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CAP. XLIX.

An Act to amend the Laws in force relating to the Stamp Duties on Sea Insurances, on Articles of Clerkship, on Certificates of Writers to the Signet, and of Conveyancers and others, on Licences to Dealers in Gold and Silver Plate, and Pawnbrokers, on Drafts on Bankers, and on Licences for Stage Coaches in *Great Britain*; and on Receipts in *Ireland*. [15th *July* 1828.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws in force relating to the Stamp Duties in certain Particulars; 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Stamps, or any of their Officers (whenever they shall be thereto required), to stamp with any additional Stamp or Stamps any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper which may have been previously stamped, upon which any Policy of Insurance, commonly called a Mutual Insurance, may have been ingrossed, printed, or written, whereby divers Persons insure or agree to insure one another, without any Premium or pecuniary Con-

Policies of Mutual Insurance at Sea may be stamped with additional Stamps, if not underwritten to an Amount exceeding the Sum war-

ranted by the former Stamps.

Consideration, from any Loss, Damage, or Misfortune that may happen to any Ship or Vessel, or any Goods, Merchandize, or other Property on board of any Ship or Vessel, or the Freight of any Ship or Vessel, or any other Interest in or relating to any Ship or Vessel which may lawfully be insured, although such Policy may have been previously signed or underwritten by any Person or Number of Persons; any thing in an Act made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Stamp Duties on Sea Insurances*, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that at the Time when any such additional Stamp or Stamps shall be required, such Policy shall not have been signed or underwritten to an Amount exceeding the Sum or Sums which the Stamp or Stamps previously impressed thereon will warrant.

35 G. 3. c. 63.

Articles of Clerkship executed prior to 22d June 1825, may be stamped before the last Day of Hilary Term 1829, on Payment of Penalty of 5*l*.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Stamps, or any of their Officers, at any Time before the last Day of *Hilary* Term One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, to stamp any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper upon which shall be ingrossed, written, or printed any Articles of Clerkship, Contract, Indenture, or other Instrument, whereby any Person, at any Time before the Twenty-second Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, became bound to serve as a Clerk or Apprentice in order to his Admission as an Attorney or Solicitor in any of the Courts of Law or Equity, upon Payment to the said Commissioners, or their Officer, of the proper Duty payable in respect of such Articles, and of the further Sum of Five Pounds by way of Penalty; any thing in any Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Affidavits relating to such Articles of Clerkship may be filed, and Articles registered, before the same Day.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall have served or become bound to serve as Clerk to an Attorney or Solicitor in *Great Britain*, under any Articles of Clerkship or Contract bearing Date at any Time before the said Twenty-second Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, shall or may have neglected or omitted to cause any Affidavit or Affidavits of the Times of the Execution of such Articles to be made and filed, or shall or may have neglected or omitted to cause any such Articles to be inrolled or registered, it shall and may be lawful for such Person, at any Time on or before the last Day of *Hilary* Term One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, to cause One or more Affidavit or Affidavits to be made and filed in such Manner as the same ought to have been made and filed in due Time, and also to cause such Articles (being first duly stamped) to be inrolled or registered with the proper Officer in that Behalf; and every such Person as aforesaid shall be and he is hereby indemnified from all Penalties, Forfeitures, Incapacities, and Disabilities in or by any Act or Acts imposed and incurred, or to be incurred, for or by reason of such Neglect or Omission; and every such Affidavit and Affidavits so to be made, and which shall be duly filed on or before the said last Day of the said *Hilary* Term, shall be as effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been made and filed within the respective Times when the same ought by

the Laws in force for that Purpose to have been made and filed; any thing in any Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Articles of Clerkship in the Courts of Great Sessions, &c. may be stamped, on Payment of the Duty of 120*l.* for Admission of the Parties in the Courts at Westminster.

IV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds, being the Amount of the Duty imposed by Law on Articles of Clerkship entered into by any Person in order to his Admission in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Stamps, or any of their Officers, at any Time after the passing of this Act, whenever thereto required, and although more than Six Months shall have elapsed from the Date of such Articles, to stamp any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper upon which shall be ingrossed, written, or printed any Articles of Clerkship, Contract, Indenture, or other Instrument under which any Person may have served or become bound to serve as a Clerk in order to his Admission in any of the Courts of Great Sessions in *Wales*, or of the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Lancaster*, or *Durham*, or in any other Court of Record in *England* (not being one of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*), holding Pleas, where the Debt or Damage amounts to Forty Shillings, any thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding; and thereupon the Person having so served shall be capable of being admitted an Attorney or Solicitor in any one or more of His Majesty's said Courts at *Westminster*: Provided always, that at the Time when such Articles of Clerkship shall be required to be stamped with the said Stamp denoting the Payment of the said Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds, such Articles shall have been previously stamped with a Stamp denoting the Payment of the Duty payable in respect of the same at the Date of such Articles of Clerkship.

