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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXX.

An Act to provide for the Collection and Management of Stamp Duties on Pamphlets, Almanacks, and Newſpapers, in *Ireland*. [14th *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that permanent Regulations ſhould be made for the better and more effectual Collection and Management of the Stamp Duties on Pamphlets, Almanacks, and Newſpapers in *Ireland*; 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 Commencement of this Act, One printed Copy of every Pamphlet which ſhall be printed or publiſhed within the City of *Dublin* ſhall, within the Space of Six Days after the printing thereof, be brought to the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, and the Title thereof, with the Number of Sheets contained therein, and any Stamp Duty which ſhall be then by Law payable in reſpect thereof, ſhall be regiſtered or entered in a Book to be there kept for that Purpoſe, which Duty ſhall be thereupon paid to the proper Officer or Officers appointed to receive the ſame, or his or their Deputy or Clerk, who ſhall thereupon give a Receipt for the ſame on ſuch printed Copy; and that One printed Copy of every ſuch Pamphlet that ſhall be printed or publiſhed in any Place in *Ireland*, not being within the City of *Dublin*, ſhall, within the Space of Fourteen Days after the printing thereof, be brought to ſome Diſtributor of Stamps, or Perſon employed by the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Ireland*, or any of them, to execute the Office of Diſtributor for the Time being, who is hereby required forthwith to enter the Title thereof,

One Copy of every Pamphlet to be lodged at Stamp Office.

thereof, with the Number of Sheets contained therein, and the Duty which ſhall be then payable in reſpect thereof as aforeſaid, in a Book to be by him kept for that Purpoſe; which Duty ſhall be thereupon paid to ſuch Diſtributor, who ſhall give a Receipt for the ſame on ſuch printed Copy.

Penalty for not paying Duty on Pamphlets.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Pamphlet ſhall be printed or publiſhed as aforeſaid, and the Duty which ſhall be then by Law payable in reſpect thereof as aforeſaid ſhall not be duly paid as aforeſaid, within the reſpective Times aforeſaid, then the Printer or Publiſher, and all and every other Perſon or Perſons concerned in and about the printing or publiſhing of ſuch Pamphlet, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds; and all and every Author, Printer, and Publiſher of ſuch Pamphlet, ſhall forfeit and loſe all Copyright therein.

Proof of Payment of Duty to lie on Printer.

III. And be it further enacted, That on all Trials whatever of Actions, Informations, Complaints, or Suits, for Recovery of the aforeſaid Penalty for Non-payment of the aforeſaid Duty, within the reſpective Times aforeſaid, the Proof of the Payment of the ſaid Duty ſhall lie upon the Printer or Publiſher of ſuch Pamphlet.

Penalty on ſelling unſtamped Almanacks, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall print, publiſh, ſell, hawk, carry about, utter, or expoſe to Sale, any Almanack or Calendar, or *Dublin* Directory, or any Book, Pamphlet, or Paper, deemed or conſtrued to be, or ſerving the Purpoſe of an Almanack, *Dublin* Directory, or Daily Account of Goods imported and exported, not being marked or ſtamped with the proper Stamp, if any Stamp Duty ſhall be then by Law payable thereon, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Almanack, Calendar, *Dublin* Directory, Book, Pamphlet, or Paper ſo printed, publiſhed, ſold, hawked, carried about, uttered, or be expoſed to Sale, forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds; which Penalty ſhall be to the ſole Uſe and Benefit of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall without Fraud or Covin firſt ſue for the ſame.

Definition of Almanacks.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Books and Pamphlets, ſerving chiefly for the Purpoſe of an Almanack or a Directory, by whatever Name or Names entitled or deſcribed, are and ſhall be conſidered as Almanacks and Directories, and not as Pamphlets or other printed Papers within the Meaning of this Act, or of any Act or Acts from Time to Time in force for the Impoſing, Collection, or Management of any Stamp Duty, unleſs the contrary ſhall be expreſsly provided; and where any Almanack ſhall contain more than one Sheet or Piece of Paper, it ſhall be ſufficient to ſtamp one of the Pieces of Paper upon which ſuch Almanack ſhall be printed.

