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An Act for further continuing, until the First Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and nine, an Act, made in the Twenty-seventh Year of His present Majesty for enabling the Commissioners of the Treasury to let to Farm the Duties on Horses let to Hire for travelling Post, and by Time.

[27th *June* 1805.]

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 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 27 G. 3. c. 28.

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Powers of the ſaid Act were continued by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts until the Firſt Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix: And whereas the Duties in the ſaid Act mentioned have, by an Act paſſed in the Forty-fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, been repealed, and other Duties granted in lieu thereof: And whereas it appears to be expedient that the Proviſions and Powers of the ſaid Acts ſhould be further continued: 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 eight hundred and five, 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. 1805, the Treaſury may authorize the Commiſſioners for Stamps to let to Farm the Duties on Poſt-Horſes ariſing within each Diſtrict, ſo as they are put up at a Rent not leſs than the Amount produced within the Year ending Aug. 1, 1787;

but no Contract for farming the ſame ſhall continue longer than Feb. 1, 1809.

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 nine.

Contracts void in Caſes of Failure of making Depoſits or finding Security.

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

Powers of recited Act to all extent to this Act.

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.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be made in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be altered or repealed this Session.

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