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enlarging the Time for which Horſes might be let to Hire without being ſubject to any annual Duty, and other Purpoſes, were repealed; and in lieu thereof it was enacted, that from and after the Tenth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and four, there ſhould be raiſed, levied,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 every Horſe, Mare, or Gelding hired by the Mile or Stage, to be uſed in travelling in *Great Britain*, the Sum of One Penny Half-penny 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 public 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, and 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 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of the ſaid Acts of the Twenty-fifth and Forty-ſecond Years of His Majeſty's Reign relating to the ſaid Duties ſo repealed as aforeſaid, and by and under the Proviſions and Regulations of another
48 G. 3. c. 98. Act paſſed in the Forty-eighth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled *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;* and by and under the Proviſions and Regulations of another Act, paſſed in the
51 G. 3. c. 76. Fifty-firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled *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 facilitating the Recovery of the ſaid Duties;* and alſo by and under the Proviſions and Regulations of another Act, paſſed in the Fifty-fourth
54 G. 3. c. 174. Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for letting to Farm the Poſt Horſe Duties:* 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 the ſaid Act paſſed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for a Term of Years which will expire on the Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen: And whereas it is expedient that the ſaid Duties ſhould be let to Farm for a further Term, and that other Proviſions ſhould be made for better ſecuring and facilitating the Recovery of the ſaid Duties, in lieu of thoſe contained in the ſaid Acts of the Forty-ſecond, Forty-eighth, Fifty-firſt, and Fifty-fourth Years of His Majeſty's Reign: 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 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 His Majeſty's Treaſury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, 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 the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Great Britain*, or ſome of them, to be authorized for that Purpoſe under the Hands of the ſaid 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, and for ſuch Term or Time 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 Thirty-firſt Day of *January* inclusive One thouſand eight hundred and twenty-one.

The Commiſſioners of the Treaſury may let to Farm the Duties on Horſes, &c. granted by 44 G. 3. c. 98.

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 Perſons, 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 and Proviſions of 27 G. 3. c. 26. to be in force with regard to the Duties to be let to Farm under this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps 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 who ſhall be the beſt Bidder for, and be declared the Farmer of any of the ſaid Duties hereby allowed to be farmed; and in caſe any ſuch Perſon ſhall fail to make ſuch Depoſit at the Time preſcribed, or ſhall fail to execute a proper Contract in Writing, and to give Security for the Payment of the Rent and 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 Stamps authorized as aforeſaid, to declare the Bidding and Contract of ſuch Perſon null and void, and his Depoſit, if made, forfeited, and to cauſe the Duties whereof he ſhall have been declared the Farmer 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 ſuch Failure ſhall be made.

Depoſit to be made by Perſons contracting to farm the Duties.

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Power to let Duties by private Contract, if not let by Auction.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Duties ariſing in any Diſtrict or Diſtricts ſhall not be let to Farm at the Time to be fixed by Public Advertiſement, purſuant to the Directions of this and the ſaid Act of the Twenty-ſeventh Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for want of a ſufficient Bidding, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or any Three or more of them, or the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps authorized as aforeſaid, at any Time afterwards to receive Propoſals for farming ſuch Duties, and to let the ſame to Farm by Private Contract, for any Term or Time not extending beyond the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and twenty-one.

Commiſſioners of Stamps to depute the Farmers of the Duties to be Collectors, with full Powers.

V. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Great Britain* for the Time being, or the major Part of them, from Time to Time as Occaſion ſhall require, to depute and appoint not only the Perſons who ſhall become Farmers or Leſſees of the ſaid Duties, and their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, but alſo any other Perſon or Perſons, at the Requeſt and upon the Nomination, and for the Uſe of ſuch Farmers or Leſſees, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, to be Collectors of the ſaid Duties ariſing within their reſpective Diſtricts, with full Powers to grant the neceſſary Licences to Perſons within the reſpective Diſtricts for letting out Horſes to Hire in the Manner aforeſaid, and to take Securities by Bonds from the Perſons to be licenſed, in the Name of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, with ſuch Conditions as are required by the Acts relating to the ſaid Duties, and to receive the Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, by the Acts relating to the ſaid Duties directed and required to be delivered by Perſons letting Horſes to Hire in the Manner aforeſaid, within their reſpective Diſtricts, and the Money due thereon, and to adminiſter the Oath or Affirmation hereinafter required to be made as to the Truth of the Accounts to be delivered by the Perſons licenſed under the ſaid Acts, and generally to execute and do all other the Powers, Matters, and Things touching the collecting, managing, and enforcing the Payment of the ſaid Duties within and for their reſpective Diſtricts, which by the ſeveral Acts of Parliament relating to the ſaid Duties are given to and authorized to be done by any Collector or Collectors of the ſaid Duties.

