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CAP. XCVIII.

An Act for letting to Farm the Duties on Horſes hired by the Mile or Stage, to be uſed in travelling, and on Horſes hired for a leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight Days, for drawing Carriages uſed in travelling Poſt, or otherwiſe, in *Great Britain*, and for better ſecuring the ſaid Duties.

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WHEREAS by an Act paſſed 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 were empowered to let to Farm the ſeveral Duties on Horſes let to Hire, therein particularly ſet forth and mentioned to have been granted by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for any Term not exceeding Three Years, under certain Regulations and Reſtrictions expreſſed and contained in the ſaid Act of the Twenty-ſeventh Year of His Majeſty's Reign: And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to repeal the* 27 G. 3. c. 264. 44 G. 3. c. 98.

ſeveral Duties under the Commiſſioners for managing the Duties upon ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper in Great Britain, *and to grant new and additional Duties in lieu thereof*, the ſeveral Duties granted by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, on Horſes let to Hire as therein mentioned, and extended in certain Caſes by an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for enlarging the Time for which Horſes might be let to Hire without being ſubject to any annual Duty, and other Purpoſes, and alſo the Duties granted by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, on Licences for letting Horſes to Hire in the Manner therein mentioned, were repealed, and in lieu thereof it was enacted, that from and after the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and four, there ſhould be raiſed, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, the ſeveral Duties following; (that is to ſay,) for and in reſpect of a Licence to be taken out Yearly by every Poſtmaſter or other Perſon in *Great Britain* who ſhould let to Hire any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, for the Purpoſe of travelling Poſt by the Mile, or from Stage to Stage, or who (being a Perſon uſually letting Horſes to Hire), ſhould let to Hire for a Day or any leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days, any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, for drawing any Coach or other Carriage uſed in travelling Poſt or otherwiſe, the Sum of Five Shillings; and for and in reſpect of every Horſe, Mare, or Gelding hired by the Mile or Stage, to be uſed in travelling in *Great Britain*, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny for every Mile ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding ſhould be hired to travel, and for and in reſpect of every Horſe, Mare, or Gelding hired for a leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days for drawing on any Publick Road any Coach or other Carriage uſed in travelling Poſt or otherwiſe, if the Diſtance at the Time of hiring ſhould be aſcertained, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny for every Mile ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding ſhould be hired to travel; and for and in reſpect of every Horſe, Mare, or Gelding ſo hired as laſt above-mentioned, in any Caſe where the Diſtance ſhould not at the Time of Hiring be aſcertained, the Sum of One Shilling and Nine-pence for each Day for which ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding ſhould be ſo hired, with an Exception of Horſes, Mares, or Geldings uſed in licenſed Hackney Coaches, where the ſame ſhould be employed to go no greater Diſtance than Ten Miles from the City of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or the Suburbs thereof, which ſaid ſeveral Duties are now by force of the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign ſecured, raiſed, levied, and collected by and under the Proviſions and Regulations of the ſaid Acts of the Twenty-fifth and Forty-ſecond Years of His Majeſty's Reign, relating to the ſaid Duties ſo repealed as aforeſaid: And whereas the ſaid Duties granted by the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign in reſpect of Horſes, Mares, and Geldings, hired in the Manner aforeſaid, are now let to Farm under the Authority of an Act paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for a Term of Years, which will expire on or before the Firſt Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, and it is expedient that the ſaid Duties ſhould be let to Farm for a further Term, and that ſome further Proviſions ſhould be made for better ſecuring the ſame; 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

ment assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for 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 be necessary, either by themselves or by His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties, or some of them, to be authorized for that Purpose, under the Hands of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, to let to Farm the said several Duties granted by the said Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, for and in respect of Horses, Mares, and Geldings hired in the Manner aforesaid, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to farm the same after the Expiration of the present Leases thereof, in such separate and particular Districts as shall be deemed proper and convenient, and under and subject to the Regulations and Restrictions contained in the said Act of the Twenty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, with regard to the Duties thereby authorized to be let to Farm, so far as the same are applicable and not hereby altered: Provided always, that none of the said Duties shall be let to Farm for any longer Term or Time than until the First Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and twelve.

