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CAP. CXIX.

An Act to allow Newspapers to be printed upon Paper of a larger Size than is now allowed; and to reduce the Stamp Duties now payable upon Supplements to Newspapers and other Papers in *Great Britain*. [5th *July* 1825.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to remove the Restrictions which prevent the printing of Newspapers upon Paper not exceeding Thirty-two Inches in Length and Twenty-two Inches in Breadth: And whereas it is expedient to allow Supplements to Newspapers containing Advertisements only to be printed and published subject to a Stamp Duty not exceeding One Half of the Stamp Duties now payable on Newspapers, and to allow Papers not containing Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, but containing only or principally Advertisements, to be printed and published periodically, subject to a like reduced Stamp Duty; 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, any Newspaper or Paper containing Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, shall and may be printed and published in *Great Britain* upon any single Sheet or Piece of Paper duly stamped, although such Sheet of Paper shall exceed Thirty-two Inches in Length and Twenty-two Inches in Breadth, and whatever Size such Sheet or Piece of Paper may be; and

Newspapers may be printed on Paper of any Size.

and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Stamps, and they are hereby authorized and directed, when thereunto required, to mark and stamp any such single Sheet or Sheets, or Piece or Pieces of Paper, to be used for printing thereon any Newspaper or other Paper containing Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, although such Sheet or Sheets, or Piece or Pieces of Paper, shall respectively be of a larger Size than Thirty-two Inches in Length and Twenty-two Inches in Breadth; any thing contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

On Supplements to Newspapers, and on Papers not containing News, a Duty of 2*d.* shall be paid.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid in *Great Britain*, unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for and in respect of the Articles, Matters, and Things following, the several Stamp Duties or Sums of Money following; that is to say, for every Supplement to any Newspaper or Paper containing Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences printed in *Great Britain*, such Supplement containing Advertisements only, (that is to say), for every Sheet, Half Sheet, or other Piece of Paper on which such Supplement shall be printed, the Sum of Two-pence; and for every Paper printed in *Great Britain*, weekly or oftener, or at Intervals not exceeding Twenty-six Days, containing only or principally Advertisements, and not containing any Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, for every Sheet, Half Sheet, or other Piece of Paper, the Sum of Two-pence.

Duties to be under the Management of the Commissioners of Stamps.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Duties hereby granted shall be under the Care and Management of the Commissioners of Stamps in *Great Britain*; and the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered and required to provide and use proper and sufficient Plates, Stamps, or Dies, for marking, expressing, and denoting the Duties hereby granted, and to alter and renew such Plates, Stamps, or Dies, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, and also to employ such Officers and Persons under them, and to do all such other Acts and Things as shall be thought necessary or expedient for effectually raising and collecting the several Duties hereby granted, and for putting this Act into Execution, in the like and in as full and ample Manner as they or any former Commissioners of Stamps are or have been authorized to do, for the raising and collecting of any former Duties under their Care and Management, or for putting into Execution any Act or Acts relating thereto.

Penalty on Persons printing Newspapers with the Stamp denoting the Duty on Supplements, and on Papers containing Advertisements only; and not con-

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to print in or upon any Paper which shall be stamped with a Stamp denoting the Duties by this Act granted, any Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences whatsoever; and that upon every Supplement to any Newspaper chargeable with the Duties granted by this Act there shall be printed the Name and Title of the Newspaper to which the same shall be a Supplement; and that upon every Paper printed weekly or oftener, or at Intervals not exceeding Twenty-six Days, chargeable with the Duties granted by this Act, there shall be printed the Name and Title of such Paper; and that upon every such Supplement, and also upon every such other Paper respectively, there

shall be printed in large Type at the Top of each Side of every such Supplement or other Paper as aforesaid respectively, the Month, and Day of the Month, and Year, on which such Newspaper or other Paper respectively shall be published, and the Name of the Printer and Place of printing, in large Type, in or upon some conspicuous Part of every such Supplement or other Paper as aforesaid respectively; and that if any Person shall print, or cause or permit or suffer to be printed, any Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, other than Advertisements, in or upon any such Supplement to any Newspaper, or in or upon any such Paper printed weekly or oftener, or at Intervals not exceeding Twenty-six Days, or if any Person shall print, or cause or permit or suffer to be printed, any Supplement or Supplements to any Newspaper, without the Name and Title of the Newspaper, or any such Paper printed weekly or oftener, or at Intervals not exceeding Twenty-six Days, without the Title thereof being respectively printed in large Type at the Top of each Side of every such Supplement or other Paper as aforesaid respectively, or without the Month, and Day of the Month, and Year, on which such Newspaper or other Paper as aforesaid respectively shall be published, or without the Name of the Printer, and the Place of printing, in large Type, in or upon some conspicuous Part of every such Supplement or other Paper as aforesaid, being respectively printed in or upon every such Supplement or other Paper as aforesaid respectively, in manner hereinbefore directed, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay, over and above all other Penalties recoverable by Law, the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence.

forming to the Regulations herein mentioned.

V. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Regulations, Directions, Allowances, Exemptions, Privileges, Fines, Forfeitures, Pains, and Penalties, contained in and imposed or granted by the several Acts of Parliament relating to Newspapers, and the Duties of Stamps thereon, shall be of full Force and Effect with respect to the Duties by this Act granted, and to the Articles, Matters, and Things charged or chargeable with Duty, so far as the same are or can be made applicable, in all Cases not hereby expressly provided for, and shall respectively be observed, applied, enforced, and put in Execution, for the raising, levying, collecting, and securing of the said Duties hereby granted, and otherwise relating thereto, so far as the same are or can be made consistent with the express Provisions of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been herein severally repeated and specially enacted with reference to the said Duties hereby granted.

Provisions of former Acts relating to Newspapers extended to this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forfeited or counterfeited, any Plate, Stamp, or Die, or any Part of any Plate, Stamp, or Die, which shall have been or shall be provided, made, or used in pursuance of this Act, for expressing and denoting any of the Duties granted by this Act; or shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, the Impression, or any Part or Resemblance of the Impression, of any such Plate, Stamp, or Die, upon any Paper whatsoever; or shall stamp or mark, or cause or procure to be stamped or marked, any Paper whatsoever, with any such forged or counterfeited

Punishment of Persons forging Stamps.

feited Plate, Stamp, or Die as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of any of the Duties by this Act granted, or any Part thereof; or if any Person shall utter or sell, or expose to Sale, any Paper having thereupon the Impression of any such forged or counterfeited Plate, Stamp, or Die, or Part of any Plate, Stamp, or Die, or any such forged or counterfeited Impression, or Part or Resemblance of Impression as aforesaid, knowing the same respectively to be forged, counterfeited, or resembled; or if any Person shall privately and secretly use any Plate, Stamp, or Die which shall have been so provided, made, or used as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors; then every Person so offending, and every Person knowingly and wilfully aiding, abetting, or assisting any Person or Persons in committing any such Offence as aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

Commencement of the Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect, as to all Matters and Things therein contained, from and immediately after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

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