Regulation as to Stamp Duty on Deputations.

VI. And be it further enacted, That notwithſtanding any Thing to the contrary contained in an Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for repealing the Stamp Duties on Deeds and other Inſtruments in *Great Britain*, and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof, no Deputation or Commiſſion to be hereafter granted purſuant to the ſaid herein-before-mentioned Acts and this Act, 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 Fifteen Shillings.

Regulation as to Licences for letting Horſes to Hire.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, all Licences for letting Horſes to Hire which ſhall be granted in purſuance of the ſaid herein-before mentioned 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.

Repeal of Proviſions in the 42, 48, 51 & 54 G. 3.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, all the Regulations and Proviſions contained in the ſaid herein-before mentioned Acts of the Forty-eighth, Fifty-firſt, and Fifty-fourth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for better ſecuring and facilitating the Recovery of 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, and alſo all the Proviſions of the ſaid herein-before mentioned Act of the Forty-ſecond Year of His Majeſty's Reign, which by force of the ſaid Act of the Forty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign are now applicable to any of the ſame Duties, ſhall ceaſe and determine as to all the ſaid Duties ariſing after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January*, and as to all Matters and Things to be done and performed in reſpect thereof.

Proviſions of 25 Geo. 3. reſpecting Hirings for a Day and for two or more Days, to be applied to Hirings for leſs than Twenty-eight Days, and to Hirings for Twenty-eight Days or above.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, all the Powers, Proviſions, Regulations, and Directions, Fines, Forfeitures, Pains, and Penalties, contained in and impoſed by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, for the raiſing, levying, collecting, and ſecuring of the Duties thereby granted for and in reſpect of Horſes hired for a Day or leſs Period of Time, for drawing on any Public Road any Coach or other Carriage uſed in travelling Poſt or otherwiſe, both where the Diſtance to be travelled ſhould be aſcertained and where not, (ſave and except the Proviſion which declares that every Horſe hired for any leſs Period than Two ſucceſſive complete Days ſhall be deemed to be hired for a Day,) ſhall, ſo far as the ſame ſhall be conſiſtent with the expreſs Proviſions of this Act, be obſerved, applied, enforced, and put in Execution for the raiſing, levying, collecting, and ſecuring of the ſaid 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 for a leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days, for drawing on any Public Road any Coach or other Carriage uſed in travelling Poſt or otherwiſe, both where the Diſtance to be travelled ſhall be aſcertained and where not reſpectively, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſame had been inſerted and ſpecially enacted in this Act, with ſuch Alterations and Variations as may be neceſſary for applying the ſame to the ſaid laſt-mentioned Duties and Hirings; and that all the Powers, Proviſions, Regulations, and Directions, Fines, Forfeitures, Pains, and Penalties, contained in and impoſed by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, with reſpect to Horſes hired for Two or more Days for drawing any Carriage uſed in travelling as aforeſaid, ſhall, ſo far as the ſame ſhall be conſiſtent with the expreſs Proviſions of this Act, be obſerved, applied, enforced, and put into Execution with reſpect to Horſes, Mares, and Geldings hired for Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days or above, for drawing any Carriage uſed in travelling as aforeſaid, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſame had been inſerted and ſpecially enacted

in this Act, with ſuch Alterations and Variations as may be neceſſary for applying the ſame to Hirings of the Deſcription laſt mentioned.

Commiſſioners of Stamps to ſupply proper Tickets and Exchange Tickets, to be filled up and uſed for denoting Hirings for a leſs Time than Twenty-eight Days.

X. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps ſhall ſupply all Perſons who ſhall be licenſed to let Horſes to Hire in the Manner aforeſaid, with proper and convenient Tickets, and the Toll-Gate Keepers with proper and convenient Exchange Tickets, for denoting Hirings for any leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days, both where the Diſtance to be travelled ſhall be aſcertained and where not, all which Tickets and Exchange Tickets ſhall ſpecify the Number of Horſes to be let to Hire as heretofore; and the Original Tickets ſhall have Blanks to be filled up with the Day or Number of Days for which the Hiring ſhall be made, the Name of the Perſon letting to Hire, if not an Innkeeper, or the Name of his or her Sign or Houſe if an Innkeeper, the Name of the Place of his or her Reſidence, and the Month and Year and Day of the Month when the Hiring ſhall commence; and alſo in Caſes of Hirings to go to any certain Place or Places and back, the Name or Deſcription of ſuch Place or Places, and the full Number of Miles thither and back; and alſo in Caſes of Hirings for Two or more Days, the Name and Place of Reſidence of the Perſon hiring the Horſe or Horſes; and the Exchange Tickets ſhall have Blanks to be filled up with the Number of Days for which the Hiring ſhall be made, the Name of the Town or Place where the original Ticket ſhall have been iſſued, and the Date thereof, and the Name of the Toll-gate and County where the Exchange Ticket ſhall be given; and alſo in Caſes of Hirings to go to any certain Place or Places and back, the Name or Deſcription of ſuch Place or Places, and the Number of Miles thither and back, as the ſame ſhall be expreſſed in the original Ticket, and alſo the Name and Reſidence of the Hirer if expreſſed in the original Ticket for which the Exchange Ticket ſhall be given; and all ſuch Original and Exchange Tickets ſhall be filled up accordingly, and ſhall be delivered, ſhewn, and uſed by all Perſons concerned, in ſuch and the like Manner as by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign is directed of and concerning the Original and Exchange Tickets thereby required to be provided, delivered, ſhewn, and uſed in Caſes of or for denoting Hirings for a Day, and under and ſubject to the like Penalties and Forfeitures for every Refuſal, Neglect, or Omiſſion as are thereby impoſed.

Commiſſioners of Stamps to ſupply proper Certificates and Check Tickets, to be filled up and uſed for denoting Hirings for Twenty-eight Days or above.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps ſhall alſo ſupply all Perſons who ſhall be licenſed to let Horſes to Hire in the Manner aforeſaid with proper and convenient Certificates, and the Toll Gate Keepers with proper and convenient Check Tickets, for denoting Hirings for Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days or above not liable to the before-mentioned Duties, which Certificates ſhall have Blanks to be filled up with the Number of Horſes let to Hire, the Number of Days for which the ſame ſhall be hired, the Name and Reſidence of the Perſon hiring, and of the Perſon letting to Hire, and the Month and Year and Day of the Month when the Hiring ſhall commence; and the Check Tickets ſhall have Blanks to be filled up with the ſame Particulars as the Certificates for which they ſhall be given in Exchange, and with the Name of the Toll Gate and County where the Check Tickets ſhall be given; and all ſuch Certificates and Check Tickets ſhall be filled up accordingly, and ſhall be delivered, ſhewn, and uſed by all Perſons concerned, in ſuch and the like

Manner as by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign is directed of and concerning the Certificates and Check Tickets thereby required to be provided, delivered, ſhewn and uſed in Caſes of or for denoting Hirings for Two or more Days, and under and ſubject to the like Penalties and Forfeitures for every Refuſal, Neglect, or Omiſſion as are thereby impoſed.

When Horſes hired for any Period of Time ſhall be given up before the Time expires, the Exchange Ticket or Check Ticket belonging to them, is to be delivered up to the Farmer or Collector of the Duties.

