ANNO TRICESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

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His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, the Stamp Duties following; that is to ſay,

Perſons uſing Armorial Bearings on Carriages, Seals, Plate, or other Articles, to take out an annual Certificate:

That every Perſon uſing or wearing any Armorial Bearing or Enſign, by whatever Name the ſame ſhall be called, or who ſhall be poſſeſſed of any Carriage, or Seal, or Plate, or other Article on which the ſame ſhall be painted, marked, engraved, or affixed, ſhall previouſly enter his or her Name, and annually take out a Certificate thereof in the Manner herein mentioned:

Such Certificates to Perſons keeping Carriages, to be charged 2*l.* 2*s.*;

That upon every Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, upon which any Certificate iſſued to any Perſon keeping a Coach or other Carriage, upon which any Duty under the Management of the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Taxes is chargeable, and on which ſuch Armorial Bearing or Enſign ſhall be painted, marked, or affixed, ſhall be engroſſed, written, or printed, there ſhall be charged a Stamp Duty of Two Pounds and Two Shillings:

and to Perſons not keeping them, but chargeable to the Duties on Houſes, &c. 1*l.* 1*s.*;

That upon every Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, upon which any Certificate ſhall be iſſued to any Perſon not keeping any ſuch Coach or other Carriage, who ſhall be charged to the Duties on Inhabited Houſes, or to the Duties on Houſes, Windows, or Lights, by any Act paſſed in the preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be engroſſed, written, or printed, there ſhall be charged a Stamp Duty of One Pound and One Shilling:

and to Perſons not ſo chargeable, 10*s.* 6*d.*

And that upon every Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, upon which any Certificate iſſued to any Perſon not keeping any ſuch Coach or other Carriage, nor being charged to the ſaid Duties on Inhabited Houſes, or to the Duties on Houſes, Windows, or Lights, ſhall be engroſſed, written, or printed, there ſhall be charged a Stamp Duty of Ten Shillings and Sixpence.

Act not to extend to the Royal Family, or to Arms uſed by Cities, &c.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall be conſtrued to extend to charge any of the Royal Family with any of the Duties by this Act impoſed, or any Perſon who ſhall by Right of Office, or by Appointment, wear or uſe any of the Arms or Inſignia worn or uſed by the Royal Family, or uſed by any City, Borough, or Town Corporate in *Great Britain*.

Duties to be under the Management of the Commiſſioners for Stamps.

III. And be it further enacted, That, for the more effectual levying, collecting, and paying the ſaid Duties herein-before granted, the ſame ſhall be under the Government, Care, and Management of the Commiſſioners for the Time being appointed to manage the Duties charged on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, who, or the major Part of them, are required and empowered to denote the Payment of the ſaid Duties by this Act impoſed, either by uſing any Stamps in their Poſſeſſion heretofore provided to be uſed in relation to any former Duties on ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, or to provide new Stamps for that Purpoſe, and to renew or alter the ſame from Time to Time as they ſhall ſee Occaſion, and to do all Things neceſſary to be done for putting this Act in Execution with relation to the ſaid Duties hereby granted, in as full and ample a Manner as they or the major Part of them are authorized to put in Execution any former Law concerning ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, or Paper.

IV. And

IV. And be it further enacted, That, for the greater Convenience in paying the ſaid Duties, the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamp Duties, by any Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, ſhall and may appoint ſuch and ſo many Offices and Places, within the Limits of Ten Miles from the Head Office of Stamp Duties in *Middleſex*, for the Receipt of all Accounts of the Names and Places of Abode of Perſons liable to the Payment of the ſaid Duties, within the ſaid Limits, in purſuance of this Act, and that the reſpective Head Diſtributors of Stamps ſhall alſo, without the ſaid Limits, in their reſpective Diviſions, with the Conſent and Approbation of the ſaid Commiſſioners, appoint in every County, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, in *Great Britain*, One or more ſuch Offices and Places for the Receipt of all Accounts of the Names and Places of Abode of all other Perſons liable to the Payment of the ſaid Duties, without the Limits of Ten Miles from the Head Office as aforeſaid; all which ſaid Offices and Places ſhall reſpectively be kept open for the Purpoſes of this Act on ſuch Days, and during ſuch Periods of the Year, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall from Time to Time direct; which Directions, and alſo the Situation of the reſpective Offices and Places aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe to be, from Time to Time, publickly advertiſed in ſome Newſpaper uſually circulated in the Neighbourhood of ſuch Offices or Places reſpectively, with the Names of the Officers appointed to ſuperintend the ſame.

