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CAP. XI.

An Act for granting certain additional Rates and Duties in *Great Britain*, on the Conveyance of Letters. [12th *March* 1805.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, being desirous of raising the necessary Supplies to defray Your Majesty's publick Expences, and of making a permanent Addition to the publick Revenue, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty, the additional Rates and Duties herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech 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, 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, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Port and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets, which he shall carry, convey, or send Post in Manner herein-after mentioned, the additional Rates and Duties herein-after specified, the same being rated by the Letter, or by the Ounce; *videlicet*,

The following additional Rates of Postage to be paid.

For the Port and Conveyance of Letters by the Post within *Great Britain*, for every Single Letter One Penny; for every Double Letter Two-pence; for every Treble Letter or other Letter under an Ounce in Weight Three-pence; and for every Ounce in Weight, and for every Packet not exceeding an Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and so in Proportion for every other Letter or Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce:

Rates.

For the Port and Conveyance of Letters by the Poſt from *Great Britain* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Great Britain*, for every Single Letter One Penny; for every Double Letter Two-pence; for every Treble Letter or other Letter under an Ounce in Weight Three-pence; and for every Ounce in Weight, and for every Packet not exceeding an Ounce in Weight, Four-pence; and ſo in Proportion for every other Letter or Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce:

For the Port and Conveyance of every Packet or Cover, containing therein, or having affixed thereto, One or more Paper or Papers with Patterns, or One or more Pattern or Patterns of Cloth, Silk, Stuff, or other Goods, or One or more Sample or Samples of any other Sort of Thing, not exceeding together One Ounce in Weight, ſent agreeably to the Proviſions of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled,

26 G. 2. c. 13. *An Act for the more effectually preventing the fraudulent Removal of Tobacco by Land or Water, and for the Eaſe of the fair Trader in Tobacco; and for aſcertaining the Rates payable for the Poſtage of certain Letters; and for amending and explaining the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors by Retail*; and of an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of

35 G. 3. c. 53. His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for further regulating the ſending and receiving Letters free from the Duty of Poſtage; for allowing Non-commiſſioned Officers, Seamen, and Private Men, in the Army and Navy, whilſt on Service, to ſend and receive Letters at a low Rate of Poſtage; and for permitting Patterns and Samples of Goods to be tranſmitted by the Poſt at an eaſier Rate than is now allowed by Law*; the Sum of One Penny:

For the Port and Conveyance of every Letter, originally ſent by the Poſt, now known by the Name of *The Two-penny Poſt*, and not firſt paſſing and afterwards to paſs by the General Poſt, directed to or ſent from Places beyond the Delivery of the General Poſt Letter Carriers, the Sum of One Penny: For the Port and Conveyance of every Letter, originally paſſing by the General Poſt, directed to Places beyond the Delivery of the General Poſt, and afterwards delivered by the Two-penny Poſt, the Sum of Two-pence:

For the Port and Conveyance of Letters by the Poſt, from and to *Great Britain* to and from Parts beyond the Seas, not within His Majeſty's Dominions, for every Single Letter Two-pence; for every Double Letter Four-pence; for every Treble Letter or other Letter under an Ounce in Weight Sixpence; and for every Packet not exceeding an Ounce in Weight Eight-pence; and ſo in Proportion, for every other Letter or Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce:

For the Port and Conveyance of Letters ſent by the Poſt from and to *Great Britain* to and from the *Britiſh* Dominions in *America*, to and from or paſſing through the Kingdom of *Portugal*, and to and from the Iſlands of *Guernſey* and *Jerſey* and the Iſle of *Man*, a Packet Poſtage for every Single Letter of One Penny; for every Double Letter Two-pence; for every Treble Letter or other Letter under an Ounce in Weight Three-pence; and for every Packet not exceeding an Ounce in Weight Four-pence; and ſo in Proportion for every other Letter or Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce.

Letters paſſing to or from the *Britiſh* Dominions in *America*, *etc.* to be charged with an additional Rate.

II. And be it further enacted, That over and above the Rates and Duties by this Act granted, all Letters and Packets paſſing from *Great Britain* to the *Britiſh* Dominions in *America*, to or through the Kingdom of *Portugal*, to the Iſlands of *Guernſey* and *Jerſey* and the Iſle of *Man*, and all Letters and Packets from thoſe reſpective Countries to *Great Britain*, ſhall be charged with the Inland Rate of Poſtage hereby eſtabliſhed, of

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One Penny for each Single Letter, and so in Proportion for Double and Treble Letters, and other Letters according to the Weight thereof, for their Inland Conveyance.

Rates of Postage upon Single Letters sent by or to Seamen, *etc.* made payable by 35 G. 3. c. 53.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall increase or alter, or be construed to increase or alter, the Amount or Manner of charging the Rates of Postage upon Single Letters to be sent by the Post by or to Seamen or Privates employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, or Marines, upon their own private Concerns only, whilst such Seamen and Privates shall be employed in the publick Service as aforesaid, made payable by the said Act passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, any Thing herein-before contained, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Newspapers sent by the Two-penny Post to Places beyond the Delivery of the General Post to be chargeable with 1*d.*

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all printed Newspapers sent by the Post now known by the Name of the *The Two-penny Post*, to Places beyond the Delivery of the General Post, shall be chargeable with a Duty of One Penny only; provided such Newspapers be sent in the Manner prescribed by an Act, passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Powers of Acts relating to the Post Office, not repealed or altered, to extend to this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Privileges, Advantages, Disabilities, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Distribution thereof, and all Clauses and other Matters and Things, contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament in force at the Time of passing this Act, relating to the Post Office, or any Rates or Duties payable on the Port or Conveyance of Letters or Packets, (and not repealed or altered by this Act), shall, so far as the same are applicable, continue in force, and be applied and extended, and shall be construed to apply and extend to this present Act, and to the Rates and Duties hereby granted, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Rates to be paid to the Receiver General of the Post Office.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the several Rates and Duties herein-before granted, shall be paid from Time to Time into the Hands of the Receiver General for the Time being of the Revenue of the Post Office, who shall pay the same (the necessary Charges for collecting, paying, and accounting for the same being first deducted) into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, on such Days and Times and in such Manner as the present Rates and Duties are directed by Law to be paid; and the said Duties so to be paid into the said Receipt as aforesaid, shall be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

Application of the Monies.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all the Monies arising and to arise by the said Rates and Duties, or any of them, shall be deemed an Addition made to the Revenue, for the Purpose of defraying the increased Charge occasioned by any Loan made, or Stock created or to be created, by virtue of any Act or Acts passed or to be passed in this Session of Parliament; and that the said Monies shall, during the Space of Ten Years next ensuing, be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at *Westminster*, distinctly and apart from all other Branches of the publick Revenues; and that there shall be provided and kept in the Office of the Auditor of the said Receipt, during the said Period of Ten Years, a Book or Books in which all the Monies arising from the said Rates and Duties, and paid into the said Receipt, shall, together with the Monies

ariſing from any Rates and Duties granted in this Seſſion of Parliament, for the Purpoſes of defraying ſuch increaſed Charge as aforeſaid, be entered ſeparate and apart from all other Monies paid or payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, upon any Account whatever.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time or Times be ſued, moleſted, or proſecuted for any Thing by him, her, or them done or executed in purſuance of this Act, or of any Clauſe, Matter, or Thing, herein contained, ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give the ſpecial Matter in Evidence, for his, her, or their Defence; and if upon the Trial a Verdict ſhall paſs for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, then ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts awarded to him, her, or them, againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

IX. 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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