

America, other than such Postmaster-General as shall from time to time be nominated and appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and Constituted by Letters Patentes under the Great Seal of Great Britain, as aforesaid, and his Deputy and Deputies, or Assigns, shall presume to Receive, Take up, Order, Dispatch, Convey, Carry, Recarry, or Deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters (other than as before excepted) or make any Collection of Letters, or set up or employ any Foot-Post, Horse-Post, or Packet-Boat, or other Vessel or Boat, or other Person or Persons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, for the Receiving, Taking up, Ordering, Dispatching, Conveying, Carrying, Recarrying, or Delivering any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or by Land, or on any River within Her Majesties Dominions, or by means whereof any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, shall be Collected, Received, Taken up, Ordered, Dispatched, Conveyed, Carried, Recarried or Delivered, by Sea or Land, or on any River within Her Majesties Dominions (other than as before excepted) or shall presume to Keep, Provide, and Maintain Horses, or Furniture for the Horing of any Person or Persons Riding Post, that is to say, Riding several Stages upon a Post-Road, and Changing Horses, or shall Lett to Hire, or Furnish any Person or Persons whatsoever with Horses or Furniture for Riding Post, as aforesaid, on any of the Post-Roads or Stages now or hereafter to be appointed, with or without a Guide or Horn, for Hire or Reward, or on any Agreement or Promise of Reward, or whereby he or they may have any Profit or Advantage, on Pain of Forfeiting the Sum of Five Pounds of British Money for every several Offence against the Tenor of this present Act, and also of the Sum of One hundred Pounds of like British Money for every Week that any Offender against this Act shall Collect, Receive, Take up, Order, Dispatch, Convey, Carry, Recarry or Deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within Her Majesties Dominions (other than as before excepted) or that shall presume to set up, continue or employ any Foot-Post, Horse-Post or Packet-Boat, or other Vessel or Boat, or any other Person or Persons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, for the Receiving, Taking up, Ordering, Dispatching, Conveying, Carrying, Recarrying, or Delivering of any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within Her Majesties Dominions, as aforesaid.

None to carry Letters, or but the Postmaster-General, or his Deputies,

or provide Horses for Riding Post.

Penalty.

And whereas divers Deputy Postmasters do Collect great Quantities of Post-Letters called By or Way-Letters, and by clandestine and Private Agreements amongst themselves, do convey the same Post in their respective Halls, or By-Bags, according to their several Directions, without Accounting for the same, or Endorsing the same on their Bills, to the great Detriment of Her Majesties Revenues: For preventing whereof for the time to come, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,