

missions, and the providing and keeping a sufficient Number of Horses at the said several Stages, as well for the Carrying and Conveying the said Letters and Packets, as for the Horsing of all Persons Riding in Post by Warrant, or otherwise, as aforesaid, as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors shall from time to time in that behalf Make and Ordain.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall have Power to Take, Use, or Seize any Horses for the Services mentioned in this Act, without the Consent of the Owner or Owners thereof; Any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

No Horses to be seized without the Owners Consent.

And forasmuch as the Post must necessarily pass several Ferries in North-America, in which the Ferrymen give great Delays, and sometimes have endeavoured to exact Money from them, notwithstanding the same have always been free for the Post; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Deputy or Agent of such Postmaster-General, Travelling with any Mail of Letters, shall pay any thing for Passing or Re-passing any Ferry within any of the Colonies or Plantations of Her said Majesty in North-America aforesaid; but such Ferrymen shall forthwith, within One half Hour after Demand, Convey such Deputie s, on pain of Forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of five Pounds, to be recovered in any Court of Record within any of the Provinces or Colonies in North-America, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed; one Moiety thereof to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, towards the Support of the Government of the said Provinces, and the contingent Charges thereof, and the other Moiety to the Postmaster-General, who shall Sue and Prosecute for the same, together with full Costs of Suit.

Post to pay nothing for passing Ferries in North-America.

And whereas many Persons having received their Letters refuse to pay for the same, or often run in Debt for the Postage of their Letters, or having received some small Sum for the Post of Letters, which Sums being very small in Particulars, are properly to be recovered in a Summary Way; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding five Pounds, that now is, or shall be due from any Person or Persons for Letters or Packets, or any Letter or Packet to them delivered by any Deputy or Deputies of such Postmaster-General, or which now is, or shall be due from any Person or Persons for the Post of Letters or Packets to them delivered by any Deputy or Agent of such Postmaster-General, not exceeding the said Value, or which have been, or shall be received for the Post of Letters, not exceeding the same Value, without Answering or Paying the Monies so due and owing to the Receiver-General of the said Revenues for Her Majesties Use, shall be recovered before Justices of the Peace, in the same Manner, and under the same Rules, as Small Tythes are, by the Laws of England, to be recovered; and such Debt or Sums of

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