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, where any Perſon ſo licenſed as aforeſaid ſhall let to Hire any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings for drawing any Carriage uſed in travelling as aforeſaid, either for Two or more Days under Twenty-eight, or for a Period of Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days or above, and the Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings ſo let to Hire, ſhall be given up and returned to the Perſon letting the ſame before the Expiration of the Time agreed for, the Perſon ſo letting the ſame ſhall thereupon aſk and receive of the Perſon ſo returning ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, the Exchange Ticket or Check Ticket which he or ſhe ſhall have received in Exchange for the original Ticket or Certificate delivered to him or her on the Hiring of ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, and ſhall deliver up ſuch Exchange Ticket or Check Ticket to the Farmer or other Collector of the aforeſaid Duties, to whom he or ſhe ſhall be bound to deliver his or her Stamp-Office Weekly Accounts at the next Time of delivering any ſuch Account; and if any Perſon ſo licenſed as aforeſaid ſhall refuſe or neglect to aſk for ſuch Exchange Ticket or Check Ticket, or having received the ſame ſhall refuſe or neglect to deliver up the ſame to the ſaid Farmer or other Collector at the Time aforeſaid, he or ſhe ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds; and if he or ſhe ſhall uſe ſuch Exchange Ticket or Check Ticket, or permit the ſame to be uſed, or give out the ſame to any Perſon for the Purpoſe of being uſed to cover and protect any other Hiring whatever from the Duty payable by Law for the ſame, he or ſhe ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Penalty on Perſons falſely alleging hired Horſes to be their own, and not delivering proper Tickets at Toll Gates.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if the Hirer of any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, ſhall not deliver or ſhew at any Turnpike, Toll Bar, or Bridge the proper Ticket, Exchange Ticket, Certificate, or Check Ticket which he or ſhe ought to do, purſuant to the Directions of this Act and the ſaid Acts of the Forty fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of His Majeſty's Reign, or any of them, and ſhall falſely alledge the Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, with which he or ſhe ſhall paſs ſuch Turnpike, Toll Bar, or Bridge, to be his or her own, or not hired, in order to avoid being ſtopped, or to avoid the Payment of the Sum which the Toll Gatherer there ſhall be entitled to demand in default of ſuch Ticket, Exchange Ticket, Certificate, or Check Ticket, being delivered or ſhewn as aforeſaid, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Carriages kept to be let with Horſes hired by Mile or Stage are to be numbered;

XIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, 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

and the Number and Owner's Name, &c. to be painted thereon.

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 Hearſes and 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 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.

Particulars to be inſerted in the Stamp Office weekly Accounts.

XV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, all and every Perſon and Perſons ſo licenſed 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, if any, which he, ſhe, or they ſhall furniſh, together with any ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, and the Number of every ſuch Carriage, if hereby required to be numbered, 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

In caſes of Hirings by Mile or Stage.

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, if any, which ſhall be furniſhed therewith, and the Number of every ſuch Carriage, if hereby required to be numbered, the Chriſtian and Surname of every Poſtillion or Driver employed with ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, the Time for which the ſame ſhall be hired, and the Number of Miles which the ſame ſhall be hired to go or travel, and the Names of the Towns or Places from and to 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 whenever he, ſhe, or they ſhall let to Hire for Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days or more, 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, if any, which ſhall be furniſhed therewith, and the Number of every ſuch Carriage, if hereby required to be numbered, the Chriſtian and Surname of every Poſtillion or Driver employed with ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, the Time for which the ſame ſhall be hired, and the Name and Place of Abode of the Perſon hiring the ſame; and he, ſhe, or they ſhall alſo inſert in every ſuch Account a Memorandum or Notice of all Horſes, Mares, or Geldings which ſhall have been let to Hire by him, her, or them for drawing any Carriage uſed in travelling as aforeſaid, either for Two or more Days under Twenty-eight, or for Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days or above, and which ſince the Date of his, her, or their laſt Account ſhall have been given up and returned to him, her, or them by the Hirer, before the Expiration of the Time agreed for; 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 Twenty Pounds.

In Caſes of Hirings for any Time leſs than Twenty-eight Days.

In Caſes of Hiring for Twenty-eight Days, or more.

In Caſes of Hirings for any Period of time, when the Horſes ſhall be given up before the Time expires.

Penalty for Neglect.

