

on board of any such Boat, Barge, or Vessel passing or repassing on any such River or Rivers, as aforesaid, do not receive any Hire or Reward, or other Advantage for the same; but that all such Carriers, Owners and Drivers of Stage-Coaches, Owners, Masters or Commanders of Passage-Boats, and the Passengers therein, and all Owners and Watermen on board of any Boat, Barge, or Vessel passing or repassing on any River or Rivers, to or from any the Parts and Places aforesaid, Collecting and Delivering Letters, as aforesaid, though without Hire or Reward, shall be Deemed and Taken, and are hereby Declared to be Persons offending against this Act, and shall forfeit and pay such Sum and Sums of Money, as Persons Collecting, Receiving, Taking up, Conveying and Delivering of Letters for Hire, or Setting up, Employing and Maintaining any Post contrary to this Act, or that are or shall be concerned therein, are herein after Enacted to forfeit and pay.

And to the end there may be One Chief Letter-Office also in North-Britain and Ireland, and at New-York in North-America, and in the West-Indies, from whence the Distances for which the Rates hereby granted may be computed and settled, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster-General so to be constituted, as aforesaid, shall be at liberty to keep One chief Letter-Office in the City of Edinburgh, and One other Chief Letter-Office in the City of Dublin, and One Chief Letter-Office in New-York aforesaid, and other Chief Offices at some convenient Place or Places in each of Her Majesties Provinces or Colonies in America, and in each of the Islands in the West-Indies, called the Leeward-Islands, and appoint sufficient Deputies under him for the better Managing, Ordering, Collecting, and Improving the Revenue hereby granted.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Postmaster-General for the time being, as shall from time to time be Made and Constituted by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the respective Deputies or Substitutes of such Postmaster-General, and no other Person or Persons whatsoever, shall prepare and provide Horses and Furniture to let to hire unto all or any Person or Persons riding in Post, by Commission or without, to or from all and every the Parts and Places of Great Britain and Ireland, where any Post-Roads are, or shall be Settled and Established.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Postmaster-General to be Constituted and Appointed, as aforesaid, and his Deputy and Deputies by him thereunto sufficiently Authorized, to and for the Use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to Demand, Have, Receive and Take for the Portage and Conveyance of all such Letters and Packets which he shall so convey, carry, or send in Post, as aforesaid, and for the providing and furnishing Horses for Persons riding in Post, as aforesaid, according to the several Rates and Sums of lawful British Money hereafter mentioned,

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Rates for carrying Letters in England.