Penalty on Perſons hawking, &c. Hand Bills, Almanacks, Pamphlets, Newſpapers, and Adver-

VI. And, for the better ſecuring the Payment of Stamp Duties on Hand Bills, Almanacks, Pamphlets, and Newſpapers in *Ireland*, be it enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time or Times after the Commencement of this Act, hawk, carry about, diſperſe, diſpoſe of, or diſtribute any Handbill, Almanack, Pamphlet or Newſpaper, not ſtamped or marked with the Stamp Duty which ſhall be then by Law required, every ſuch Perſon being thereof duly convicted before any Juſtice of the Peace, ſhall

forfeit the Sum of Five Shillings to the Perſon who ſhall proſecute for the ſame, together with all and every ſuch unſtamped Handbill, Almanack, Pamphlet or Newſpaper, which ſhall and may be ſeized and delivered over to One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, and in Default of immediate Payment of the Sum of Five Shillings, ſuch Offender ſhall and may be committed by ſuch Juſtice to any Common Gaol within his Juriſdiction for One Week, or until ſuch Offender ſhall pay ſuch Penalty; and it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon to ſeize, apprehend, and carry before any Juſtice of the Peace of the County, City, or Place, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, any ſuch Perſon ſo offending as aforeſaid. tiſements unſtamped.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Printer ſhall print or cauſe to be printed any unſtamped Handbill containing a ſingle Advertiſement whether mixed with other Matter or not, ſuch Handbill being then ſubject to a Stamp Duty, and ſhall be duly convicted thereof before any Juſtice of the Peace, ſuch Printer ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds to any Perſon who ſhall proſecute for the ſame. Penalty on Printers of Hand Bills.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every Handbill or other printed Paper which ſhall contain more than One Advertiſement ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Newſpaper, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. Definition of Hand Bills.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall ſell or expoſe to Sale in *Ireland*, any Pamphlet or Newſpaper without the true Name and Surname, or Names and Surnames, and Place or Places of Abode of ſome known Perſon or Perſons by or for whom the ſame ſhall have been or ſhall be really and truly printed or publiſhed being written or printed thereon, upon Pain that every Perſon offending herein ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds; and that on all Trials of Actions, Informations, Complaints, or Suits for Recovery of ſuch Penalty, the Proof that the true Name and Surname, or true Names and Surnames, and Place or Places of Abode of ſome known Perſon or Perſons by or for whom ſuch Pamphlet or Newſpaper ſhall have been really and truly printed or publiſhed, was or were written or printed thereon, ſhall lie on the Defendant in ſuch Action, Information, Complaint, or Suit. Printer's Name on Newſpapers and Pamphlets.

X. And be it further enacted, That every Printer, Publiſher, and Proprietor of any Newſpaper in *Ireland*, whether for himſelf or in Truſt for any Bankrupt, Lunatic, Infant, Feme Covert, or Perſon beyond the Seas, or for any Number of ſuch Perſons, ſhall before he ſhall print or publiſh, or cauſe to be printed or publiſhed ſuch Newſpaper, and as often afterwards as the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or any of them, ſhall by Notice in Writing or otherwiſe require the ſame, within Ten Days after being ſo required, give in to the ſaid Commiſſioners at their Office in *Dublin*, or to the proper Officers in whoſe Diſtricts ſuch Newſpaper ſhall be printed, at their reſpective Offices where ſtamped Paper ſhall be diſtributed, ſuch Affidavit and of ſuch Import as Printers, Publiſhers, or Proprietors of Newſpapers are or ſhall be by any Law or Laws directed to make, which Affidavit or Affidavits ſhall remain with ſuch Commiſſioners of Stamps or Officers, to be produced in Manner herein-after mentioned, as often as Occaſion may require; and every Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of any Newſpaper in *Ireland*, whether for himſelf or in Truſt for any Bankrupt, Lunatic, or other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall print or publiſh, or cauſe to be printed Affidavits of Proprietors of Newſpapers.

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or publiſhed any Newſpaper before he ſhall have given in to the Commiſſioners of Stamps ſuch Affidavit as aforeſaid, or when required thereto as aforeſaid, ſhall neglect or omit to give in ſuch Affidavit within the Time and at the Places aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence, Neglect or Omiſſion, pay a Penalty of Forty Pounds, and ſhall be diſabled from receiving any Stamps for printing ſuch Newſpapers upon, and ſhall be deemed and taken as if he, ſhe, or they never had been qualified to print or publiſh any Newſpaper, until he, ſhe, or they, ſhall make and deliver in ſuch Affidavit as aforeſaid.