The Treasury may authorize the Commissioners of Stamps to let to farm the Duties granted by 44 G. 3. c. 98.

Term not to be longer than Feb. 1, 1812.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Regulations, and Directions contained in and prescribed by the said Act of the Twenty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, shall be deemed and taken to be in full Force and Effect with respect to the said Duties hereby allowed to be let to Farm, and to the letting of the same, and to the Farmers thereof, and to all other Matters and Things relating thereto, as far as the same are or shall be applicable and not altered by or repugnant to the express Provisions of this Act, as fully and effectually as if the same had been herein repeated and specially enacted with Reference to the said Duties hereby allowed to be farmed.

Powers of 27 G. 3. c. 26. extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the said Commissioners of the Stamp Duties, authorized as aforesaid, to prescribe the Time for making a Deposit of a Sum of Money, and the Amount thereof, on account of the Rent to be paid by the Person or Persons who shall contract to Farm any of the said Duties hereby allowed to be farmed; and in case such Person or Persons shall fail to make such Deposit within the Time prescribed, or shall fail to execute a proper Contract in Writing, and to give Security for the due Performance of such Contract in the Manner directed by the said Act of the Twenty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, within the Time to be appointed for that Purpose, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, or the said Commissioners of Stamp Duties, authorized as aforesaid, to declare the Contract void, and to cause the Duties comprized in such Contract to be again put up to be let to Farm, pursuant to the Directions of this and the said Act of the Twenty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, and so from Time to Time, as often as any such Failure shall be made.

Deposit to be made by the Persons contracting to farm.

IV. And be it further enacted, That notwithstanding any Thing to the contrary contained in an Act of the present Session, for repealing the Stamp Duties on Deeds and other Instruments, and for granting new Duties

Deputations appointing Collectors not to be chargeable

with a higher Stamp Duty than 1l. 10s.

Duties in lieu thereof, no Deputation or Commiſſion to be hereafter granted purſuant to the ſaid ſeveral herein-before mentioned Acts, or any of them, appointing any Perſon to be a Collector of the ſaid Duties on Horſes, Mares, and Geldings hired in the Manner aforeſaid, ſhall be charged or chargeable with any higher Stamp Duty than One Pound and Ten Shillings.

Period of Licences for letting Horſes.

V. And, for better ſecuring the Duties granted by the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, in reſpect of ſuch Licences as aforeſaid, be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Licences for letting Horſes to Hire, which ſhall have been granted purſuant to the ſaid herein-before mentioned Acts, or any of them, and ſhall be in force at the Time of paſſing this Act; and alſo ſuch as may be granted after the paſſing of this Act, and before the Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, ſhall reſpectively continue in force until the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* inclusive, and no longer; and that from and after that Day all Licences for letting Horſes to Hire, which ſhall be granted in purſuance of the ſaid Acts or any of them, between the Thirty-firſt Day of *January* and the Sixteenth Day of *March* in any Year, ſhall be dated on the Firſt Day of *February*, and all Licences for letting Horſes to Hire, which ſhall be granted in purſuance of the ſaid Acts or any of them, at any other Time, ſhall be dated on the Day on which the ſame ſhall be granted, and all ſuch Licences reſpectively ſhall have Effect and continue in force from the Day of the Date thereof, until the Thirty-firſt Day of *January* following, both inclusive, and no longer.

Perſons licenſed to let Horſes keeping Carriages ſhall number the ſame, and paint his Name and Place of Abode thereon.