Certificates to Writers, &c. in Scotland, to expire annually on 31st October.

V. And whereas it is expedient that certain annual Certificates and Licences herein-after mentioned, granted by the Commissioners of Stamps and their Officers, should expire at fixed Periods; be it therefore enacted, That every Certificate which shall have been granted at any Time before the passing of this Act, or which shall be granted at any Time before the Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, to any Person admitted as a Writer to the Signet, or as a Solicitor, Agent, Attorney, or Procurator in any of the Courts in *Scotland*, or to any Person admitted or inrolled as a Notary Public in *Scotland*, or to any Sworn Clerk, Clerk in Court, or other Clerk or Officer in any of the Courts aforesaid, who, in his own Name, or in the Name of any other Person, shall commence, prosecute, carry on, or defend any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding in any of the Courts aforesaid, or shall do any notarial Act whatever, for or in Expectation of any Fee, Gain, or Reward, as an Attorney, Solicitor, Agent, Procurator, or Notary Public, although not admitted or inrolled as such, shall cease and determine from the said Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

Mode of issuing Certificates to Writers, &c. in Scotland.

VI. And for regulating the Mode of issuing and entering the Certificates to be taken out yearly by Writers to the Signet, Solicitors, Agents, Attornies, Procurators, and Notaries Public, in *Scotland*; be it

it enacted, That from and after the Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, every Person admitted in *Scotland* as a Writer to the Signet, or as an Attorney or Sworn Clerk in the Court of Exchequer, or as a Solicitor in the Supreme Courts, or as an Agent in the Court of Session, or as a Procurator or Solicitor in any other Court, or as a Public Notary, shall, between the Thirty-first Day of *October* and the First Day of *December* in each and every Year while he shall continue to act as a Solicitor or Agent, Attorney or Procurator in any Court, or as a Public Notary, and in the Case of Persons not admitted before the Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, then before any such Persons shall begin to act in any such Character or Capacity, and afterwards between the Thirty-first Day of *October* and the First Day of *December* in each and every Year as aforesaid, deliver in to the Head Collector of Stamp Duties at *Edinburgh*, or to the Officer at the Stamp Office there, who may be authorized to issue such Certificates as aforesaid, or to the Distributor or Person duly authorized to act as a Distributor of Stamps for the District, Shire, Stewartry, or Place wherein the Business of the Person requiring such Certificate shall be carried on, a Paper or Note in Writing, containing the full Name and Designation or Description of such Person, together with his usual Place of Residence, or the Place where his Business is carried on, which shall be deemed and taken to be the Place of his Residence, and shall be described as such in the said Paper or Note in Writing, and likewise stating whether his first Admission to act in any such Character or Capacity as aforesaid has been within or beyond Three Years; and thereupon, and upon Payment of the appropriate Duty imposed by Law, every such Person shall be entitled to a Certificate duly stamped, to denote the Payment of the said Duty, according to the Place of Residence described as aforesaid; which Certificate shall be immediately issued under the Hand of the said Head Collector or other proper Officer of Stamps to be for that Purpose duly authorized, and in such Manner and Form as the Commissioners of Stamps shall appoint.

Certificates in the City or Shire of Edinburgh, to be entered with Officer of Court of Session; elsewhere, with the Sheriff or Stewart Clerk.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Certificate so to be obtained by any Person residing or carrying on Business within the City or Shire of *Edinburgh* shall, within the Time herein-before specified, or before such Person shall begin to act as aforesaid, be entered in a particular Book, Roll, or Record, to be prepared and kept by an Officer whom the Judges of the Court of Session are hereby authorized and directed to appoint for that Purpose; and that every such Certificate so to be obtained by any Person residing or carrying on Business elsewhere shall, within the Time herein-before prescribed, or before the Obtainer thereof shall begin to act as aforesaid, be entered in a particular Book, Roll, or Record, to be prepared and kept by the Clerk or Person duly authorized to act as Clerk of the Sheriffdom or Stewartry within which the Obtainer of such Certificate shall happen to reside or carry on Business; which said Officer appointed by the Court of Session, and the Clerks or Persons duly authorized to act as Clerks of the respective Sheriffdoms or Stewartries, shall respectively from Time to Time, upon any such Certificate being exhibited or delivered in for the Purpose of being entered, and upon Payment