XVI. 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 ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, where any Perſon or Perſons ſo licenſed 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 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, and ſhall add thereto the ſpecific Sum charged for the ſame; and the Perſon or Perſons letting ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding,

Perſons charging for Horſes, let by the Mile or Stage, a ſpecific Sum for the whole and not by the Mile, to pay One Fourth of the Sum charged, for Duty.

Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, ſhall alſo enter in his, her, or their Stamp Office Weekly Account 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 licenſed 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.

Penalty for Neglect.

Perſons letting Horſes to Hire, in any of the Ways before-mentioned, to make the proper Entries in the Stamp Office Weekly Account, on the ſame Day on which the Horſes ſhall be let.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, all and every Perſon and Perſons ſo licenſed as aforeſaid, who ſhall let to Hire by the Mile or Stage any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, to be uſed in travelling, or ſhall let to Hire for any leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days, or for a Period of Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days or above, any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, 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 ſuch Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Horſes, Mares, or Geldings, ſhall be ſo let 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 licenſed to let Horſes to Hire to make Oath as to the Truth of their Stamp Office Weekly Accounts.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, inſtead of the Oath or Affirmation required by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign to be made by Perſons licenſed to let Horſes to Hire as to the Truth of their Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, the following Oath or Affirmation ſhall be made and ſubſcribed by every Perſon ſo to be licenſed as aforeſaid:

'I *A. B.* do ſwear [*or* affirm, *in the Caſe of Quakers*], That the Stamp Office Weekly Account or Accounts now delivered by me doth or do contain a juſt and true Statement of all Horſes, Mares, and Geldings which have been let to Hire by me or my Servants, or on my Behalf, either by the Mile or Stage, with or without a Carriage, or for any leſs Period of Time than Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days, for drawing any Coach or other Carriage uſed in travelling, from the Day of to the Day of both incluſive, together with the true Number of Miles in the Caſes of Hirings by the Mile or Stage, and the true Number of Days and Miles in the Caſes of Hirings by Time, where the Diſtance to be travelled was aſcertained, and the true Number of Days in the Caſes of Hirings by Time where the Diſtance to be travelled was not aſcertained, for which ſuch Horſes, Mares, and Geldings reſpectively were ſo let to Hire, and alſo the full and whole Duty due and payable by me, or for which I am accountable or chargeable for or in reſpect of ſuch Horſes, Mares, and Geldings ſo let to Hire as aforeſaid; and that the ſaid Account or Accounts doth or do alſo contain a juſt and true Statement of all Horſes, Mares, and Geldings which within the Period aforeſaid have been let to Hire by me or my Servants, or on my Behalf, for drawing any Coach or other Carriage uſed in travelling, for the Space of Twenty-eight ſucceſſive Days

'or more, together with the true Number of Days for which the ſame were 'ſo let to Hire in each Caſe; all which ſaid Statements, Matters, and 'Things, and all the other Particulars contained in the ſaid Account or 'Accounts, ſo far as regards myſelf and my own Acts, are true, and ſo 'far as regards the Acts of my Servants, or of any other Perſon or Perſons 'on my Behalf, are true to the beſt of my Knowledge and Belief.

'So help me GOD.'

Which ſaid Oath or Affirmation ſhall be made and ſubſcribed before the Collector of the ſaid Duties authorized to receive ſuch Account or Accounts, who is hereby empowered to adminiſter ſuch Oath or Affirmation; and if any Perſon making ſuch Oath or Affirmation ſhall knowingly and wilfully make a falſe Oath or Affirmation of or concerning any of the Matters to be therein ſpecified and ſet forth, every Perſon ſo offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in force Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to;

Proviſions of 25 Geo. 3. reſpecting Weekly Accounts to extend to the Accounts required by this Act.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Regulations, Proviſions, Directions, Forfeitures, Pains, and Penalties contained in and impoſed by the ſaid Act of the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, relating to the Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, and to the Oath or Affirmation to be made in Verification thereof, ſo far as the ſame are not hereby altered or varied, ſhall be deemed and taken to be in full Force, and to apply to ſuch Accounts with the Alterations and Variations herein-before directed to be made therein, and to the Oath or Affirmation hereby required to be made reſpecting the ſame as aforeſaid.

Where licenſed Perſons are to attend with their Accounts and pay Duties.