Before whom ſuch Affidavit ſhall be made.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or for ſuch Officer or Officers by them appointed for the Diſtribution of ſtamped Paper as aforeſaid, to take ſuch Affidavit or Affidavits as aforeſaid, which Affidavit or Affidavits ſhall be ſo made and taken without Fee or Reward; and if any ſuch Affidavit ſhall contain a Falſehood, every Perſon ſwearing ſuch Affidavit may be indicted for wilful and corrupt Perjury therein, and ſhall, upon due Conviction of ſuch Offence, incur and ſuffer ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, and Diſabilities, as Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury, are or ſhall then be by Law liable and ſubject to, in *Ireland*.

Affidavit Evidence againſt Printer.

XII. And be it further enacted, That ſuch and every ſuch Affidavit ſhall be produced as Occaſion may require, at or before the Trial of all ſuch Actions, Suits, Proſecutions, Informations, or Indictments, as ſhall be had or commenced, filed or found, touching ſuch Newſpapers, or any Publication therein contained, and ſuch Affidavit or Affidavits ſhall on every ſuch Trial be received and admitted againſt all and every the Perſon and Perſons who ſhall have ſo ſigned and ſworn the ſame as concluſive Evidence of all ſuch Matters therein, as ſhall be by Law required to be therein contained, and alſo of the Continuance of all ſuch Matters in the the ſame Plight and Condition to the Time in queſtion, on ſuch Trial, unleſs it ſhall be proved that previous to ſuch Time ſuch Perſon or Perſons became lunatic, or ſerved a Notice in Writing at the Office where ſuch Affidavit ſhall have been ſworn, of any of the ſaid Matters therein being changed, or unleſs it ſhall appear that previous to ſuch Time a new Affidavit of the ſame or a ſimilar Nature reſpectively, was or were made concerning the ſame Newſpaper in which the Perſon or Perſons ſought to be affected on ſuch Trials did not join; and whenſoever any ſuch Affidavit ſhall be produced in Evidence on any ſuch Trial, it ſhall be ſufficient to prove that the Name of the Perſon or Perſons then ſought to be charged therewith, is of his, her, or their Hand Writing, and it ſhall not be neceſſary to produce the Perſon who adminiſtered ſuch Oath, or to prove the ſwearing of ſuch Affidavit in any other Manner.

Copies of Newſpapers to be lodged in Stamp Office, which ſhall be Evidence againſt the Proprietors.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That every Printer, Publiſher, and Proprietor of a Newſpaper printed or publiſhed in the County or County of the City of *Dublin*, which is or from Time to Time ſhall be liable to any Stamp Duty, ſhall, on every Day of Publication thereof, or on ſuch Day next following, which ſhall not be an Holiday, between the Hours of Ten and Three on each Day, cauſe to be delivered to the Perſon who ſhall be duly appointed for that Purpoſe in the Stamp Office in the City of *Dublin*, one Copy of the Newſpaper ſo printed or publiſhed, with the Name of ſome Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor thereof, written thereon, after the ſame ſhall