Commiſſioners to appoint Offices within certain Limits for Receipt of Names, &c. and the Head Diſtributors to appoint them without ſuch Limits, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, or within the Space of Two Calendar Months next enſuing, every Perſon liable to any of the Duties by this Act impoſed, ſhall make ſuch Entry as aforeſaid, by delivering, or cauſing to be delivered, according to the Directions of this Act, into the Head Office of Stamps, or ſuch other Office as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall appoint within the Limits aforeſaid, or in the Office of the Head Diſtributors of Stamps, or their Deputies, or other Perſons appointed to receive the ſame, an Account in Writing, containing his or her Name and Place of Abode, and whether he or ſhe is chargeable to the ſaid Duties in reſpect of any Coach or other Carriage before mentioned, or to any of the Duties on inhabited Houſes, or on Houſes, Windows, or Lights, or One of the Family, or a Lodger or Inmate abiding in the Houſe of any Perſon, with the Day, Month, and Year, of delivering in the ſame; and ſuch Commiſſioners, or their Diſtributors reſpectively, or their reſpective Deputies, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be appointed to receive ſuch Accounts at the Office or Place of Delivery, ſhall thereupon, and upon Payment of the ſaid Duty, iſſue a Certificate made out in the Name of the proper Officer, and ſtamped to denote the Duty by this Act impoſed, in the Form and Manner herein-after directed; and which Account and Certificate ſhall reſpectively be made out in the Forms following; (that is to ſay),

Perſons liable to make Entry, and on Payment of Duty Certificates to be made out, in the following Forms.

FORM

FORM OF ACCOUNT.

Day of		in the Year of our Lord	
Here set forth the County and Parish, Ward, Street, or Town, where the Office is situate.	Here set forth the Name or Names of the Parties.	Here set forth the Place of Abode, containing Town, Street, Parish, and County.	Here set forth whether the Party is chargeable for the said Duties in respect of any Coach or other Carriage before mentioned, or to any of the Duties on Inhabited Houses, or on Windows or Lights, or One of the Family; *videlicet*, Wife, Son, Daughter, &c. (*as the Case may be*), or Lodger or Inmate, and the Year for which the Certificate is to be taken out.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

Counterpart.					Armorial Bearing or Enfign Annual Duty, 1798.	Form of Certificate.			
Column for the Number of Certificate and Date.	Column for Name and Place of Abode, and Description.	Column for the County and Name of Officer.	Armorial Bearing or Enfign Annual Duty, 1798.			Here set forth the Number of Certificate and Date.	Here set forth the Name and Place of Abode of the Party, or other Description that may be neceſſary.	Here set forth the County and Town, or Parish, where the Certificate is iſſued, and the Name of the Officer iſſuing the ſame, and the Year for which the Certificate is iſſued.	

VI. And

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Certificate iſſued by virtue of this Act, ſhall ceaſe and determine on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* after the ſame ſhall be iſſued; and every Certificate taken out within Two Calendar Months after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, for the Year ending on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-nine, or in any ſubſequent Year, for the Year in which the ſame ſhall be iſſued, ſhall be in Force until and upon the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* then next following, and ſhall commence from the Date thereof; and every Certificate taken out for any Year ſubſequent to the Year in which the ſame ſhall be iſſued, ſhall commence from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* then next enſuing, and continue in Force until and upon the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in the ſucceeding Year.

Commencement and Determination of Certificates.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Stamp Duties ſhall cauſe to be prepared Books, in which Certificates ſhall be printed in Blank, and Counterparts thereof, for the Names, Places of Abode, and Deſcription of the Perſons reſpectively, to whom the ſame ſhall be iſſued, to be inſerted therein; which reſpective Certificates and Counterparts thereof, ſhall be of equal Length and Breadth as near as may be, and ſhall be joined with ſome Flouriſh or Device, through which the Certificates, being duly ſtamped to denote the Duty hereby impoſed, may be cut off indentwiſe from the Counterpart thereof, after being reſpectively numbered; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall take Care to provide the ſeveral Diſtributors or other Officers to be appointed to receive Accounts from Perſons liable to the ſaid Duty by virtue of this Act, with ſufficient Numbers of the ſaid Books containing ſuch Certificates and Counterparts as aforeſaid, that all and every the ſaid Perſons may be ſupplied with Certificates, ſtamped in purſuance of this Act, as they ſhall require the ſame; and the ſaid Commiſſioners and Head Diſtributors reſpectively, or their Officers aforeſaid, who ſhall receive any Account or Accounts, together with the Duties payable by virtue of this Act as aforeſaid, ſhall forthwith, in reſpect of each and every Perſon whoſe Name and Place of Abode ſhall be entered therein, fill up One of the ſaid Certificates with the Name, Place of Abode, and Deſcription of ſuch Perſon entering ſuch Account, and the Date of iſſuing the ſame, and ſhall, in like Manner, fill up the Counterpart thereof with the ſaid Particulars, and, as the ſame are ſeverally filled up as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe the Certificates to be carefully cut off, indentwiſe, from the Counterparts, and delivered to the reſpective Perſons requiring the ſame in Manner aforeſaid, on Payment of the Duty hereby impoſed in reſpect thereof, and without Fee or other Charge.