VI. And, for better ſecuring the Duties granted by the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, in reſpect of Horſes, Mares, and Geldings hired in the Manner aforeſaid, be it further enacted, That from and after the Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, where any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be licenſed to let Horſes to Hire in the Manner aforeſaid, in purſuance of the ſaid herein-before mentioned Acts or any of them, ſhall keep any Carriage or Carriages uſed in travelling, to be furniſhed at the ſame Time with any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, by him, her, or them let to Hire by the Mile or Stage (other than and except Mourning Coaches uſed to attend Funerals, which ſhall remain ſubject to the ſame Regulations as heretofore) he, ſhe, or they ſhall, before any ſuch Carriage ſhall be ſo furniſhed, cauſe every Carriage kept by him, her, or them, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, to be numbered with a different Number, beginning with Number One, and proceeding upwards ſucceſſively to the higheſt Number of Carriages which he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſo keep, and ſhall alſo mark or paint, or cauſe to be marked or painted, in one or more ſtraight Line or Lines, on the outſide Pannel of each Door of every ſuch Carriage which ſhall have a Door thereto, and on ſome conſpicuous Part of each of the Outſides of every ſuch Carriage which ſhall not have a Door thereto, his, her, or their Chriſtian and Surname, and the Name of the City, Town, or Place where he, ſhe, or they ſhall keep ſuch Carriages to be furniſhed as aforeſaid, and the Number of every ſuch Carriage, in large and legible Characters and Figures of Black or White, whichever ſhall moſt differ from the Colour of the Carriage whereon the ſame ſhall be marked or painted, each Letter to be at leaſt one Inch in Length, and each Figure at leaſt One Inch and an Half in Length, and both Letters and Figures to be

be of a proper Breadth in Proportion to the Length thereof reſpectively, and ſhall continue the ſame on every ſuch Carriage as long as ſuch Carriage ſhall be kept for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, varying the Numbers on ſuch Carriages from Time to Time as Occaſion ſhall require, ſo as to make the ſame correſpond with the actual Number of ſuch Carriages which he, ſhe, or they ſhall then keep; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo licenſed as aforeſaid ſhall neglect or omit to number, mark, or paint any ſuch Carriage in Manner aforeſaid, or ſhall mark or paint, or cauſe to be marked or painted thereon, any falſe or fictitious Name or Place, or any higher Number than the greateſt Number of ſuch Carriages which he, ſhe, or they ſhall then keep, or ſhall keep Two or more ſuch Carriages with the ſame Number marked or painted thereon, or ſhall continue any Number upon any ſuch Carriage after he, ſhe, or they ſhall ceaſe to keep a Number of ſuch Carriages correſponding therewith, he, ſhe or they ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds. Penalty for Neglect 10*l.*

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, all and every Perſon and Perſons ſo licenced as aforeſaid ſhall, inſtead of the Particulars required by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign to be inſerted in his, her, or their Stamp Office Weekly Account, inſert and ſet forth therein the ſeveral Particulars following; (that is to ſay,) whenever he, ſhe, or they ſhall let to Hire by the Mile or Stage any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, to be uſed in travelling, the Number of Horſes, Mares, or Geldings ſo let to Hire, the Number of Miles which the ſame ſhall be hired to go, the Names of the Towns or Places from which and to which the ſame ſhall be hired to go, the Month and Day of the Month and Week when the ſame ſhall be hired, the Sort or Deſcription of every Carriage, and the Number of every Carriage hereby required to be numbered, which he, ſhe, or they ſhall furniſh, together with any ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, and the Chriſtian and Surname of every Poſtillion or Driver employed therewith, and alſo the Amount of the Duty payable for and in reſpect of the ſame upon every ſuch Hiring; and whenever he, ſhe, or they ſhall let to Hire, for any Period of Time leſs than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days, any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, for drawing any Carriage uſed in travelling as aforeſaid, the Number of Horſes, Mares, or Geldings ſo let to hire, the Month and Day of the Month and Week when the ſame ſhall be hired, the Sort or Deſcription of every Carriage, and the Number of every Carriage hereby required to be numbered, which ſhall be furniſhed therewith, the Chriſtian and Surname of every Poſtillion or Driver employed with the ſame, the Time for which the ſame ſhall be hired, and the Number of Miles which the ſame ſhall be hired to go, where the Diſtance ſhall be aſcertained, and alſo the Amount of the Duty payable for and in reſpect of the ſame upon every ſuch Hiring; and in caſe of any Refuſal or Neglect to inſert the ſaid ſeveral Particulars, or any of them, in any ſuch Weekly Account as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, and all the Regulations, Directions, Forfeitures, and Penalties contained in the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, relative to the Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, and not hereby altered or varied, ſhall be deemed and taken to be in force, and to apply to ſuch Accounts, with ſuch Alterations and Variations as are herein-before directed and required to be made therein. Particulars to be inſerted in the Stamp Office Weekly Account inſtead of thoſe required by 25 G. 3. c. 51. Penalty for Neglect 10*l.*

Persons charging a specific Sum for the whole Distance and not by the Mile, to be accountable for One fourth of the Sum for the Duty imposed by 44 G. 3. c. 98.