be printed, by his or her own proper Hand-writing in his or her accuſtomed Manner of ſigning the ſame; and every Printer, Publiſher, and Proprietor of a Newſpaper printed or publiſhed in any other Place in *Ireland*, ſhall on each Day of the Publication of ſuch Newſpaper, or on ſuch Day next following, which ſhall not be an Holiday, in like Manner between the Hours of Ten and Three of the Clock cauſe to be delivered to the Diſtributor of Stamps in whoſe Diſtrict ſuch Newſpaper ſhall be printed or publiſhed, Two Copies of every ſuch Newſpaper ſo printed or publiſhed, with the Name of ſome Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor thereof, written thereon after the ſame ſhall be printed, by his or her proper Hand, in his or her accuſtomed Manner of ſigning the ſame, for which ſeveral Copies ſo delivered the reſpective Printers, Publiſhers, and Proprietors thereof, or the Perſon or Perſons ſo delivering the ſame, ſhall be paid the uſual and current Prices of ſuch Copies; which ſaid ſeveral Copies ſo delivered as aforeſaid ſhall be, and they are hereby declared to be Evidence againſt the ſeveral Proprietors, Publiſhers, and Printers of ſuch Newſpapers reſpectively, in all Complaints, Suits, Actions, Indictments, Informations, Proſecutions, and Proceedings, to be commenced and carried on as well touching ſuch Newſpapers reſpectively, as every Matter and Thing therein contained, and touching any other Newſpaper, and any or every Matter or Thing therein contained, which ſhall be of the ſame Title, Purport or Effect, with ſuch Impreſſion or Copy ſo delivered as aforeſaid, although the ſame ſhould vary in ſome Inſtances or Particulars either as to Title, Purport, or Effect; and the Printers, Publiſhers, and Proprietors of the Copies ſo delivered as aforeſaid, ſhall to all Intents and Purpoſes be deemed Printers, Publiſhers, or Proprietors reſpectively, of all Newſpapers which ſhall be of the ſame Title, Purport, or Effect, with ſuch Copies or Impreſſions ſo delivered as aforeſaid, notwithſtanding ſuch Variance as aforeſaid, unleſs ſuch Printers, Publiſhers, or Proprietors reſpectively, ſhall prove that ſuch Newſpapers reſpectively were not printed or publiſhed by them reſpectively, or by or with their Knowledge, Privity, or Direction; and every Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher, of ſuch Newſpaper or Newſpapers, who ſhall neglect or omit to deliver or cauſe to be delivered ſuch Copies or Copy ſigned as aforeſaid as herein-before directed, ſhall for every ſuch Omiſſion pay a Penalty of One hundred Pounds. Penalty.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Newſpaper ſo delivered ſhall be deemed a ſufficient Copy ſo as to protect any ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor from the ſaid Penalty of One hundred Pounds, unleſs the Title thereof ſhall be the ſame as that for which ſuch Perſon ſhall have been regiſtered at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* as the Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor thereof; but if any ſuch Newſpaper ſo delivered ſhall have a Title ſufficient to denote that ſuch Newſpaper is the ſame for which ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor is ſo regiſtered, of which the Court is in all Caſes to judge, every ſuch Newſpaper ſo delivered as aforeſaid at the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, or to any Diſtributor, as the Caſe may be, ſhall be Evidence in all Caſes againſt all and every the Printers, Publiſhers, and Proprietors ſo regiſtered, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if ſuch Newſpapers ſo delivered bore the ſame Title as that for which ſuch Perſon ſhall have been ſo regiſtered. Copy varient not ſufficient in Favour of Printer, and ſufficient againſt him.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of any Newſpaper, which ſhall not be printed and publiſhed Commiſſioners may allow Printer to

lodge his Paper with any Diſtributor.

in the County or County of the City of *Dublin*, ſhall find it more convenient to cauſe ſuch Copies of ſuch Newſpaper to be delivered to any other Diſtributor of Stamps than to the Diſtributor in whoſe Diſtrict ſuch Newſpaper ſhall be publiſhed, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, to ſtate ſuch Matter by Petition to the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Dublin*, and to pray that he may have Liberty to cauſe ſuch Copies to be delivered to ſuch other Diſtributor as he ſhall ſo name at the Office of ſuch Diſtributor, and thereupon it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Commiſſioners of Stamps to order the ſame accordingly, and from and after the Date of ſuch Order, the Place of Publication of ſuch Newſpaper ſhall for that Purpoſe only be deemed and taken to be within the Diſtrict of ſuch other Diſtributor, until the ſame ſhall be otherwiſe ordered by the Commiſſioners of Stamps for the Time being.

Days of Publication aſcertained.

