

after demand, as aforesaid, that then and in every such Case the Post-master-General or his Deputy, so Offending, shall forfeit the Sum of five Pounds Sterling, the one Moiety to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same, in any Court of Record, to be recovered and divided, as aforesaid.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be understood to Prohibit the Carrying, or Recarrying of any Letters or Packets, to or from any Town or Place, to or from the next respective Post-Road or Stage appointed for that purpose, above Six Miles from the said General Post-Office, or the Chief Offices of Edinburgh and Dublin, but that every Person shall have free liberty to send and employ such Person or Persons as they shall think fit for to carry the said Letters or Packets, as aforesaid, without any Forfeiture or Penalty therefore; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Letters may be sent from any Place, to the next Stage above 6 Miles from the General Office.

Provided always nevertheless, That nothing herein contained, shall be Construed to extend to give Licence to any Person or Persons whatsoever, to make Collection of Letters in or near the City of London, or Suburbs thereof, under pretence of Conveying the same to any Parts or Places in the said City or Suburbs, or to the General Office of the said City, without the Licence and Leave of the Postmaster-General for the time being: And any Person or Persons acting contrary hereunto shall forfeit and pay as Persons Collecting, Receiving, Carrying, Recarrying and Delivering Letters contrary to this Act, are hereby Enacted to forfeit and Pay, to be Recovered, as aforesaid, and with full Costs of Suit.

None may collect Letters in London, &c. without Licence, &c.

Provided always, That if the Packet or Mail shall be carried out of Great Britain into any Part or Place beyond the Seas, in any Ship or Vessel which is not a Free Ship, and Navigated with such Seamen as, by the Laws of this Land, the same are Required to be, that then, and in every such Case, the Postmaster-General for the time being shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling, the one Moiety to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same in any Court of Record, to be Recovered by Bill, Complaint, or other Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager at Law shall be allowed.

The Packet not to be carried out of Great Britain, in Foreign Ships.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster-General, and all Officers and Deputies acting under him, and all Officers belonging to the said General Post-Office, within that Part of the said United Kingdom called England, Receiving the Sacrament according to the Usage of the Church of England, and Taking, Making and Subscribing the Oath, and the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and Abjuration, Appointed by any of the Laws of the said Part of the said United Kingdom, to be Taken, Made and Subscribed by Officers in Publick Places of Trust in the Government, and within

Postmaster, &c. how to Qualify himself.

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