Payment of a Fee of One Shilling, enter the Name and Description of the Person mentioned in such Certificate, together with the Place of his Residence as therein described, in the said appropriate Book, Roll, or Record, in which the Names shall be entered in alphabetical Order, and to which all Persons shall and may at all seasonable Times have Access, without Fee or Reward; provided that only One Book, Roll, or Record shall be kept and used at one Time, for the Purpose aforesaid, within any One Shire or Stewartry in *Scotland;* and that it shall be incumbent upon the proper Officer appointed by the Court of Session, and the respective Sheriff and Stewart Clerks or Persons duly authorized to act as such, upon receiving any such Certificate as aforesaid, to mark thereupon the Date of its being exhibited, and to re-deliver the same to the Party at any Time after the Expiration of Three Days, whenever the same shall be applied for, with a signed Note or Memorandum denoting it to have been duly entered in the said appropriate Book, Roll, or Record; and if any Officer appointed by the Court of Session, or Clerk or Person duly authorized to act as Clerk of any Sheriffdom or Stewartry, to whom any such Certificate shall be exhibited and delivered or tendered for the Purpose of being entered as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect or fail to enter the same, or shall neglect or fail to mark thereon the Date of its being exhibited, or the Entry thereof, or shall wilfully and knowingly mark thereon any false or incorrect Date, or shall refuse to re-deliver the same to the Party when the same shall be applied for, every such Officer or Clerk so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every such Offence.

Only One Book to be kept for each Shire or Stewartry.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every such Certificate to be hereafter issued in *Scotland*, between the Thirty-first Day of *October* and the First Day of *December* in any Year, shall bear Date on the First Day of *November* in such Year; and that every such Certificate issued at any other Time shall bear Date on the Day on which the same shall be issued; and that every such Certificate, at whatever Time of the Year the same shall be issued, shall have effect and be in force from the Day of the Date thereof, and shall cease and determine on the Thirty-first Day of *October* then next ensuing.

Determination of Certificates in Scotland.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, if any Person whatever (not being entitled to any special Exemption from the Duties on such Certificates) shall, for or in Expectation of any Gain, Fee, or Reward, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other Person acting for him, and whether in his own Name or in the Name of any other Person, sue out any Writ or Process, or commence, carry on, or defend any Action, Suit, or Proceeding, or do any Act whatever, in any Court in *Scotland*, as a Solicitor, Agent, Attorney, or Procurator of such Court, or shall act as a Public Notary, or exercise the Office of a Notary in any Manner, or shall do any notarial Act whatever in *Scotland*, without having first duly obtained a proper stamped Certificate in the Manner hereinbefore directed, or without having caused the same to be entered in the appropriate Book, Roll, or Record as aforesaid, or shall deliver to the proper Officer of Stamps any Paper or Note in Writing, misrepresenting

Penalty for acting after 31st October 1828 without a Certificate, or without entering it, or for delivering in an erroneous Place of Residence.

senting the Place of his Residence, or the Time of his first Admission in any such Character or Capacity as aforesaid, with Intent to evade the Payment of any Duty or Rate of Duty payable on such Certificate, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and shall also be incapable of maintaining or prosecuting any Action, Suit, or Proceeding in any Court of Law or Equity, for the Recovery of any Fee, Reward, or Disbursement, upon account of or with relation to any Business, Matter, or Thing performed, executed, directed, or conducted by him in any Character or Capacity requiring a Certificate.

Penalties in Scotland how to be recovered.

X. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, for and on account of any Offence committed in *Scotland*, shall and may be sued for and recovered in His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh*, in any Way or Manner in which Penalties incurred under any Act relating to the Stamp Duties may be sued for and recovered.

Certificates to Conveyancers, Special Pleaders, and Draftsmen, in England, granted before the 31st Oct. 1828, shall cease on that Day.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every Certificate which shall have been granted at any Time before the passing of this Act, or which shall be granted at any Time before the Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, to any Person being a Member of One of the Four Inns of Court in *England*, who in the Character of Conveyancer, Special Pleader, Draftsman in Equity, or otherwise, shall, for or in Expectation of any Fee, Gain, or Reward, draw or prepare any Conveyance of, or any Deed or Instrument relating to, any Estate or Property, Real or Personal, or any other Deed or Contract whatever, or any Pleadings or Proceedings in any Court of Law or Equity, shall cease and determine from the said Thirty-first Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight; and that any Certificate which at any Time after the Thirty-first Day of *October* and before the First Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, or in any subsequent Year, shall be granted by the Commissioners of Stamps, or their proper Officer, to any Person who, in any of the said Characters, shall do or perform any Act, Matter, or Thing herein-before mentioned, shall bear Date on the First Day of *November* in such Year respectively; and that every such Certificate which shall be granted at any other Time in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, or in any subsequent Year, shall be dated on the Day on which such Certificate shall be actually granted; and every such Certificate, whatever may be the Date thereof, shall have effect and be in force from the Day of the Date thereof, until and upon the Thirty-first Day of *October* then next following, and shall then cease and determine.

