtage in *Ireland*, to the Injury of the Revenue in *Ireland*; for Remedy whereof be

be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster or Postmasters General of *Ireland*, and all Persons acting under this Act, to charge the whole of such Covers, Letters, and Packets with Treble the Duty of Postage, according to the Rates established by this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

But on Certificate of Member Postage may be returned.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if it shall appear by the Certificate of such Member, that such Cover, Letter, or Packet, so charged, was actually intended for such Member, or for some of his Family, and not covering a Correspondence to any Person not resident in his House, that then, and in every such Case, the Postage so charged and paid for every such Letter, Cover, or Packet, shall be returned to such Member.

Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, or Newspapers Free of Postage in *Ireland*.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to charge with the Duty of Postage in *Ireland* any printed Votes, or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed Newspapers, being sent by the Post without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, which shall be signed on the Outside thereof by any Member of Parliament, or which shall be directed to any such Member at any Place in *Ireland*, whereof he shall have given Notice in Writing to the Postmaster General of *Ireland*, or which shall be sent by certain Officers in the Office of His Majesty's Postmaster or Postmasters General of *Ireland*, who shall be thereunto licensed by the said Postmaster or Postmasters General respectively, provided such Newspapers shall be so folded as that the Stamp thereon shall be visible; but that all such Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed Newspapers, so sent and signed as aforesaid, shall be received free of the Duty of Postage under this Act.

Time of putting Newspapers into the Post in *Ireland*.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Newspaper printed in *Ireland*, shall pass free of Postage, from the General Post Office in *Dublin*, pursuant to any Notice given in Writing under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Forty-second Year aforesaid, or of this Act, or from any other Post Office in *Ireland*, unless such Newspaper shall be put into such Post Offices of the Cities or Towns in which such Newspapers shall be printed respectively, Two Hours at the least before the Time of the Post being dispatched therefrom.

Single Letters *from* Non-commissioned Officers and Privates to pay only 1 *d.* each.

XVIII. And whereas it is expedient, that the Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, and Privates, employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, and Marines, should, whilst on Service, be permitted to send and receive single Letters by the Post in *Ireland*, on their own private Concerns, at a low Rate of Postage; be it therefore further enacted, That, from and after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and three, no single Letter sent by the Post in *Ireland*, from any Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private, employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, or Marines, shall, whilst such Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, Marine, or Private respectively, shall be employed on His Majesty's Service, and not otherwise, be charged or chargeable with any higher Rate of Postage than the Sum of One Penny for the Conveyance of every such

Letter,

Letter, such Rate of Postage of One Penny for every such Letter to be paid at the Time of putting the same into the Post Office of the Town or Place in *Ireland*, from whence such Letter is intended to be sent by the Post; and that no single Letter, sent by the Post from any Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private, employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, or Marines, from any Part of *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, shall, whilst such Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private respectively, shall be employed in His Majesty's Service, and not otherwise, be charged or chargeable with any Rate of Postage whatsoever in *Ireland*, in case a Duty of Postage of One Penny shall have been paid thereon in *Great Britain*.

If 1 *d.* paid in *Great Britain*, nothing to be paid in *Ireland*.

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Letter or Letters sent by the Post from any Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private, employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, or Marines, shall be exempted from the Payment of the Rate of Postage chargeable upon Letters in *Ireland*, unless there shall be written upon every such Letter, in the Hand Writing of and signed by the Commanding Officer for the Time being, of the Ship or Vessel, or of the Corps, Regiment, or Detachment to which each Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private employed in His Majesty's Service shall respectively belong, the Name of such Commanding Officer, and of the Ship, Vessel, Corps, Regiment, or Detachment commanded by him.

Such Letters to have the Officers Name, *etc.* on the Direction.

XX. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and three, no single Letter sent by the Post, directed to any Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private in *Ireland*, employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, or Marines, upon his own private Concerns only, whilst such respective Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private shall be employed in His Majesty's Service and not otherwise, shall be charged or chargeable with an higher Rate of Postage than the Sum of One Penny for each such Letter; which Sum of One Penny shall be paid at the Time of the Delivery thereof.

Single Letters *to* Non-commissioned Officers, *etc.* to pay only 1 *d.* if directed to them at their respective Ships, *etc.*

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Letter shall be exempted from the Rate of Postage chargeable in *Ireland* upon Letters, unless every such Letter shall be directed to such Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private employed in His Majesty's Service, specifying the Ship, Vessel, Regiment, Troop, Corps, Company, or Detachment to which he may belong: And provided also, that it shall not be lawful for the Postmaster of the Town or Place in *Ireland*, to which such Letter shall be sent to be delivered, to deliver such Letter to any Person, except to the Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private to whom such Letter shall be directed, or to some Person employed to receive the same, by the Commanding Officer of the Ship, Vessel, Regiment, Troop, Corps, Company, or Detachment to which the Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private to whom such Letter shall be directed, shall belong.

Such Letters shall be delivered only to the Parties themselves, *etc.*

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall forge or counterfeit the Seal or Hand Writing, or make use

Forging or counterfeiting Seal or Superscription.