Commiſſioners to prepare Books containing Certificates, &c.

On Payment of Duty, Certificates to be delivered *gratis*.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the reſpective Diſtributors and Officers aforeſaid ſhall, whenever they ſhall be thereunto required by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamp Duties, return the ſaid Books wherefrom the Certificates to be iſſued as aforeſaid ſhall have been cut indentwiſe, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, at their Head Office in *Middleſex*; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe One correct Liſt in Alphabetical Order to be made out in every Year, of all and every the Perſons who ſhall have obtained Certificates in purſuance of this Act, for each County, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, Stewartry, or Place in *Great Britain*, containing the Names, Places of Abode, and Deſcription of ſuch Perſons reſpectively,

Diſtributors to return Books of Certificates to the Commiſſioners, who ſhall tranſmit annual Liſts of the Perſons who have obtained them to their Officers in each County, &c.

and ſhall tranſmit a correct Copy thereof to ſuch of their Officers as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall approve, in each County, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, Stewartry, or Place in *Great Britain*, which Liſts and Copies reſpectively at the Head Office of Stamps, and at the reſpective Offices in the ſeveral Counties, Ridings, Diviſions, Shires, Stewartries, and Places in *Great Britain*, ſhall be open to the Inſpection of any Perſon, at all ſeaſonable Hours, on Payment of Sixpence and no more; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, by their Officers as aforeſaid, are hereby required and directed, upon Demand, to deliver a true Copy or Copies of all ſuch Liſts in their Poſſeſſion, or of ſuch of them as a Copy ſhall be demanded, to any Perſon or Perſons whatever, (ſuch Copy or Copies, purporting to be a true Copy or Copies, to be certified and ſigned by ſuch Officers reſpectively), for which no greater Fee than Three-pence ſhall be charged, unleſs the Copies ſo demanded ſhall contain the Entries of Two or more Perſons, in which Caſe there ſhall be paid at the Rate of Sixpence for every Two Perſons whoſe Names are certified therein; which ſaid Liſts and Parts of Liſts, and alſo a Copy ſigned as aforeſaid, of them, or any of them, or any Part thereof, ſhall at all Times and at all Places be allowed and admitted as legal Evidence of a Certificate having been obtained by the Perſon or Perſons whoſe Names ſhall be certified therein; and ſuch Copy ſhall and may be required by any Juſtice of the Peace in *Great Britain*, before whom any Proſecution ſhall be depending, to be delivered *gratis*, on Notice in Writing being left at the Office of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their reſpective Officers in the County where ſuch Certificates ſhall have been granted, to whom reſpectively the ſame ſhall appertain.

Fee to be paid for Copies of Liſts.

Liſts and Copies to be admitted as Evidence.

Juſtices may require Copies *gratis*.

Penalty on Officers for Neglect of Duty.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer appointed to receive Accounts of Perſons Names and Places of Abode, in purſuance of this Act, or to make out and iſſue Certificates, or to return Liſts or Copies thereof, ſhall neglect to perform his or their Duty in the Execution of ſuch Office, with relation to the Powers and Truſt veſted in them reſpectively by this Act, according to the Rules and Directions herein mentioned, or ſhall commit, or ſuffer to be committed, any undue or fraudulent Practice in the Execution of ſuch Office, and be thereof lawfully convicted, then ſuch Officer or other Perſon aforeſaid ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty Pounds.

Application and Recovery of Penalties ſued for in Three Months.

