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An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Receiver General of the Stamp Duties in *England*.

[3d *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Regulations ſhould be eſtabliſhed by Law, for depoſiting all the Monies, Bills, and Drafts, received on Account of the Revenue under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Stamps, except as herein-after is mentioned, in the Bank of *England*, until the ſame ſhall be paid into the Exchequer, as now required by Law; 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, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, all Sums of Money, Bills, Drafts, and Notes, which ſhall be received by the Receiver General of the Duties under the Management of the Commiſſioners of Stamps, ſhall be paid by him into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, that is to ſay, the Money and Notes, and ſuch of the Bills and Drafts as ſhall be already accepted, or not require Acceptance, on the Day after the ſame ſhall be received, and ſuch of the Bills and Drafts as ſhall require Acceptance, and not be already accepted when received, on the Day after the ſame ſhall be accepted, and all ſuch Monies, Bills, Drafts and Notes, ſhall be placed to an Account to be raiſed in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, and to be entitled, " The Account of the Publick Monies of the

Monies received by the Receiver General of Stamps ſhall be paid by him into the Bank, on the Day after the Receipt thereof, &c.

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"Receiver General of the Stamp Duties," inserting the Name of such Receiver General for the Time being.

Receiver General may retain a Sum for ordinary Payments, under Direction of the Commissioners.

II. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Receiver General from Time to Time to retain in his Hands, out of the Monies received by him as such Receiver General, such Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of One thousand Pounds in each Week, unless any larger Sum shall be allowed in Writing by any Three or more of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, as the Commissioners of Stamps shall from Time to Time direct, for the Payment of casual and ordinary Charges and Expences, payable out of the Revenue under the Management of the Commissioners of Stamps.

Bank to enter daily Money, Bills, &c. in a Book, to be returned to the Stamp Office for Inspection by Comptroller.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or some Person duly authorized by them in that Behalf, shall daily upon receiving any Money, Bills, Drafts, or Notes, from the Receiver General of Stamps, make an Entry of the Money, Bills, Drafts, and Notes, so received, in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, which Book shall be forthwith returned to the Stamp Office, and inspected daily after its Return by the Comptroller and Accountant General, or Deputy Comptroller and Accountant General, of the Stamp Duties, who shall compare the same with the Books kept by him, for the Purpose of seeing that the Receiver General constantly pays into the Bank all the Money, Bills, Drafts, and Notes, which he ought to do under the Provisions of this Act; and any Default which such Comptroller and Accountant General, or Deputy Comptroller and Accountant General, may discover in that Behalf, shall be immediately reported to the Commissioners of Stamps, who shall report the same, unless the same shall appear to them to have happened by Mistake or Inadvertence, to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Mode of making weekly Payments to the Exchequer of Money received for Stamp Duties.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Weekly Payments into the Exchequer pursuant to Law, of the Monies arising from the Duties under the Management of the Commissioners of Stamps, shall be made in Manner following; (that is to say), the said Receiver General, or one of his Clerks, to be deputed and authorized by him for that Purpose, shall make an Order upon the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to write off from his Account the Sum desired, which Order shall be countersigned in such Manner as the Lords of the Treasury shall direct, and the said Governor and Company, or some Person duly authorized in that Behalf, shall upon Receipt of such Order write off the Sum therein mentioned accordingly, and deliver a Note for the Amount (which for greater Security shall be cancelled) to the Bearer of such Order, who shall pay the same into the Exchequer, and the Bank Clerks attending there to receive Monies paid into the Exchequer shall receive such Note as so much Cash.

Receiver General may draw on the Bank for such Sum as the Commissioners shall direct, for the Payment of Salaries, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That for the Payment of Salaries, Incidents, and other Charges and Expences, payable out of the Revenue under the Management of the Commissioners of Stamps, (and which the Money to be retained by the said Receiver General as before directed may be insufficient to pay) it shall be lawful for the said Receiver General, or One of his Clerks, to be deputed and authorized by him for

that Purpoſe, to draw out of the Bank of *England*, as Occaſion may require, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, as the Commiſſioners of Stamps ſhall from Time to Time allow and direct in that Behalf; and that every Draft or Order on the Bank for Money for any of the laſt mentioned Purpoſes, ſhall be counterſigned in ſuch Manner as the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury ſhall direct, and ſhall ſpecify the Head of Service for which the ſame ſhall be iſſued; and the ſaid Receiver General ſhall from Time to Time account for the Monies ſo to be drawn by him or his Clerk out of the Bank, as well as for the Monies ſo to be retained by him as aforeſaid, and for the Application thereof reſpectively, in ſuch Manner as the Commiſſioners of Stamps, with the Approbation of the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, ſhall direct.

In caſe the Money retained be inſufficient.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Drafts drawn purſuant to any of the Directions of this Act but not otherwiſe, ſhall be ſufficient Authority to the Bank of *England* to pay the Amount thereof to the Perſons mentioned in ſuch Drafts or to the Bearer of them.

Drafts drawn purſuant to this Act ſufficient Authority to the Bank.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Reſignation, or Removal of the preſent and of every other Receiver General of Stamp Duties hereafter to be appointed, the Balance of Caſh for which he ſhall at that Time have Credit on his Account as Receiver General with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, ſhall, as ſoon as a Succeſſor ſhall be appointed to the ſaid Office, actually veſt in ſuch Succeſſor in Truſt for the Service of the Publick, and be forthwith tranſferred, carried over, and placed to the Account of ſuch Succeſſor, to be applied to the ſaid Service in purſuance of the like Drafts and Orders as aforeſaid; and the Receiver General for the Time being ſhall and he is hereby directed and required to iſſue his Drafts and Orders as aforeſaid, for all unſatisfied Charges and Demands payable out of the aforeſaid Revenue, although the ſame ſhall have accrued in the Time of any former Receiver General.

On the Death or Removal of the Receiver General the Balance in the Bank to veſt in his Succeſſor.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That, from and after Fourteen Days after the paſſing of this Act, the Receiver General of the Stamp Duties for the Time being, ſhall keep the Account with the Bank of all Monies iſſued by and paid to the Bank on his Account for the Service of the Publick; and the ſaid Receiver General, obſerving the Rules and Regulations hereby preſcribed, ſhall not be anſwerable for any Money, Bills, Drafts, or Notes, which he ſhall have ſo paid into the Bank of *England*; and the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* ſhall be anſwerable for all the Monies, Bills, Drafts, or Notes, which ſhall be actually received by them as aforeſaid from the Receiver General of the Stamp Duties.

Receiver General to keep Account with the Bank.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly and wilfully forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or aſſiſt in forging or counterfeiting the Name or Hand-writing of the Receiver General of the Stamp Duties for the Time being, or of his Clerk, or of either of the Commiſſioners of Stamps, to any Draft, Inſtrument, or Writing whatſoever, for or in order to the receiving or obtaining any of the Money

Forging Inſtruments declared Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

in the Hands or Cuſtody of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, on Account of the Receiver General of the Stamp Duties, or ſhall forge or counterfeit, or cauſe or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or aſſiſt in the forging or counterfeiting any Draft, Inſtrument, or Writing in Form of a Draft, made by ſuch Receiver General or his Clerk, or ſhall utter or publiſh any ſuch, knowing the ſame to be forged or counterfeited, with an Intention to defraud any Perſon whomſoever, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be and is and are hereby declared and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

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

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