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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXIII.

An Act for granting Rates of Poſtage on the Conveyance of Letters and Packets to and from *Gibraltar* and the Iſland of *Malta*. [3d *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS it is expedient, for the Improvement of Commerce and Correſpondence, and for the more ſpeedy Conveyance of Letters and Packets between the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and the Town and Fortreſs of *Gibraltar* and the Iſland of *Malta*, to eſtabliſh one or more Packet Boats between the Port of *Falmouth*, in the County of *Cornwall*, or ſuch other Port in the United Kingdom as His Majeſty's Poſt Maſter General for the Time being ſhall appoint, and the Town and Fortreſs of *Gibraltar* and the Iſland of *Malta*; 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 it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty's Poſt Maſter General and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto ſufficiently authorized for the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, to demand, have, receive, and take for the Port and Convey-

For the Conveyance of Letters by Packet Boats from or to Falmouth or other Place

to or from Gibraltar (beſides the other Rates now payable) there ſhall be paid the following Rates.

Conveyance of all and every the Letters and Packets that ſhall be carried or conveyed by Packet Boats from or to the Port of *Falmouth* aforeſaid, or from or to any other convenient Port in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* to or from the Town and Fortreſs of *Gibraltar* (over and above all other Rates payable for Conveyance of ſuch Letters and Packets within the ſaid United Kingdom), a Packet Poſtage according to the Rates and Sums in Sterling Money herein-after mentioned, the ſame being rated either by the Letter or by the Ounce; that is to ſay,

For every Single Letter, One Shilling and Nine-pence:
For every Double Letter, Three Shillings and Sixpence:
For every Treble Letter, Five Shillings and Three-pence:
And for every Ounce, Seven Shillings; and ſo in Proportion for every Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce:

Rates for Letters conveyed in like Manner to or from Malta.

And for the Port and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets that ſhall be carried or conveyed by Packet Boats from or to the ſaid Port of *Falmouth*, or from or to any other convenient Port in the ſaid United Kingdom to or from the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* (over and above all other Rates payable for Conveyance of ſuch Letters and Packets within the ſaid United Kingdom), a Packet Poſtage according to the Rates and Sums in Sterling Money herein-after mentioned, the ſame being rated either by the Letter or by the Ounce; that is to ſay,

For every Single Letter, Two Shillings and One Penny:
For every Double Letter, Four Shillings and Two-pence:
For every Treble Letter, Six Shillings and Three-pence:
And for every Ounce Eight Shillings and Four-pence; and ſo in Proportion for every Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce:

Rates for Letters conveyed only between Gibraltar and Malta.

And for the Port and Conveyance of every Single Letter (not firſt conveyed by Packet Boats from the ſaid United Kingdom) ſent from or to the ſaid Town and Fortreſs to or from the ſaid Iſland of *Malta* the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Double Letter, One Shilling:
For every Treble Letter, One Shilling and Sixpence:
And for every Ounce, Two Shillings; and ſo in Proportion for every Packet of greater Weight than an Ounce.

Acts relating to the Poſt Office to extend to Gibraltar and Malta.

II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Eſtabliſhment of Packet Boats for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, all and every the Clauſes, Proviſions, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Diſabilities, Penalties, and Methods for Recovery of the ſame, and all other Matters and Things contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Poſt Office, ſhall extend and be deemed and conſtrued to extend to the ſaid Town and Fortreſs of *Gibraltar* and the ſaid Iſland of *Malta*, and to each and every of them, and to all His Majeſty's Subjects therein reſpectively, as fully and effectually in every Reſpect as if the ſame and His Majeſty's Subjects therein were expreſsly included in ſuch Acts, or in any of them.

Money to be carried to the Conſolidated Fund.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Monies to ariſe by the Rates and Duties aforeſaid, except the Monies which ſhall be neceſſary to defray ſuch Expences as ſhall be incurred in the Management and Collection of the ſame, ſhall be paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, and carried to and made Part of the Conſolidated Fund of *Great Britain*.

IV. 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. Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

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