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An Act to amend several Acts relating to the Post Office and Conveyance of Letters in *Ireland*.

[12th *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, for establishing a Post Office there, it is enacted, that so often as any Deputy or Deputies, or other Person or Persons to be employed in receiving or collecting the Postage of Letters or Packets, or any of the Revenues of the Post Office, shall happen to be in arrear to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to sue for and recover such Arrears in a summary Way, by Process or Civil Bill, in Manner by the said Act directed: And whereas it will be advantageous to the said Revenue that such Mode of Recovery of Arrears should be extended to Sums not exceeding the Sum of Fifty Pounds *Irish* Currency; 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 passing of this Act, so often as any Deputy or Letter Carrier, or other Person or Persons employed or to be employed in receiving or collecting the Postage of Letters or Packets, or any of the Revenues of the Post Office in *Ireland*, shall happen to be in arrear to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding

Irish Act 23 & 24 G. 3.

Arrears amounting to £50 Irish Currency, against Deputies, Letter Carriers, &c. may be recovered by Civil Bill.

exceeding the Sum of Fifty Pounds *Irish* Currency, it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to sue for and recover from such Deputy or Letter Carrier, or other Person or Persons, or from his, her, or their respective Surety or Sureties, in a summary Way, by Process or Civil Bill, before the Chairman or Assistant Barrister of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, or before the Recorder of the City of *Dublin*, or Chairman of the Quarter Session in the County of *Dublin*, every such Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding Fifty Pounds *Irish* Currency in the whole, together with the usual Costs upon serving such Deputy, Letter Carrier, or other Person or Persons, or his, her, or their Surety or Sureties, or any of them, with Process or Civil Bill, Eight clear Days at least before the First Day of any Quarter Sessions to be held for the County, County of a City, or County of a Town, in which such Deputy, Letter Carrier, or other Person or Persons, or his, her, or their Surety or Sureties, or any of them, shall reside at the Time of the Service of such Process or Civil Bill; and that if any such Deputy or Letter Carrier, or other Person or Persons, or his, her, or their Surety or Sureties, or any of them, shall appeal from any Decree to be made against him, her, or them, or any of them, and such Decree shall on the Hearing of such Appeal be affirmed, all and every Persons and Person against whom such Decree shall be affirmed, shall pay to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, Double the Costs of such original Decree; and every such Affirmance of such Decree shall be binding and conclusive on all the Parties therein, in all Courts of Law and Equity, and shall not be questioned or set aside.

Postage of printed Notices from Charities, &c. 1*d.* per Doz.

II. And whereas it will increase the Revenue of the said Post Office, and accommodate the Public, if Charitable Institutions or Societies shall be permitted to send printed Notices and printed Letters, relating solely to the Business of such Institutions or Societies, by Post unsealed at reduced Rates of Postage; be it therefore enacted, That all Rates and Duties for the Portage and Conveyance of such printed Notices and printed Letters, sent by the Post in *Ireland*, payable under any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, immediately before the passing of this Act, shall from and after the passing of this Act cease and determine; and that from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster General of *Ireland* for the Time being, and his or their Deputy or Deputies, Servants and Agents, to and for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to demand, have, receive, and take, for the Portage and Conveyance of all Notices or Letters, which shall be printed on a single Sheet of Paper, and shall relate solely to the Affairs or Business of any Charitable Institution or Society in *Ireland*, and which shall be delivered into any Post Office folded and directed, but without any Seal or Wafer, or other Matter to close or fasten the same, and shall be carried, conveyed, or sent Post from the General Post Office in *Dublin* to the several Post Towns in *Ireland*, or from the several Post Towns in *Ireland* to the General Post Office in *Dublin*, or by the Penny Post in the City of *Dublin*, or any other City or Town in *Ireland*, according to the Rates following; (that is to say), for the Port and Conveyance of Twelve, or any lesser Number of such Notices

Notices or Letters, the Sum of One Penny; for every additional complete Number of Twelve of such Notices or Letters, the further Sum of One Penny; and for any Number of Letters less than Twelve, exceeding One or more complete Set or Sets, or Number or Numbers of Twelve, the further Sum of One Penny; which Sum or Postage shall be paid at the Post Office where such Notices or Letters shall be deposited for Conveyance, and previous to the same being dispatched by the Post.