XVI. And whereas Doubts may be entertained as to what ſhall be the Days of Publication of any ſuch Newſpaper, be it enacted, That on whatever Day or Days of the Week, any ſuch Newſpaper ſhall have been publiſhed in the Week next immediately preceding the Commencement of this Act, ſuch Day or Days ſhall, as againſt any regiſtered Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher thereof, be deemed the Days of Publication thereof; and every Printer, Publiſher, and Proprietor thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken to have publiſhed the ſame on the ſaid Days in any future Week, until Notice of a Change in that reſpect ſhall have been duly ſerved at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* by ſome regiſtered Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher thereof, unleſs it ſhall be expreſsly proved that ſuch Newſpaper was not ſo publiſhed on the particular Day or Days in queſtion; and that in all Affidavits which ſhall hereafter be made or given the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Ireland*, by any Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher of a Newſpaper, under the Proviſions of this Act, or of any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, for ſecuring the Liberty of the Preſs, or for amending any ſuch Act, ſuch Affidavit ſhall ſtate only the Matters heretofore required by Law, to be ſtated therein, but alſo on what Day or Days of the Week ſuch Newſpaper is intended to be publiſhed, and from thenceforth the ſaid Day or Days ſhall be deemed the Day or Days of Publication of ſuch Newſpaper; and every Printer, Proprietor, and Publiſher thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken to have publiſhed the ſame on the ſaid Day or Days in every ſucceeding Week, until a new Affidavit ſhall be made according to Law, differing in that reſpect, or until Notice of a Change in that reſpect ſhall have been duly ſerved at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* by ſome regiſtered Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher of ſuch Newſpaper, or unleſs it ſhall be expreſsly proved that ſuch Newſpaper was not publiſhed on the particular Day or Days in queſtion.

Copies of Second Editions of Newſpapers to be lodged in like Manner as the firſt.

XVII. And whereas many Printers and Publiſhers of Newſpapers print or ſtrike off a Second Impreſſion thereof, containing more Advertiſements or other Matter than are contained in the Copy or Copies given in at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* as aforeſaid, or to the Diſtributor, if in the Country, by which Means the Duty payable in reſpect of ſuch Newſpaper may be evaded and other Miſchiefs and Inconveniencies ariſe; be it therefore enacted, That every Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of any Newſpaper in *Ireland*, who ſhall vary any of ſuch Publications, or publiſh ſuch Second Impreſſion without giving in in Manner aforeſaid, One Copy of ſuch Second or varied Impreſſion or Publication at the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, or Two

Copies thereof to the Diſtributor of Stamps, ſigned as aforeſaid, as the Caſe may be, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; and every ſuch Second or varied Impreſſion or Publication ſhall be deemed to be unſtamped; and every Proprietor, Printer, and Publiſher thereof, ſhall be liable to all ſuch Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as if the ſame were unſtamped.

Title of Paper lodged at Stamp Office Evidence againſt Printer.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That upon all Trials in any Suit, Action, Indictment, Information, or Proſecution, to be commenced or carried on touching any Newſpaper, or any Matter or Thing therein contained, any Newſpaper having the ſame Title as that for which any Defendant in any ſuch Action, Indictment, Information, or Suit, ſhall be regiſtered at the Stamp Office as Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher, or having ſuch Title as ſhall be ſufficient to denote that ſuch Newſpaper is the ſame for which ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, ſhall have been ſo regiſtered, of which the Court is to judge, ſhall be ſufficient Evidence that ſuch Paper was printed and publiſhed by ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo regiſtered, unleſs the Defendant, in ſuch Action, Indictment, or Information or Suit, ſhall ſhew the contrary, by ſatisfactory Evidence; and that upon all ſuch Trials, the Proof that the Defendant or Defendants therein did give in, or deliver in manner aforeſaid, a Copy of ſuch Impreſſion, ſigned as aforeſaid, if in *Dublin*, to the Stamp Office as aforeſaid, or if in the Country, Two Copies to the Diſtributor of Stamps, ſigned as aforeſaid, ſhall lie upon ſuch Defendant or Defendants.