VIII. And, for preventing Frauds and Evasions of the said Duties granted by the said Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, be it further enacted, That from and after the Thirty-first Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nine, where any Person or Persons so licenced as aforesaid shall let to Hire, by the Mile or Stage, any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, Horses, Mares, or Geldings, to be used in travelling, and shall charge the Person or Persons hiring the same a specific Sum of Money for the whole Stage or Distance which the same shall be hired to go, and not after the usual or any certain Rate *per* Mile, the Person or Persons letting such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, Horses, Mares, or Geldings, shall be accountable for One Fourth Part of the Sum of Money so to be charged by him, her, or them, as and for the Duty imposed by the said Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign in such Case, and shall deliver to the Person or Persons hiring such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, Horses, Mares, or Geldings, the like Stamp Office Ticket as if the same had been charged for *per* Mile, except that instead of the Number of Miles there shall be therein expressed the specific Sum charged for the same; and the Person or Persons letting such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, Horses, Mares, or Geldings, shall also enter in the Stamp Office Weekly Account required to be kept by the said Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, One Fourth Part of the Sum so to be charged as aforesaid, as and for the Duty payable in respect of such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, Horses, Mares, or Geldings, and shall pay the same accordingly to the Collector or Collectors who shall be authorized to receive the said Duties; and if any such licenced Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect so to do, he, she, or they shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds.

From Jan. 31, 1809, Licensed Persons letting to hire by the Mile, or for a less Period than 28 Days, to enter the Particulars required in the Stamp Office Weekly Accounts on the Day of letting.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Thirty-first Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nine, all and every Person and Persons so licenced as aforesaid, who shall let to Hire by the Mile or Stage any Horse, Mare, or Gelding to be used in travelling, or shall let to Hire for any less Period of Time than Twenty-eight successive Days, any Horse, Mare, or Gelding for drawing any Carriage used in travelling as aforesaid, shall enter, or cause to be entered in his, her, or their Stamp Office Weekly Account the several Particulars by this Act required to be inserted therein, on the same Day on which he, she, or they shall let such Horse, Mare, or Gelding to Hire as aforesaid; and in Default thereof he, she, or they shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Persons not licensed so letting shall be accountable for the Duties granted by 44 G. 3. c. 98. as if they had obtained Licence, and deliver to the Collector, on Notice, an Account of the Horses hired by them.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons not being licenced as aforesaid, shall, after the said Thirty-first Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and nine, let to Hire by the Mile or Stage any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, to be used in travelling, or shall let to Hire for any Period of Time less than Twenty-eight successive Days, any Horse, Mare, or Gelding for drawing any such Carriage as aforesaid, he, she, or they shall be chargeable with and accountable for the Duty or Duties granted by the said Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, for and in respect of every Horse, Mare, or Gelding so to be let to Hire, in such and the same Manner as if he, she, or they had obtained such Licence as aforesaid, and had received such Duty or Duties of and from the Person or Persons hiring such Horse, Mare, or Gelding, and shall from Time to Time, upon a Week's Notice in Writing for that Purpose given