Plate and Pawnbrokers' Licences to expire annually on 31st July.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every Licence which shall have been granted at any Time before the passing of this Act, or which shall be granted at any Time before the Thirty-first Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, to any Person trading in, vending, or selling any Gold or Silver Plate, or any Gold or Silver Goods or Wares, or to any Pawnbroker trading in, vending, or selling any Gold or Silver Plate, or taking or delivering out Pawns of such Plate, Goods, or Wares, or to any Refiner of Gold or Silver, in

Great Britain, or to any Person for using or exercising the Trade or Business of a Pawnbroker in *Great Britain*, shall cease and determine from the said Thirty-first Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight; and that every Licence which at any Time after the Thirty-first Day of *July* and before the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, or in any subsequent Year, shall be granted by the Commissioners of Stamps, or their proper Officer, to any Person for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall bear Date on the First Day of *August* in such Year respectively; and that every such Licence which shall be granted at any other Time in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, or in any subsequent Year, shall be dated on the Day on which such Licence shall be actually granted; and every such Licence, whatever may be the Date thereof, shall have effect and be in force from the Day of the Date thereof, until and upon the Thirty-first Day of *July* then next following, and shall then cease and determine.

Proportionate Allowance to be made upon Certificates and Licences unexpired.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Stamps, and they are hereby authorized and required, to make and pay, in such Manner and under such Regulations as they shall direct, to any and every Person who shall have obtained and be in Possession of any Certificate or Licence which under the Provisions of this Act shall cease and determine before the Expiration of the full Term for which such Certificate or Licence shall have been originally granted, an Allowance of a proportionate Part of the Stamp Duty originally paid on such Certificate or Licence, according to the Term or Period then to come or unexpired thereon.

Allowance not to be made in certain Cases.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Allowance shall in any Case be made to any Person who shall not take out a new Certificate or Licence under the Provisions of this Act, nor unless the Certificate or Licence in respect of which such Allowance shall be claimed shall be delivered up to the said Commissioners of Stamps, or their proper Officer, on or before the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine; and the said Commissioners of Stamps, or their Officer, shall cancel all Certificates or Licences so delivered up, and on which such Allowance shall be made.

Drafts on Bankers in Great Britain, issued within 15 Miles of such Bankers, exempted from Stamp Duty.

XV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all Drafts or Orders for the Payment of any Sum of Money to the Bearer on Demand, and drawn in any Part of *Great Britain*, upon any Banker or Bankers, or any Person or Persons acting as a Banker, who shall reside or transact the Business of a Banker within Fifteen Miles of the Place where such Drafts or Orders shall be issued, shall be and the same are hereby exempted from any Stamp Duty imposed by any Act or Acts in force immediately before the passing of this Act, any thing in any such Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding; provided the Place where such Drafts or Orders shall be issued shall be specified therein; and provided the same shall bear Date on or before the Day on which the same shall be issued; and provided the same do not direct the Payment to be made by Bills or Promissory Notes.

XVI. And

So much of 50 G. 3. c. 48. as directs the Names of Proprietors of StageCoaches to be painted on the Doors thereof, repealed.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, so much of an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal Three Acts made in the Twenty-eighth, Thirtieth, and Forty-sixth Years of His present Majesty, for limiting the Number of Persons to be carried on the Outside of Stage Coaches or other Carriages, and to enact other Regulations for carrying the Objects of the said Acts into Effect*, whereby it is enacted, that all and every Person or Persons who shall be duly licensed to keep any Coach or other Carriage for the Purpose of conveying Passengers for Hire to and from different Places in *Great Britain*, is and are respectively directed and required to paint or cause to be painted on the Outside of each Door of each such Coach or other Carriage above described, or on some other conspicuous Part thereof, the Name or Names of the Person or Persons, or the Company of Proprietors, or Firm, to whom such Coach or other Carriage shall belong; and so much of the said recited Act is hereby repealed accordingly to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter any Clause or Provision contained in an Act passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for repealing the Duties on Licences taken out by Persons letting Horses for the Purpose of travelling Post, and on Horses let to Hire for travelling Post and by Time, and on Stage Coaches, and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof, and also additional Duties on Horses let to Hire for travelling Post and by Time*, whereby it is enacted, that all and every Person or Persons so licensed to use every such Coach or other Carriage as aforesaid shall mark or paint, or cause to be marked or painted, on the outside Pannel of each Door thereof, in such Manner as in the said Act is mentioned, his, her, or their Christian and Surname, together with the Name of the Place from whence they set out and to which they are going.