Mails shall not pay Tolls more than once a Day in each District of Road.

III. And whereas Arrangements are making for the Portage and Conveyance of Mails and Bags of Letters by Coaches in *Ireland* with increased Expedition, and it may happen that by Change of Horses in the same Division of Road, an additional Toll may be charged and chargeable on such Coaches, to the Diminution of the Revenue of Postage in *Ireland*; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Mail Coach, Mail Diligence, or Mail Cart, conveying or employed to carry any Mail or Bag of Letters in *Ireland*, shall be charged or chargeable with any Toll more than once in the same Division of Road in the same Day, calculating from Twelve o'Clock at Night till Twelve o'Clock the succeeding Night; and that no Change of Horses shall subject any such Coach, Diligence, or Cart to any additional Toll at any Turnpike Gate whatsoever; any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Postmasters shall keep Account, and pay Tolls quarterly on Bridges, under 43 G. 3. c. 28.

IV. And be it declared and enacted, That the Postmaster or Postmasters General of *Ireland*, shall cause an Account to be kept from Time to Time of all Tolls payable on Four-wheeled Carriages, conveying or employed to carry any Mail or Bag of Letters in *Ireland*, at the several and respective Turnpike Gates or Bars erected upon or at the Ends of any Bridges in *Ireland* through which such Carriages shall pass, and shall from Time to Time cause the Amount of such Tolls to be paid to the Treasurers of the said Bridges or Turnpike Gates or Bars, or other Persons to whom such Tolls are respectively payable, by Four Quarterly Payments, in like Manner to all Intents and Purposes as the said Postmaster or Postmasters General are required to do under the Directions of an Act made in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Rates and Duties upon Letters and Packets sent by the Post within* Ireland, with respect to such Tolls payable at the several and respective Turnpike Gates in *Ireland*; and that the said Postmaster and Postmasters General of *Ireland* shall, within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, pay all Arrears of any such Tolls at any such Bridges as may be due at the Time of the passing of this Act; any Usage or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

No Postage of Letters between Dublin and Howth, or between Waterford and Dunmore.

V. And whereas Letters and Packets directed to or from Places in *Ireland* from or to any Part or Parts in *Great Britain*, or beyond the Seas, are now sent to and shipped from the Harbours or Packet Stations of *Howth* near *Dublin*, and *Dunmore* near *Waterford*; and Doubts have arisen whether any Rate of Postage is payable on such Letters between *Dublin* and *Howth*, and between *Waterford* and *Dunmore*; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of

of this Act, no Letters or Packets directed from any Place in *Ireland* to any Part or Parts of *Great Britain*, or beyond the Seas, or received in *Ireland* from *Great Britain*, or any Part or Parts beyond the Seas, shall be subject or liable to be charged with or pay any Rate for their Portage and Conveyance to *Dublin* from *Howth*, or from *Dublin* to *Howth*, nor to *Waterford* from *Dunmore*, or from *Waterford* to *Dunmore*; any Construction or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Limits of Penny Post, &c. may be extended by Consent of Lord Lieutenant.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Postmaster General of *Ireland* for the Time being, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, to enlarge and extend the Limits of the Penny Post in the City of *Dublin*, and to appoint Offices to be called Receiving Houses for Penny Post Letters in the said City, or County of the said City, and in any Parts adjacent to the said City and Suburbs, within the Distance of Six Miles from the General Post Office in the said City, and to demand, have, receive, and take for the Portage and Conveyance of all Letters and Packets conveyed by such Penny Post, according to such Rates as are or may be payable by Law for Letters conveyed by the said Penny Post not more than Four Miles from the said Post Office, under or by virtue of any Act or Acts in force at the Time of the passing of this Act; and all the Provisions of all such Acts shall extend and be construed to extend to the said Distance of Six Miles, in like Manner as the same under any of the said Acts extend to the Distance of Four Miles, and as if the said Distance of Six Miles were mentioned in the said Acts and every of them, instead of the said Distance of Four Miles.

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