

Postmaster-General's Deputy there; Another of each to be left at the Chief Post-Office in Dublin, with the Postmaster-General's Deputy there, to remain at the said Post-Offices; and each of which said Books shall be Signed by such Person or Persons making the same, and by the Postmaster-General for the time being, and his Deputies in such General Offices in each Kingdom, and the Comptrollers and Surveyors belonging or to belong to the said General Post-Offices in London, Edinburgh and Dublin: Which Books or Surveys shall ascertain and determine the Distances on all the said Roads.

Provided always, That such Person or Persons who shall be Authorized to measure the said Distances, and every of them, shall be Sworn to perform the same according to the best of their Skill and Judgment; which Oath shall and may be Administered by any of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace in the said Kingdoms respectively, who shall make a Certificate thereof in Writing, to be Entred in the Three General Post-Offices aforesaid, without Fee or Charge.

Surveyors to be Sworn.

Provided always, That all Merchants Accounts not exceeding One Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, are and shall hereby be understood to be allowed without Rate in the Price of the Letters; and likewise the Covers of Letters, not exceeding One fourth part of a Sheet of Paper, sent by the way of Vienna, Marseilles, Venice or Leghorne, to be sent to or from Turkey, shall be understood to be allowed to pass without Rate or Payment for the same.

Proviso for Merchants.

And in regard the said Postmaster-General and his Deputies are obliged, as well for performing the Duties of the several Stages of Great Britain and Ireland, as for furnishing such as ride Post with Horses and Furniture, to be at great Charge to maintain a convenient number of Servants, Horses and Furniture; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful, to and for such Postmaster-General and his Deputy and Deputies, to ask, demand, take and receive of every Person, that he or they shall furnish and provide with Horses and Furniture, or with Horses, Furniture and Guide, to Ride Post in any of the Post-Roads, as aforesaid, Three-pence of British Money for each and every Horse, Hire or Passage for every English Mile, and Four pence of like Money for the Person Riding as Guide for every Stage; and the Deputy or Deputies of such Postmaster-General, shall not charge any Person Riding Post, for the Carrying of any Bundle or Parcel of Goods, carried along with them, in their way of Travel, so as any such Bundle or Parcel of Goods, do not exceed the Weight of Eight Pounds Averdupoize, to be laid on the Horse rid by the Guide, and no Deputy shall be obliged to carry above that Weight for any Person Riding Post.

Rates for Riding Post.

And whereas, upon the Arrival of Ships from Parts beyond the Seas, into several Ports within Her Majesties Dominions, many Letters directed to several Merchants and others, have been either Imbezilled or long Detained, to the great Damage of the

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