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use of the Name of any Person whomsoever, in the Superscription of any Letter or Packet to be sent by the Post in *Ireland*, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage there, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or shall procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, the Date, Place, or any other Part of the Superscription of any such Letter or Packet, or shall write, or cause to be written or sent by the Post in *Ireland*, any Letter or Packet, the Superscription, or any Part whereof, shall be forged, counterfeited, or altered, in order to avoid the Payment of the Duty of Postage there, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered; or if any Person or Persons shall forge or counterfeit, or alter, or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, any such Certificate of any Member of either House of Parliament, as is in this Act mentioned, or of any other Person entitled to the Privilege of sending Letters free of the Duty of Postage, in order to have the Postage charged upon any Cover, Letter, or Packet, refunded, every Person so offending, being thereof duly convicted, shall, for the First Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and for the Second Offence, the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and for the Third Offence, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for Seven Years; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Postmaster or Postmasters General of *Ireland*, and his and their Deputies, and all Persons acting under this Act, to charge any Letter or Packet, the Superscription whereof, or any Part whereof, shall appear to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Treble the Duty of Postage, payable by virtue of this Act, which Duty shall be levied and paid, unless the Member of either House of Parliament, or other privileged Person, whose Superscription it imports to be, shall certify, by Writing under his Hand, to the Postmaster General, or his Deputies, that such Superscription, and every Part thereof, is of his Hand Writing.

or forging Certificate of Member,

First Offence, 50 *l.* Second Offence, 100 *l.* Third, Felony, 7 Years Transportation.

Suspected Franks charged treble, unless Member certifies them to be his.

No Toll to be demanded from Coachman, or Post Boy, or Horses, *etc.* with Mail.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Collector or Receiver, Ferryman, or other Person whatsoever in *Ireland*, appointed or entrusted, or employed to take or receive the Tolls or Rates at any Turnpike Gate or Bar erected upon any Highways, Bridges, or Post Roads, or at any Ferry; or any Person who has or shall have the Care of any Gate of any walled Town, or the Custody of the Keys of such Gate, shall demand and take any Toll or Rate for the Coachman, Post Boy, Express Boy, or Rider, Guard, Servant, or other Person, Horses, or Carriages conveying or employed to carry any Mail or Bag of Letters in *Ireland*, passing through, over, or across the same, or shall not permit and suffer the Horses and Carriages, together with the Coachman, Post Boy, Express Boy, or Rider, Guards, Servants, and other Persons so employed to pass through such Toll Gates, Bars, or Gates, and across such Ferries without Delay; or if any Ferryman shall not within the Space of Fifteen Minutes after Demand made, in all possible Cases convey the Coachman, Post Boy, Express Boy, Rider, Guard, Servant, and other Persons, together with the Horses and Carriages employed as aforesaid, across such Ferry to the usual landing Place; or if any Person having the Care of any Gate of a walled Town, or the Custody of the Keys of such Gate, shall not within Fifteen Minutes after Demand made aloud at such Gate, open the same, and admit the Coach-

Ferryman to ferry over, on Demand, within 15 Minutes.

Gatekeeper of walled Town to open Gates.

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man, Poſt Boy, Expreſs Boy, Rider, Guard, Servant, or other Perſons, together with the Horſes and Horſe Carriages employed as aforeſaid, ſuch Offender or Offenders being convicted thereof by the Oath of ſuch Coachman, Poſt Boy, Expreſs Boy, or Rider, or other credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any Juſtice of the Peace within the Diſtrict wherein ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, which Oath every Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be paid to the Informer; and if the ſame ſhall not be forthwith paid upon ſuch Conviction, it ſhall and may be lawful for every ſuch Juſtice, and he is hereby required, to commit the Offender to the Houſe of Correction, there to remain until the ſaid Penalty or Forfeiture ſhall be paid, or for any Time not exceeding the Space of Twenty-one Days, nor leſs than Fourteen Days, from the Time of Commitment, unleſs ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture ſhall be ſooner paid.

Penalty 20 *s.* or Committal.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Poſtmaſter, or Poſtmaſters General of *Ireland*, ſhall cauſe an Account to be kept of all Tolls payable on Four-wheeled Carriages carrying or travelling with His Majeſty's Mails at the ſeveral and reſpective Turnpike Gates through which the ſame ſhall paſs in *Ireland*, and ſhall from Time to Time cauſe the Amount thereof to be paid to the Treaſurers of the Turnpike Roads in *Ireland*, to whom the ſame are reſpectively payable by Four Quarterly Payments; any Law or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Poſtmaſter ſhall keep Account, and pay ſuch Tolls to Truſtees of Roads, *etc.*

XXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauſes, Proviſoes, Powers, Privileges, Diſabilities, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Modes for the Recovery of the ſame, and all Matters and Things contained in an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His Majeſty's Reign, touching the ſaid General Poſt Office, and the ſaid Office called *The Penny Poſt Office*, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Poſt Office within this Kingdom*; and alſo contained in an Act made, in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, to explain and amend the ſaid Act paſſed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign; and alſo contained in an Act made, in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, to further explain and amend the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign; and alſo to explain and amend the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Twenty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign; and alſo contained in an Act made by the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the further Amendment of the Acts relating to the Poſt Office, and for further facilitating Proſecutions under the ſaid Acts*, or contained in the ſaid recited Act, made in the Forty-ſecond Year of His Majeſty's Reign, or in any or either of the ſaid Acts, ſhall be applied and extended, and ſhall be conſtrued to apply and extend to this preſent Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſame had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in this preſent Act; ſave only ſo far as the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, are altered, amended, or repealed, or as the Matters and Things in the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them contained

All the Clauſes in former *Iriſh* Acts, *viz.* 23 & 24 Geo. 3. c. 17. 28 Geo. 3. c. 13. 36 Geo. 3. c. 7. 38 Geo. 3. c. 47. extended to this Act, except as altered, repealed, or amended hereby, *etc.*

tained, are otherwiſe provided for by this preſent Act, or by any other Act now in force in *Ireland*.

Duties and Penalties to be paid in *Iriſh* Currency.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Duties in this Act ſpecified, mentioned, and contained, and all Penalties on any Offences in this Act mentioned, ſhall be paid and payable, and received and receivable, in *Iriſh* Currency, whether the ſame be ſo expreſsly mentioned or not.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

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