Copy ſo lodged Evidence againſt Printer.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if the Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of any Newſpaper in *Ireland*, upon any Trial to be commenced or carried on touching ſuch Newſpaper, or any Matter or Thing therein contained, ſhall not admit that any Copy of the Paper left at the Stamp Office in the City of *Dublin*, or with the Diſtributor of Stamps in the Country, was printed or publiſhed by him or her, then and in ſuch Caſe any ſuch Copy or Impreſſion which ſhall have been left at the Stamp Office in the City of *Dublin*, or with the Diſtributor of Stamps in the Country, at the Times herein-before directed, ſhall be conſidered as printed and publiſhed by him or her, whether ſuch Newſpaper ſo delivered ſhall be of the ſame Title for which ſuch Perſon ſhall have been regiſtered at the Stamp Office as Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, or of a Title ſufficient to denote that ſuch Newſpaper is the ſame for which ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, ſhall have been ſo regiſtered, of which the Court ſhall judge; and ſuch Newſpaper ſhall be ſo conſidered, although the ſame ſhall not appear to be duly ſigned in his or her Hand-writing, and though it ſhall not appear by whom the ſame was ſo left, unleſs he or ſhe ſhall prove that he or ſhe left, or cauſe to be left, at the Time by this Act required, a printed Copy, or Two printed Copies, of the Paper publiſhed by him or her, with the Officer or Perſon with whom he or ſhe is by this Act directed to leave the ſame, with his or her Name written thereon in his or her own Hand-writing, in the Manner directed by this Act.

Printers outlawed, &c. ſhall not have Stamps for Papers.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Printer or Publiſher or Proprietor of any Newſpaper in *Ireland*, ſhall be, by due Courſe of Law, outlawed for any criminal Offence, or receive Judgment for printing or publiſhing a traitorous or ſeditious Libel, the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps in

in *Ireland*, and their Officers, for diſtributing Stamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, reſpectively, are hereby prohibited to ſell or deliver to, or for the Uſe of any ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, ſo outlawed, or who ſhall have ſo received Judgment for ſuch Libel, any Stamped Paper for printing any Newſpaper.

Printers becoming Bankrupt, &c. not entitled to print Newſpapers.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of any Newſpaper, which ſhall be at any Time publiſhed in *Ireland*, ſhall have become a Bankrupt, or *non compos mentis*, or ſhall be outlawed for any Crime, or ſhall receive Judgment for printing or publiſhing any traitorous or ſeditious Libel, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Printer or Printers, Publiſher or Publiſhers, Proprietor or Proprietors reſpectively, ſhall no longer be entitled to print or publiſh ſuch Newſpaper, but ſhall, as to any ſuch Right, be conſidered from thenceforth as if he, ſhe, or they, never had made ſuch Affidavit as aforeſaid.

Affidavit may be made in Truſt for incapacitated Perſons.

XXII. And whereas it may happen that an Idiot, a Lunatic, an Infant, or a Feme Covert, or the Creditors or Aſſignees of a Bankrupt or Inſolvent, may become or be entitled to the Profits, or to any Part, Share, or Proportion of the Profits of any Newſpaper; be it enacted, That in any ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall think proper ſo to do, to join in any Affidavit required by this or any Act or Acts from Time to Time in force in *Ireland*, in reſpect of ſuch Newſpaper; and that ſuch Affidavit ſhall in ſuch Caſe ſtate, beſides all other Matters by Law required, that the Maker thereof is a Publiſher of ſuch Newſpaper, in Truſt for any ſuch diſabled or incapacitated or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, or of any Number of ſuch Perſons, and ſhall alſo ſtate which of the ſaid Cauſes of Incapacity or Diſability affects every ſuch Perſon for whom he is Truſtee as aforeſaid; and thereupon ſuch Affidavit ſhall be of the ſame Force and Effect for the printing and publiſhing of ſuch Newſpaper, as if the Ceſtuique Truſt ſo named was preſent, and had ſworn an Affidavit in the uſual Form; and from thenceforth every ſuch Truſtee ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publiſher of ſuch Newſpaper, and reſponſible as ſuch in all Reſpects, and to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever: Provided nevertheleſs, that no ſuch Affidavit ſhall be deemed ſufficient to authorize the Publication of ſuch Newſpaper, until ſuch Truſtee ſo ſwearing the ſame ſhall have performed all and every Requiſites and Requiſite ordained by any Law then in force to be previouſly performed by all the Publiſhers thereof.

