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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXXIII.

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

[12th *July* 1806.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Regulations ſhould be eſtabliſhed by Law in the Poſt Office, that all Monies, Bills, and Drafts received on Account of the Revenue under the Management of the General Poſt Office, ſhould be lodged in the Bank of *England*, and that all Payments previous to its being carried into the Exchequer ſhould be made by Drafts on the Bank; 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, and Drafts, received by the Receiver General of the Poſt Office, on Account of the Revenue under the Management of the General Poſt Office, ſhall, the Day after the ſame ſhall have been received, or the Day after any Bill ſhall have been accepted (if the ſame was not accepted at the Time it was received by the Receiver General) be paid by him into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for which the Receipt of the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the ſaid Governor and Company ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge; and all ſuch Monies, Bills, and Drafts ſo to be paid to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, ſhall be placed to an Account to be raiſed in the Books of the ſaid Governor and Company, and to be intituled, *The Account of the Publick Monies of the Receiver General of the Poſt Office*, inſerting the Name of ſuch Receiver General for the Time being.

Money received by Receiver General of the Poſt Office ſhall be paid by him into the Bank.

Receiver General may retain a Sum for ordinary Payments not exceeding 300 l. per Week.

Provided nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Receiver General of the Poſt Office 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 Three hundred Pounds in each Week (unleſs any larger Sum ſhall be allowed to be retained with the Permiſſion in Writing of any Three or more of the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury) as the Poſt Maſter General ſhall from Time to Time direct for the making of Payments of Tradeſmen's Bills, and caſual and ordinary and ſmall Diſburſements.

Bank to enter Money received in a Book to be returned to the Poſt Office for Inſpection by the Accountant General.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or ſome Perſon duly authorized in that Behalf, ſhall daily upon receiving any Money, Bills, or Drafts from the Receiver General of the Poſt Office, make an Entry of the Money, Bills, and Drafts ſo received, in a Book to be provided and ſent for that Purpoſe by the Receiver General of the Poſt Office, which ſhall be forthwith returned to the Poſt Office, and inſpected daily after its Return by the Accountant General of the Poſt Office, or his Deputy, who ſhall compare the ſame with the Book kept by ſuch Accountant General, for the Purpoſe of ſeeing that the Receiver General conſtantly pays into the Bank all the Money, Bills, and Drafts, which he ought to do under the Proviſions of this Act; and any Default which ſuch Accountant General or his Deputy may diſcover in that Behalf, ſhall be immediately reported to the Poſtmaſter General.

Money to be paid into the Exchequer weekly.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the weekly Payments into the Exchequer of the Monies ariſing by the Duties under the Management of the Poſt Office purſuant to Law, ſhall be made in Manner following, (that is to ſay) the ſaid Receiver General 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 by the Accountant General of the Poſt Office or his Deputy, and the ſaid Governor and Company or ſome Perſon duly authorized in that Behalf, ſhall upon Receipt of ſuch Order write off ſuch Sum and deliver a ſpoiled or cancelled Note for the Amount to the Receiver General or his Clerk, who ſhall pay the ſame into the Exchequer; and the Bank Clerks attending there ſhall receive the ſame as ſo much Caſh.

Other Payments to be made by Drafts on the Bank.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Receiver General ſhall make all other Payments required to be made out of the Monies to be depoſited in the Bank of *England* by Drafts on the ſaid Bank, which Drafts ſhall be counterſigned by the Accountant General of the Poſt Office, or his Deputy, and ſhall ſpecify the particular Service, Salary, or other Charge or Expence, for the Payment whereof the ſaid Draft was given; and every ſuch Draft ſhall alſo have marked in the Margin thereof a Figure correſponding to the Page in a Book to be kept by the ſaid Receiver General, wherein Entry ſhall be made of the particular Service, Salary, or other Charge or Expence, for the Payment of which ſuch Draft ſhall be given.

Drafts a ſufficient Authority to the Bank.

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.

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

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Reſignation, or Removal of the preſent and of every other Receiver General of the Poſt Office 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 on Account of the Publick Services, although the ſame ſhall have accrued in the Time of any former Receiver General.

Receiver General to keep Account.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, the Receiver General of the Poſt Office for the Time being, ſhall keep the Account with the Bank of all Monies iſſued 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 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 which ſhall be actually received by them as aforeſaid from the Receiver General of the Poſt Office.

Puniſhing Forgery.

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 Poſt Office for the Time being, or his Clerk, to any Draft, Inſtrument, or Writing whatſoever, for or in order to the receiving or obtaining any of the Money in the Hands or Cuſtody of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, on Account of the Receiver General of the Poſt Office, 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 Deputy, or ſhall utter or publiſh any ſuch, knowing the ſame to be forged or counterfeited, with an Intention to defraud any Perſon whomſoever, or any Corporation, 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 in Caſes of Felony, 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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