XX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, every Perſon ſo to be licenſed as aforeſaid, reſiding in the City of *London* or Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, or within Five Miles of the Head Office of Stamps, or within the Bills of Mortality, ſhall attend and deliver his or her Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, and pay the Duties for which he or ſhe ſhall be accountable, unto the Collector authorized to receive the ſame, at ſuch Place in *London* or *Weſtminſter* and at ſuch Time as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe by a Notice to be written or printed upon the Blank Forms of the Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, which ſhall from Time to Time be delivered to him or her by any authorized Collector of the ſaid Duties, for the Purpoſe of making therein the Entries required by this Act; and every Perſon ſo to be licenſed as aforeſaid, not reſiding within Five Miles of the Head Office of Stamps, or within the Bills of Mortality, ſhall attend and deliver his or her Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, and pay the Duties for which he or ſhe ſhall be accountable, unto the Collector authorized to receive the ſame, at ſuch Place in the Market Town in which he or ſhe ſhall reſide, or in the neareſt Market Town to his or her Place of Reſidence, if out of a Market Town, and at ſuch Time, as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe by a Notice to be written or printed upon the Blank Forms of the Stamp Office Weekly Accounts, which ſhall from Time to Time be delivered to him or her by any authorized Collector of the ſaid Duties, for the Purpoſe of making therein the Entries required by this Act, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Default in not delivering

delivering ſuch Account, and double the Amount of the Duties due and payable by ſuch licenſed Perſon for the Non-payment thereof.

Perſons not licenſed ſhall be accountable for the Duties for Horſes let to Hire by them the ſame as if they had been licenſed.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, not being licenſed as aforeſaid, ſhall, after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, 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 Coach or other 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 Mode and Manner in which every ſuch Horſe, Mare, and Gelding ſhall have been let to Hire, and of the Duty or Duties payable in reſpect thereof, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as is hereby required to be done by Perſons licenſed as aforeſaid, and ſhall alſo verify ſuch Account by Oath or Affirmation (to be adminiſtered by ſuch Collector), in like Manner as licenſed Perſons are hereby required to do, 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 Twenty Pounds for every Default in not delivering ſuch Account verified as aforeſaid, 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, and upon taking out ſuch Licence or Licences as ought to have been taken out by him, her, or them previouſly thereto, the Perſon or Perſons ſo delivering ſuch Account 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 for Neglect.

Duties not exceeding 10l. may be recovered by Diſtreſs.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, where any Perſon or 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 herein-before 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 Ten 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 Juſtice or Juſtices, on Complaint made to him or them, ſhall ſummon the Party complained of, and the Witneſſes on either Side, and examine into the Matter of Fact, and ſhall grant ſuch Warrant, on due Proof being made 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 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; and that the leaving of the Summons to appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices at the Dwelling Houſe or uſual or laſt known Place of Abode of the Party complained of, ſhall be deemed a good Service thereof.

Duties not to attach on Horſes drawing Fiſh Carts or Hackney Chariots; but to attach on thoſe drawing Hearſes.

XXIII. And to prevent Doubts, be it further enacted and declared, That from and after the paſſing of this Act the ſaid herein-before mentioned Duties ſhall not be deemed to attach upon or be payable for or in reſpect of any Horſes, Mares, or Geldings which ſhall be hired for drawing any Carts or Carriages kept or uſually employed for the Conveyance of Fiſh or for or in reſpect of any Horſes, Mares, or Geldings uſed in Chariots or other Carriages duly licenſed by the Commiſſioners of Hackney Coaches, where the ſame ſhall be hired to go no greater Diſtance than Ten Miles from the City of *London* or *Weſtminſter* or the Suburbs thereof; but that the ſaid Duties ſhall be deemed to attach upon and be payable for or in reſpect of Horſes, Mares, and Geldings which ſhall be hired for drawing Hearſes, in the ſame Manner as thoſe hired for drawing Mourning Coaches or other Carriages.

