

Deputy Postmaster to account for By or Way-Letters.

That if at any time hereafter, any Person or Persons Employed as a Deputy Postmaster, or otherwise, in these Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of her Majesties Dominions and Territories in the West-Indies, or in North-America, shall not duly Answer and Account to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for all such By or Way-Letters as such Deputy or Deputies, or any by his, her or their Order shall receive the Post for, or that shall not on his or her Post-Bills exactly mention all the By or Way-Letters he, she or they shall or do receive, or which shall come to his, her or their Hand or Hands, Custody or Power, distinguishing them severally, whether Single, Double, Treble, or Duncce Weight, or that shall Destroy or Embezel any such By-Letter or Bye-Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, every such Person so Offending shall Forfeit and Pay for every such Offence, such Penalties and Forfeitures as the Persons herein before Prohibited, Setting up or Employing other Posts, or Collecting, Carrying, Recarrying, Ordering, Dispatching, or Delivering Letters and Packets, contrary hereunto, are Enacted to Forfeit and Pay.

Penalties how to be recovered.

And it is hereby Enacted, That all and singular the said several Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, on any Offender or Offenders against the same, or any part thereof, shall and may be Sued for and Recovered by Action or Actions of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of her Majesties Courts of Record, wherein no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, or Wager at Law shall be admitted; and the said several and respective Penalties and Forfeitures, that shall happen from time to time to be recovered, shall be and remain, the one Moiety thereof, to her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof, to such Person or Persons who shall or will Inform against the Offender or Offenders against this present Act, and shall and will Sue for the said Penalties and Forfeitures upon the same; and on every such Recovery, such Person or Persons so Informing, and Prosecuting for the said Penalties and Forfeitures, shall recover and have also Taxed and Paid their full Costs of Suit.

Proviso, when Postmaster doth not furnish Horses in one Half Hour.

Provided always, That if any Postmaster of any respective Stages on any Post-Roads, in any her Majesties Dominions, now settled, or hereafter to be settled, doth not or cannot Furnish any Person or Persons Riding in Post, with sufficient Horses within the space of one half hour after demand, that then such Person or Persons, is and are hereby understood to be left at Liberty to provide themselves as conveniently as they can to the next Stage, and so at every Stage where he or they shall not be furnished, as aforesaid; and the Person or Persons who shall furnish such Horses, shall not therefore be liable to any Penalties or Forfeitures contained in this Act, by reason thereof.

Penalty on Postmaster not providing.

Provided always, That if through default or neglect of the Postmaster-General, or his Deputy for the time being, any Person or Persons Riding in Post shall fail, as aforesaid, of being furnished with a sufficient Horse or Horses, for his or their Use after