

time to time, and at all times, have the Receiving, Taking up, Ordering, Dispatching, Sending Post or with Speed, Carrying and Delivering of all Letters and Packets whatsoever, which shall, from time to time, and at all or any times, be sent to and from all and every the Parts and Places of Great Britain and Ireland, North-America, the West-Indies, and other Her Majesties Dominions, and also to and from all and every the Kingdoms and Countries beyond the Seas, where he shall settle or cause to be settled Posts, or Running Messengers for that Purpose: Except such Letters as shall respectively concern Goods sent by common known Carriers of Goods by Carts, Waggon, or Pack-horses, and shall be respectively Delivered with the Goods such Letters do concern, without Hire or Reward, or other Profit or Advantage, for Receiving or Delivering such Letters; and except Letters of Merchants, and Masters Owners of any Ships, Barques or Vessels of Merchandize, or any the Cargo or Lading therein, sent on board such Ships, Barques, or Vessels of Merchandize, whereof such Merchants or Masters are Owners, as aforesaid, and Delivered by any Masters of any such Ships, Barques, or Vessels of Merchandize, or by any other Person employed by them for the Carriage of such Letters aforesaid, according to their respective Directions, so as such Letters be Delivered to the respective Persons to whom they shall be Directed, without paying or receiving any Hire or Reward, Advantage or Profit for the same in any wise; and also except Commissions, or the Return thereof, Affidavits, Writs, Process, or Proceedings or Returns thereof, issuing out of any Court, and also any Letter or Letters to be sent by any Private Friend or Friends, in their way of Journey or Travel, or by any Messenger or Messengers sent on purpose for or concerning the Private Affair of any Person or Persons.

Provided always nevertheless, That nothing in the said Exception contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give any Licence or Authority to any common known Carriers of Goods by Carts, Waggon, or Pack-horses, their Servants or Agents, to Receive, Collect, or Deliver, with or without Hire, any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters whatsoever, that do not concern Goods in their Carts, Waggon, or on their Pack-horses, nor to any Owners or Drivers of Stage-Coaches, nor to any Owners, Masters or Commanders of Boats called Passage-Boats, sailing between any Part of Great Britain or Ireland, and any Parts or Places beyond the Seas, or their Servants or Agents, nor to any Passenger or Passengers on board such Boats or Vessels, nor to the Owners or Watermen on board of any Boat, Barge or Vessel passing or repassing on any River or Rivers, to and from any Parts of Great Britain and Ireland, North-America, or the West-Indies, or other Her Majesties Dominions and Territories, although such Drivers of Stage-Coaches, Owners, Masters or Commanders of Boats called Passage-Boats, or Passengers therein, Owners or Watermen

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