Juſtices of Peace may cauſe Roads

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, it ſhall be lawful

to be measured and publish Measurement.

lawful for Two or more Justices of the Peace for any Division in *Great Britain*, to cause the Distances between any Places in their Division and the Neighbourhood to be measured by some proper Person or Persons who shall be paid for such Measurement, such Sum as shall appear reasonable to the said Justices out of the County Stock by the Treasurer of such County, upon the Warrant of the said Justices; and the Measurement being verified before the said Justices by the Oath of the Person or Persons making the same, to publish such Measurement under the Hand of the Clerk of such Division, Twice in some Newspaper of the County for which such Justices shall act; and from and after such Publication if any Person letting Horses to hire, shall charge for a greater Number of Miles than shall be specified in the Table of Distances so to be published, if the Stage or Distance for which any Horse, Mare, or Gelding shall be hired shall exceed Seven Miles, he or she shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Penalty on Post Masters charging for more Miles than the Measurement.

Penalties how to be recovered.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, 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.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, all pecuniary Penalties imposed by this Act, and by the said herein-before mentioned Acts or any of them, 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.

But prosecutions for Penalties in the King's Courts not to be commenced without Consent of Commissioners of Stamps.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Farmer of any of the said Duties, or for any other Person or Persons, to prosecute for any such pecuniary Penalty in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or in *Scotland*, without having first obtained the Consent in Writing of the said Commissioners of Stamps, or any Two of them, nor unless the Prosecution for the same shall be carried on by the Solicitor of Stamps, or some other Solicitor or Attorney approved of by the said Commissioners, or any Two of them; and it shall be

be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or the major Part of them, if they ſhall think fit to order the Proceedings to be ſtayed in any ſuch Proſecution, on Payment of Part only of the Penalty incurred, with or without Coſts, or on Payment only of the Coſts incurred in ſuch Proſecution, or any Part thereof, as they ſhall judge proper and expedient.

What Proofs ſhall be ſufficient in Actions for Duties and Penalties.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall not be neceſſary upon the Trial or Hearing of any Action, Suit, or Proſecution already commenced, or hereafter to be commenced for the Recovery of any of the ſaid Duties on Horſes, Mares, and Geldings hired in the Manner aforeſaid, which are or ſhall be let to Farm in purſuance of the ſaid Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His Majeſty's Reign or of this Act, or of any future Act of Parliament, or for the Recovery of any Penalty or Penalties impoſed by the ſaid herein-before mentioned Acts or any of them, or by this Act or any future Act in anywiſe relating to the ſaid Duties, to produce the Inſtrument whereby the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Great Britain* or any of them were or ſhall be authorized by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury to let to Farm the ſaid Duties on Horſes, Mares, and Geldings, or any of them, or to produce the Commiſſion whereby the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps were conſtituted and appointed ſuch Commiſſioners, or to prove the Execution of any Contract or Agreement whereby any of the ſaid Duties on Horſes, Mares, and Geldings are or ſhall be let to Farm, or of any Aſſignment of any ſuch Contract or Agreement, or of any Commiſſion, Deputation, or Authority whereby any Perſon or Perſons is or are or ſhall be appointed a Collector or Collectors of any of the ſame Duties by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or any of them, or to prove the Signatures of the ſaid Commiſſioners to any Conſent to proſecute for any ſuch pecuniary Penalty as aforeſaid: Provided always, that ſuch Contract, Agreement, Aſſignment, Commiſſion, Deputation, or Authority and Conſent to proſecute, ſhall be produced on the Trial or Hearing of ſuch Action, Suit, or Proſecution, and it ſhall be made to appear that the Perſon or Perſons claiming under ſuch Contract, Agreement, Aſſignment, Commiſſion, Deputation, or Authority, had in fact acted as the Farmer or Farmers, Collector or Collectors of the Duties therein mentioned and deſcribed, or ſome of them; and that in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Proof ſhall be deemed and taken by the Judges or Juſtices before whom any ſuch Trial or Hearing ſhall be had, to be good and legal Evidence of ſuch Perſon or Perſons being the Farmer or Farmers, Collector or Collectors of the Duties mentioned and deſcribed in ſuch Contract, Agreement, Aſſignment, Commiſſion, Deputation, or Authority, unleſs by other Evidence the contrary ſhall be made to appear; any Law or Uſage to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

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