

of any of the said Tools, or knowingly suffer the same to be done, he shall forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as aforesaid, and also forfeit his Office, and be incapable of any Office under His Majesty.

One Moiety of the Forfeitures shall be applied to the Use of His Majesty, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Person who shall sue for the same.

General Post-Office, August 21, 1784.

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, That, by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, "For granting to His Majesty, certain additional Rates of Postage, for Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post within the Kingdom of Great Britain, and for further preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from Postage;" It is, amongst other Things, enacted,

That from and after the 31st Instant, Letters and Packets, to and from Places, not exceeding one Post Stage, within Great-Britain, shall pay, in Addition to the present Rate of Postage, Single 1 d. Double 2 d. Treble 3 d. and the Ounce 4 d.

That Letters and Packets above one, and not exceeding two Post Stages, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above two Post Stages, and not exceeding 80 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 150 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 2 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets to or from the General Post-Office in London, to or from the City of Edinburgh, Dumfries and Cockburnspath, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above one Post Stage, and not exceeding 50 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 50, and not exceeding 80 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1 d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 150 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 2 d. and so in Proportion.

It is provided, that no Letter or Packet to or from Glasgow, or the intermediate Places by Carlisle, not passing through London, shall pay an higher Rate than if sent through Edinburgh to or from Glasgow; and that no Letter or Packet sent to or from Edinburgh, or any intermediate Place in England and Scotland, North of London, shall pay an higher Rate than 7 d. for a Single Letter, and so in Proportion.

It is further provided, that no Letter or Packet, together with its Contents, shall be taxed at an higher Rate than as a Treble Letter, unless it shall weigh an Ounce, when it shall be rated as Four Single Letters; and every Quarter of an Ounce above that Weight shall be charged as a Single Letter.

It is likewise enacted, that from and after the last Session of Parliament, no Letter or Packet sent by Post, within Great Britain, directed by

any Member of either House of Parliament, shall be exempted from the Duty of Postage, unless the whole Supercription thereof shall be of the Hand-writing of the Member, and shall have endorsed thereon, in the same Hand-writing, the Name of the Member, Post Town from whence the same is to be sent, and the Day, Month, and Year, when put into the Post-Office, the Day of the Month to be in Words at length; and unless every such Letter and Packet shall be put into the General, or other Post-Office, or into a Receiving-House, on the Day of the Date put upon such Letter or Packet: And no Letter or Packet directed to any such Member shall be exempted from the Duty of Postage, unless such as shall, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before, or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation thereof, be directed to any such Member, at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at his usual Place of Residence in London, or at the House, or Lobby of the House of Parliament, of which he is a Member.

It is further enacted, that all Persons who, by Virtue of their Offices, send and receive Letters and Packets free of Postage, shall send and receive them free, in the Manner, and under such Restrictions, as any Member of Parliament.

It is also enacted, that if any Person shall forge or counterfeit the Hand-writing of any Person whatsoever, in the Supercription of any Letter or Packet, in order to avoid the Payment of Postage, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or procure to be done, the Date upon such Supercription, or shall write, and send by Post, or cause to be done, any Letter or Packet, the Supercription or Cover whereof shall be forged or counterfeited, or the Date thereon altered, in order to avoid the Duty of Postage, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, every Person so offending, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for Seven Years.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

Anthony Todd, Sec.

* * It is recommended to the Members of both Houses of Parliament, to write the Name of the Post-Town, and the Date, in Words at Length, at the Top of the Supercription of their Letters, that it may be distinct from the Direction underneath.

General-Post-Office, July 22, 1784.

BY an Act of the last, and also one of the present Session of Parliament, for establishing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post between Great Britain and Ireland, to take Place on the 1st of August next, all Letters and Packets are to be charged and paid for according to the present Rates of Postage in Great Britain, and the Rates established by the Act of Parliament in Ireland, except to and from certain Persons who, by Virtue of the respective Offices in Great Britain and Ireland, now send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage, provided that all such Letters and Packets so sent shall relate to the Business of their respective Offices, and that there shall be certified on the Outside of such Letters and Packets, under the Hand Writing of such Officers respectively to be On His Majesty's Service, and that such Letters and Packets shall be sealed with the Seal of the Office, or Officer ending the same. And in Case any such Officers shall receive under Cover to them any Letters or Packets intended for or directed to other Persons, all such Officers are required to send the same to the General Post Office in London, or Dublin, in order that such Letters and Packets may be charged with the Duty of Postage