by any Collector of the ſaid Duties for the County, Diſtrict, or Place where he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſo let any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding to Hire as aforeſaid, deliver to ſuch Collector, whenever by him requeſted, after the Expiration of ſuch Notice, a true Account in Writing, ſigned by him, her, or them, of every Horſe, Mare, and Gelding, which he, ſhe, or they ſhall have let to Hire in the Manner aforeſaid, and ſhall not then have already accounted for and of the Duty or Duties payable in reſpect thereof, and ſhall thereupon pay to ſuch Collector the Amount of ſuch Duty or Duties; and in caſe of any Refuſal or Neglect ſo to do, then he, ſhe, or they ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Default in not ſo delivering ſuch Account, and double the Amount of the Duty or Duties which he, ſhe, or they ſhall be then chargeable with for the Non-payment thereof; Provided always, that where any ſuch Notice ſhall have been given, and Requeſt made for the Delivery of ſuch Account as aforeſaid, then upon the Delivery of ſuch Account and Payment of the Duty due thereon in purſuance of ſuch Notice and Requeſt, the Perſon or Perſons ſo delivering and paying the ſame, ſhall be indemnified and diſcharged from any Penalty or Penalties which he, ſhe, or they may be then liable to, in conſequence of having let to Hire any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, in the Manner mentioned in ſuch Account, without having obtained ſuch Licence as aforeſaid.

Penalty on Neglect.

When the Duties do not exceed 5l. they may be recovered by Diſtreſs of the Defaulters' Goods.

XI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, where any Perſon and Perſons liable to account for and pay any Duty or Duties granted by the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for and in reſpect of any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, by him, her, or them let to Hire as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to account for and pay the ſame, according to the Directions of the ſaid hereinbefore mentioned Acts, or any of them, or of this Act, to the Collector appointed to receive ſuch Duties for the County, Diſtrict, or Place where he, ſhe, or they ſhall have let to Hire ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, and ſuch Duty or Duties ſhall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Collector, firſt obtaining a Warrant for that Purpoſe, under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace reſiding near the Place where any ſuch letting to Hire ſhall have been made, (which Warrant ſhall be granted by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices on Complaint made to him or them, and on due Proof of the Sum due and owing for ſuch Duty or Duties as aforeſaid, by the voluntary Confeſſion of the Party, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes), to diſtrain ſuch Perſon or Perſons by his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, for the Amount of ſuch Duty or Duties, and the Diſtreſs ſo to be taken, to detain and keep for the Space of Four Days, at the Coſts and Charges of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and if he, ſhe, or they ſhall not within that Time pay the Amount of ſuch Duty or Duties, with the Coſts and Charges of taking and keeping ſuch Diſtreſs, then the Goods and Chattels ſo diſtrained ſhall be ſold by ſuch Collector, who ſhall render the Overplus of the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof, if any ſhall remain after deducting and retaining the Amount of ſuch Duty or Duties, and the Coſts and Charges of taking, keeping, and ſelling ſuch Diſtreſs, to the Perſon or Perſons ſo to be diſtrained as aforeſaid; and it ſhall alſo be lawful for ſuch Collector, for the Purpoſe of taking ſuch Diſtreſs, to break open in the Day-time any Houſe or Place where any Goods or Chattels of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be, being thereunto authorized by ſuch Warrant as aforeſaid, and calling to his

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Assistance a Constable, Tythingman, or Headborough of the County, Shire, Stewartry, City, Town, or Place where any Refusal or Resistance shall be made, which said Officers are hereby required to aid and assist therein.

Penalties how to be recovered.

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all pecuniary Penalties amounting to Ten Pounds or upwards, and not amounting to Fifty Pounds, imposed by this Act, or by the said Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, may be sued for, recovered, and levied, either in the Manner prescribed by that Act with regard to Penalties amounting to Fifty Pounds, or in the Manner thereby prescribed with regard to Penalties not amounting to Fifty Pounds; and all pecuniary Penalties not amounting to Ten Pounds, imposed by this Act, shall be sued for, recovered, and levied in the Manner prescribed by the said Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign with regard to Penalties of the same Amount.

Application of Penalties.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all pecuniary Penalties imposed by this Act and by the said several herein-before mentioned Acts, in anywise relating to the said Duties herein-before particularly mentioned, which shall be sued for within Six Calendar Months after the same shall be incurred, shall be divided and go in the Manner following; that is to say, One Moiety thereof shall go to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof, together with full Costs of Suit, shall go to the Person or Persons who shall inform and sue for the same; and it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to inform and sue for the same within the Time aforesaid, notwithstanding the Provisions to the contrary contained in the said Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, or in any other Act or Acts; and all such Penalties as shall not be sued for within the Time aforesaid, shall go and belong wholly to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

Act may be repealed or altered this Session.

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

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