No other Affidavit in Truſt to be received.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon whatſoever ſhall in anywiſe be concerned in the printing or publiſhing of any Newſpaper, or in receiving the Profits, or any Share or Proportion of the Profits thereof, in Truſt for any other or others, under any Pretence whatſoever, unleſs ſuch Perſon ſhall have previouſly made and lodged in the Stamp-Office ſuch Affidavit as aforeſaid, any Law or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Service of Proceſs at Printing Office ſufficient.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Leaving or Service of any legal Proceſs in any Suit, Information, or Indictment, Proſecution or Proceeding, to be brought, filed, found, inſtituted, or carried on againſt any Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of any Newſpaper or Pamphlet in *Ireland*, for the Purpoſe of recovering any Debt or Penalty under this Act,

or any other Act from Time to Time in force in *Ireland*, relating in anywiſe to the Collection or Regulation of any Stamp Duties or Duty, or for any Matter or Thing contained in ſuch Newſpaper or Pamphlet, or in anywiſe relating thereto, at the Printing Office or Place where ſuch Newſpaper or Pamphlet reſpectively ſhall be then uſually printed and publiſhed, ſhall be deemed and conſidered to all Intents and Purpoſes good Service of ſuch Proceſs.

New Affidavit to be made on changing Place of Publication.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That any Newſpaper in *Ireland* ſhall be deemed and taken to be uſually printed and publiſhed at the Place mentioned in that Behalf, in the laſt or only Affidavit which ſhall have been made by the Printers, Publiſhers, and Proprietors thereof, and depoſited in the Stamp Office in *Dublin* according to Law; and that if it ſhall be at any Time intended to change the Place of printing or publiſhing any ſuch Newſpaper, a new Affidavit ſhall thereupon be made, ſtating ſuch new Place of Publication, and ſtating all other Matters required by Law to be contained in ſuch Affidavit, as if ſuch Newſpaper had never before been publiſhed.

Penalty on buying, ſelling, or having unſtamped Newſpapers.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon who ſhall buy or ſell, or ſhall without lawful Excuſe keep in his, her, or their Poſſeſſion in *Ireland*, any unſtamped Newſpaper, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Penalty of Ten Pounds for every unſtamped Newſpaper ſo bought or ſold, or found in his, her, or their Poſſeſſion; and every Printer, Proprietor, or Publiſher, of any unſtamped Newſpaper ſhall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every Newſpaper ſo unſtamped, which he, ſhe, or they ſhall print or publiſh, or cauſe to be printed or publiſhed.

Printers ſhall not ſupply others with Stamps.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Perſon or Perſons who is, are, or ſhall be entitled to obtain from the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Ireland*, or their Officers, ſtamped Paper for the printing of any Newſpaper of which he, ſhe, or they, is, are, or ſhall be Printer or Printers, or Publiſher or Publiſhers, Proprietor or Proprietors, ſhall furniſh or ſupply any other Perſon or Perſons with any ſuch ſtamped Paper, every ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall make uſe of any ſtamped Paper for the printing of any Newſpaper which he, ſhe, or they ſhall receive or be furniſhed with, by or from any other Perſon or Perſons than the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or their Officers or Diſtributors, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds.

Payment of Duty on Advertiſements.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Printer who ſhall print or publiſh in *Ireland*, any Advertiſement or Advertiſements in any Pamphlet, Newſpaper, or other literary Performance, ſhall within the Space of Thirty Days next after the laſt Day of each Month, if ſuch Advertiſement or Advertiſements ſhall be printed or publiſhed within the City of *Dublin*, pay or cauſe to be paid the Stamp Duty or Duties which ſhall be then by Law charged in reſpect thereof to the reſpective Perſons appointed to receive the ſame, or to their reſpective Deputies or Clerks, and if printed or publiſhed in any Part of *Ireland*, out of the Limits of the City of *Dublin*, then to the Diſtributor of Stamps in whoſe Diſtrict ſuch Pamphlet, Newſpaper, or literary Performance, ſhall be printed; and the ſaid Commiſſioners of

