

preventing the undue Collecting and Delivery of Letters by Private Posts, Carriers, Pigiers, Watermen, Drivers of Stage-Coaches, and other Persons, as all other Frauds to which the Revenue might otherwise be liable; which cannot be well and properly done, to answer the Ends aforesaid, without Authority of Parliament in a New Act to be made for the said Office, and for the Revenues to arise thereby: We therefore Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament Assembled, Do most humbly beseech Your Majesty, that it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted by the Queens 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 Authority of the same, That the said Act made in England in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for Erecting and Establishing a Post-Office, and the said Act made in Scotland in the fifth Session of the first Parliament of His said late Majesty King William the Third, Intituled, An Act anent the Post-Office, and every Article, Clause and Thing therein or in either of them contained, shall be, and is and are hereby, from and after the first Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eleven, actually Repealed, except as is herein after mentioned.

And to the end a General Post-Office may be Established for and throughout Her Majesties Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, Her Colonies and Plantations in North-America, and the West-Indies, and all other Her Majesties Dominions and Territories in such manner as may be most Beneficial to the People of these Kingdoms, and Her Majesty may be Supplied, and the Revenue arising by the said Office better Improved, Settled and Secured to Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, in such manner as is herein after mentioned; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said first Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eleven, there be from thenceforth One General Letter-Office and Post-Office Created and Established in some convenient Place within the City of London, from whence all Letters and Packets whatsoever may be with Speed and Expedition sent into any part of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, or to North-America, the West-Indies, or to any other of Her Majesties Dominions or Territories, or unto any other Kingdom or Country beyond the Seas, at which said Office all Returns and Answers may be likewise received; and that one Master of the said General Letter-Office and Post-Office shall be from time to time appointed by the Queens Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to be Made and Constituted by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain, by the Name and Stile of Her Majesties Postmaster-General; which said Master of the said Office, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently Authorized, and his and their Servants and Agents, and no other Person or Persons whatsoever, shall from time

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