

Anno Nono

Annæ Reginae.

An Act for Establishing a General Post-Office for all Her Majesties Dominions, and for Settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesties Occasions.



OST Gracious Sovereign, Whereas Preamble. by an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Charles the Second a General Post-Office was Created and Established in that part of Great Britain called England, and by the Twentieth Act of the Fifth Session of the First Parliament of His late Majesty King William the Third a General Post-Office was Created and Established in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, and several Rates of

Postage were thereby severally appointed to be Received, under several different Powers and Authorities; which Two Kingdoms being since United, it is most likely that a Correspondence by Posts will be best managed and ordered for the Publick Good, by uniting also the said Two Post-Offices under one Postmaster-General: And whereas also Posts have at great Charges been Established by Packet-Boats between that part of Great Britain called England and the West-Indies, and also on the Main-land in North-America, through most of Her Majesties Plantations and Colonies in those Parts, as also to divers Parts in Europe, to which no Packet-Boats were till lately Settled, and more Posts may yet be Settled and Established for the Publick Good and Welfare of all Your Majesties Subjects: And whereas the several Rates of Postage may in many Parts, with little Burthen to the Subject, be increased, and other New Rates Granted, which Additional and New Rates may, in some measure, Enable Your Majesty to Carry on and Finish the present War, so as suitable Powers and Authorities be made for Collecting the same, and sufficient Provision be made, as well for