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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XC.

An Act to enable the Commiſſioners for auditing Publick Accounts, and the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Barracks reſpectively, to ſend and receive Letters and Packets on the Buſineſs of their Offices free of Poſtage. [23d *June* 1808.]

WHEREAS the Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts, and the Commiſſioners for Affairs of Barracks by virtue of their Offices, neceſſarily ſend and receive many Letters and Packets relating to the Publick Service of this Kingdom; and it is therefore expedient to permit ſuch Letters and Packets to be ſent and received free from the Duty of Poſtage; 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 all Letters and Packets addreſſed to the Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts, and all Letters and Packets addreſſed to the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Barracks reſpectively for the Time being, upon any Buſineſs or Affairs relating to the Duties of the Offices of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, ſhall be free from the Duty of Poſtage; and alſo that all Letters and Packets ſent by the Secretary of the Commiſſioners for auditing Publick Accounts, or by the Secretary of the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Barracks reſpectively, or in the Abſence of ſuch Secretaries reſpectively, then by the Chief Clerk of ſuch Secretary for the Time being

Letters and Packets addreſſed to the Commiſſioners for auditing Publick Accounts, and the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Barracks, or ſent by their Secretary, to be free of Poſtage.

being upon any Buſineſs or Affairs relating to the Duties of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively in Manner and Form herein-after directed, ſhall be ſent free from the ſaid Duty of Poſtage; and all Letters and Packets relating to the Duties of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, which ſhall be forwarded by the ſaid reſpective Secretaries or their Chief Clerks reſpectively as aforeſaid, ſhall be under Covers, with the Words "Purſuant to Act of Parliament," and "Auditors Office," if ſent from the Office of the Commiſſioners for auditing the Publick Accounts, and "Barrack Office," if ſent from the Office of the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Barracks, printed upon the ſame; and the Secretary or ſome Chief Clerk in the Office from which ſuch Letters and Packets ſhall be ſent, to be nominated from Time to Time for that Purpoſe by ſuch Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them reſpectively, in and for each of ſuch Offices, and whoſe Appointment for that Purpoſe ſhall be tranſmitted to the Poſt Office, ſhall write his Name under the ſame, and they and each of them are and is hereby ſtrictly prohibited from incloſing or ſending under ſuch Covers any Writing, Paper, or Parcel whatſoever, excepting ſuch as relate to the Duties of the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively.

Penalty for ſending any Thing under Cover not relating to the Duties of the Commiſſioners, 100 l.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Secretary or Clerk as aforeſaid reſpectively ſhall preſume to ſend or convey under any of the Covers aforeſaid, any Writing, Paper, or Parcel other than thoſe relating to the Duties of ſuch Commiſſioners reſpectively, he ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered with full Coſts of Suit by any Perſon or Perſons by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; One Moiety of which Penalty ſhall go to the Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame, and the other Moiety thereof to and for the Uſe of His Majeſty.

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