Nothing herein to repeal or alter any Part of 25 G. 3. c. 51. as to Names of licensed Persons being painted on the Doors of Coaches, &c.

So much of 7 G. 4. c. 33. as permits Informations to be laid by any Persons as to Stage Coaches, repealed.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act so much of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to make further Regulations relating to the licensing of Stage Coaches*, shall be repealed, whereby it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever to lay, make, and prosecute any Information before any Justice or Justices of the Peace against any Person or Persons, for the Recovery of any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture made or incurred by virtue of the said Act, or of any other Act or Acts relating to Carriages or Vehicles kept, used, or employed to convey Passengers for Hire; and so much of the said recited Act is hereby repealed accordingly, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as well with relation to any Offences committed at any Time before the passing of this Act, for which Informations or Proceedings may be depending or in Process at the Time of the passing of this Act, as with relation to any Offences which may be committed at any Time after the passing of this Act.

Justices may quash Informations

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in all Cases where any Information shall have been laid or

or shall be laid before any Justice or Justices of the Peace in *Great Britain*, by any Person other than the Solicitor of Stamps in *England* or *Scotland*, or some Officer of the Stamp Duties, for the Recovery of any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture made or incurred by virtue of any Act or Acts relating to any Duties under the Management of the Commissioners of Stamps, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons against whom such Information shall have been or shall be laid to apply to the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom the Information shall have been laid, or to the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions to which any Appeal shall have been or shall be duly made from any Conviction obtained or made on any such Information laid by any Person other than as aforesaid, to quash such Information or Conviction upon Payment by the Defendant of such Costs and Charges as to such Justice or Justices shall seem reasonable; and it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, if they shall think fit so to do, and such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized and empowered, upon such Application, to quash such Information or Conviction accordingly.

Informations laid by any other Person than an Officer of Stamps, on Payment of Costs.

XIX. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to provide for the Collection and Management of Stamp Duties on Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Receipts, and Game Certificates in* Ireland, Three several Penalties of Twenty Pounds each, and One Penalty of Fifty Pounds, are imposed upon Persons committing the several Offences specified in the said last-recited Act, in relation to the Stamp Duties on Receipts in *Ireland*; be it enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Ten Days next after the passing of this Act, any Person who shall have committed or shall commit any of the Offences in the said Act specified, in relation to the Stamp Duties on Receipts in *Ireland*, shall, upon Conviction for any such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds and no more; any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalties of 20*l.* and 50*l.* under 55 G. 3. c. 100. as to Receipts in Ireland, reduced to 10*l.*

XX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Ten Days next after the passing of this Act, so much of the said last-recited Act as declares that any Clerk or Person in the Employment of another, who shall commit certain Offences in the said Act mentioned relating to Receipts, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and be punished by Fine and Imprisonment and other corporal Punishment, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and from and after the Expiration of Ten Days next after the passing of this Act, any Clerk or other Person in the Employment of another, who shall have committed or shall commit any such Offence, shall, upon Conviction for any such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, and no more, in addition to the Penalty to which the Employer or Employers of such Person is or are by the said last-mentioned Act or by this Act subject and liable in respect of such Offence.

So much of 55 G. 3. c. 100. as declared certain Offences by Clerks as to Receipts to be Misdemeanors, repealed.

Penalty on Persons committing such Offence, 10*l.*

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said several Penalties of Ten Pounds by this Act imposed on Offences committed in *Ireland*

Recovery of Penalties.

shall be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty imposed by the Acts in force in *Ireland* with respect to Stamp Duties may be recovered.

On Proceedings pending for Penalties under 55 G.3. c. 100. Judgment or Conviction shall be only for Penalties imposed by this Act.

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in every Case in which any Suit, Proceeding, or Prosecution shall have been commenced with relation to any such Offences under the said last-recited Act, and in which Judgment or a Conviction shall not have been obtained before the passing of this Act, such Suit, Proceeding, or Prosecution shall not be abated or affected in consequence of the Provisions of this Act, and it shall not be necessary to recommence such Suit, Proceeding, or Prosecution; but in case a Judgment or Conviction shall be obtained therein, the same shall be given only for the Amount of the Penalty or Penalties by this Act imposed, in lieu of the Penalty or Punishment under the said recited Act.

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