Stamps and their Officers, or ſuch of them to whom it ſhall appertain, are hereby required, upon Payment of the ſaid Duties in reſpect of ſuch Advertiſements, to give a Receipt or Receipts for the Duty or Duties ſo paid, and upon Payment thereof in the Manner and within the Time herein-before for that Purpoſe limited, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Officers receiving the ſame, ſhall make to the Perſon or Perſons paying the ſame out of the Sums ſo to be paid, ſuch Allowance, if any, as ſhall be then warranted by Law, and in Default of ſuch Payment within the Time herein-before for that Purpoſe limited, the Printers, Publiſhers, and Proprietors, of every ſuch Pamphlet, Newſpaper, or other literary Performance, and each and every of them, ſhall be liable to pay Treble the Amount of the Duties then by Law chargeable thereupon, to be recovered with full Coſts of Suit by ſummary Application to the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*, in the ſame Manner as any unpaid Stamp Duties; and if any Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor of a Newſpaper, ſhall within the Time herein-before limited for the Payment of the ſaid Duties in reſpect of Advertiſements neglect to pay the ſame, the ſaid Commiſſioners and their Officers for diſtributing Stamp Paper and Parchment reſpectively, are hereby prohibited to ſell or deliver to or for the Uſe of ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor, any ſtamped Paper for printing any Newſpaper upon until ſuch Printer, Publiſher, or Proprietor ſo in Arrear ſhall have paid and diſcharged all Arrears of Advertiſement Duty, to the Payment of which he was ſubject, up to and for the laſt Day of the Month next preceding the Month in which ſuch Payment ſhall be made; and if any Officer acting under the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall knowingly ſell or deliver any Stamped Paper for printing a Newſpaper, or Part of a Newſpaper upon, contrary to the aforeſaid Prohibition, he ſhall upon Conviction thereof forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds; and if Judgment ſhall be entered againſt any ſuch Officer upon Information for ſuch Offence, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit his Office, and ſhall be for ever diſabled from holding any Office under the Commiſſioners of Stamps.

Bond for Payment of ſuch Duty.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Printer or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall publiſh in *Ireland* any Newſpaper, unleſs he, ſhe, or they, together with the Proprietor or Proprietors of ſuch Paper, and together with Two ſufficient Sureties, ſhall previous thereto have entered into Security by Bond in a Sum not exceeding Three hundred Pounds, nor leſs than Two hundred Pounds, to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, conditioned for the Payment of the Duties which ſhall or may from Time to Time be payable on all Advertiſements which ſhall be printed therein, upon Pain that every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds; and no Officer appointed for diſtributing Stamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper in *Ireland*, ſhall ſell or deliver any Stamped Paper for printing any Newſpaper to any Perſon, unleſs ſuch Perſon ſhall have previouſly given ſuch Security for the Payment of the ſaid Duties; and if any Officer ſhall ſell or deliver any Stamped Paper for printing a Newſpaper on to any Perſon who ſhall not have entered into ſuch Security, knowing that ſuch Security was not entered into, he ſhall upon Conviction thereof forfeit the Sum of Forty Pounds; and if Judgment ſhall be entered againſt ſuch Officer upon Information for ſuch Offence, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit his Office, and ſhall be for ever diſabled from holding any Office under the Commiſſioners of Stamps.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all Materials and Utenſils for printing uſed in and kept at, or belonging to any Printing Houſe in *Ireland*, in which any Newſpaper or any Paper ſerving the Purpoſe of a Newſpaper as aforeſaid hath been or ſhall be printed, into whoſe Hands ſoever the ſame ſhall have come or ſhall come, or by whatſoever Conveyance or Title the ſame ſhall be claimed, ſhall be in the firſt Place liable and ſubject to, and the ſame are hereby charged with all and every ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall have become due for the Duties which are or have been, or from Time to Time ſhall be by Law charged on the Advertiſements which have been or ſhall be printed or publiſhed in ſuch Newſpaper, and as ſhall be due for Fines or Penalties adjudged againſt the Printer or Printers, Publiſher or Publiſhers, Proprietor or Proprietors of ſuch Newſpaper, under and by virtue of any Act or Acts, which ſhall be then of force in *Ireland*, relating in anywiſe to the Collection or Regulation of any Stamp Duties or Duty, during ſuch Time as ſuch Materials or Utenſils ſhall have belonged to or been uſed in or kept at ſuch Printing Houſe as aforeſaid; and it ſhall and may be lawful in all Caſes to levy ſuch Sum and Sums of Money upon ſuch Materials and Utenſils in like Manner as if the Printer or Printers of ſuch Newſpaper, or other Paper as aforeſaid, were the Proprietor or Proprietors of ſuch Materials and Utenſils at the Time of levying the ſame. Printing Materials may be ſeized for Duty.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act, and all and ſingular the ſeveral Proviſions and Regulations herein contained and mentioned, ſhall commence and be in force from the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, and not ſooner. Commencement of Act.

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