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C A P. VII.

An Act to repeal, at the Period within mentioned, so much of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to alter certain Rates of Postage, and to amend, explain, and enlarge several Provisions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Post Office,* as authorizes the taking of certain Rates of Inland Postage within His Majesty's Dominions in *North America*.

[26th *March* 1834.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to alter certain Rates of Postage, and to* 5 G. 3. c. 25. *amend, explain, and enlarge several Provisions in an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *and in other Acts relating to the Revenue of the Post Office*, His Majesty's Postmaster General was authorized to take and receive certain Rates of Postage in the said Act specified for the Postage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets within the *British* Dominions in *America:* And whereas the said Rates have been collected in the *British* Colonies and Provinces in

North America by His Majesty's Postmaster General or his Deputies, and the Surplus thereof, after Payment of the Charges of Collection and Management, have been remitted to the General Post Office in *London*, as Part of the General Revenue of the Post Office: And whereas it is expedient that henceforward the *British* Colonies and Provinces in His Majesty's Dominions in *North America* having local and independent Legislatures should be enabled by the Authority of such Legislatures to levy, for the Inland Postage of Letters and Packets within such Colonies and Provinces, such Rates as to the said Legislatures shall seem meet, and also to make such Regulations for the Management of the Post Office within such respective Provinces and Colonies, by His Majesty's Postmaster General or his Deputies, as to such Legislatures may seem expedient; and that the surplus Revenue arising from the Collection of such Rates should be applied and appropriated for the Use and Benefit of such respective Colonies and Provinces: 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 His Majesty's Consent shall in the usual Form be signified by the Governors or Deputy Governors of His Majesty's Colonies or Provinces in *North America* to Bills or Acts of the Legislatures of such respective Colonies or Provinces authorizing the demanding and taking within such respective Colonies or Provinces, by His Majesty's Postmaster General or his Deputy or Deputies, the like Rates of Postage as are authorized to be received and taken by the said recited Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, or such other Rates of Postage as in and by such Bills or Acts respectively may be mentioned and authorized to be received and taken, and for making such Regulations for the Management of the Post Office within such Colonies and Provinces, by His Majesty's Postmaster General or his Deputies, as shall be therein directed, then the said Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, so far as the said Act authorizes the Demand and Receipt of any Rates for the Inland Carriage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets within such Colonies or Provinces respectively, shall thenceforth be absolutely repealed, and be no longer of any Effect.

After His Majesty's Consent shall be signified to Acts of the Legislatures of the Provinces of North America, authorizing certain Rates of Postage to be taken therein, the Provisions of the recited Act as to the Collection of Postage within such Provinces shall be repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after His Majesty's Consent shall be so signified to such Bills or Acts of Colonial or Provincial Legislatures as herein-before mentioned, all the Revenue which may arise from the Collection of the Rates of Inland Postage within the said respective Colonies or Provinces (after deducting the Expences of Collection, and of the Establishment and Management of the Post Office within and throughout the said respective Colonies or Provinces under the Direction of His Majesty's Postmaster General or his Deputies,) shall and may, instead of being remitted as heretofore to the General Post Office in *London*, as Part of the general Revenue of the Post Office, be appropriated, applied, and distributed to and among the said respective Colonies and Provinces in proportion to the gross Amount of the Rates and Duties of Postage which shall be raised, collected, and received within each and every such respective

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respective Colonies or Provinces, unless and until the said Colonies or Provinces shall, by Bills or Acts of their respective Legislatures to which His Majesty's Consent shall in the usual Form be signified, unite and agree in directing any other Mode in which such Surplus shall be applied and disposed of.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be altered.

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