X. And be it further enacted, That One Moiety of all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures hereby impoſed (except where other Proviſions are expreſsly made), ſhall (if ſued for within the Space of Three Calendar Months from the Time of any ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture being incurred) be to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof, with full Coſts of Suit, to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall inform or ſue for the ſame within the Time aforeſaid, and which ſhall and may be ſued for in His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, for Offences committed in *England*, and in His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer at *Edinburgh* for Offences committed in *Scotland*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties not

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That, in Default of Proſecution within the Time herein-before limited, no ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture

Forfeiture ſhall be afterwards recoverable, except in the Name of His Majeſty's Attorney General in *England*, or Advocate in *Scotland*, by Information in the reſpective Courts aforeſaid, and in which Caſe the Whole of ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture ſhall belong to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; and that all Penalties and Forfeitures, and Shares of Penalties and Forfeitures, incurred as aforeſaid, belonging to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall be paid into the Hands of the Receiver General of His Majeſty's Stamp Duties for the Time being; and that in all Caſes where the Whole of ſuch pecuniary Penalties or Forfeitures ſhall be recovered to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to cauſe ſuch Rewards as they ſhall think fit, not exceeding One Moiety of ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſo recovered, after deducting all Charges and Expences incurred in recovering the ſame, to be paid thereout to or amongſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall appear to them to be entitled thereto, either as Diſcoverers or Informers, in reſpect to ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſo recovered; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

ſued for within Three Months.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice of the Peace reſiding near the Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, to hear and determine any Offence againſt this Act, which ſubjects the Offender to any pecuniary Penalty, not exceeding Twenty Pounds; which ſaid Juſtice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required, upon any Information exhibited, or Complaint made in that Behalf, within Three Calendar Months after the Offence committed, to ſummon the Party accuſed, giving to each Party Three Days Notice to appear, and alſo the Witneſſes on either Side, and to examine into the Matter of Fact, and upon Proof made thereof either by voluntary Confeſſion of the Party accuſed, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, or otherwiſe, as the Caſe may require, to give Judgement or Sentence for the Penalty or Forfeiture, as in and by this Act is directed, to be divided One Moiety thereof to the Poor of the Pariſh or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, and the other Moiety thereof to the Informer or Informers, and to award and iſſue out his Warrant under his Hand and Seal, for the levying the ſaid Penalty adjudged of the Goods of the Offender, and to cauſe Sale to be made thereof in caſe they ſhall not be redeemed within Six Days, rendering to the Party the Overplus (if any); and where the Goods of ſuch Offender cannot be found ſufficient to anſwer the Penalty, to commit ſuch Offender to Priſon, there to remain for any Space of Time, not exceeding Six, nor leſs than Three Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch pecuniary Penalty ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied; and if either Party ſhall find himſelf or themſelves aggrieved by the Judgement of any ſuch Juſtice, then he and they ſhall and may, upon giving Security to the Amount of the Value of ſuch Penalty and Forfeiture, together with ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded in caſe ſuch Judgement ſhall be affirmed, appeal to the Juſtices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Seſſions for the County, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, which ſhall happen, after Fourteen Days next after ſuch Conviction ſhall have been made, and of which Appeal reaſonable Notice ſhall be given, who are hereby empowered to ſummon and examine Witneſſes upon Oath, and finally to hear and determine the ſame; and in caſe the Judgement

Juſtices may determine Offences where the Penalty does not exceed 20 *l.*

Application of Penalty, which may be levied by Diſtreſs, &c.

Appeal may be made to the Quarter Seſſions.

Judgement of ſuch Juſtice ſhall be affirmed, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices to award the Perſon or Perſons appealing, to pay ſuch Coſts occaſioned by ſuch Appeal, as to them ſhall ſeem meet: Provided alſo, That in caſe the Party accuſed of any Offence in uſing or wearing any Armorial Bearing or Enſign, without obtaining a Certificate according to this Act, ſhall inſiſt in his Excuſe before the Juſtice of the Peace, that he has obtained a Certificate in any County or Place, and ſhall, on his Oath or Affirmation, alledge and ſet forth the County or Place, and Time of obtaining the ſame, it ſhall be lawful, at the Requeſt of the Party accuſed, for the ſaid Juſtice of the Peace to adjourn the Hearing and Determination of the Complaint to a future Time or Times, to be in the Diſcretion of the ſaid Juſtice, in order for the Party accuſed to produce his Certificate to ſuch Entry, or Copy thereof, under the Hand of the proper Officer as herein is directed; and if at the End of the Time or Times ſo to be allowed, ſuch Party ſhall not produce to ſuch Juſtice of the Peace ſuch Certificate, or an Entry or Copy thereof as aforeſaid, the ſaid Juſtice ſhall proceed to the hearing and determining of ſuch Complaint in the Manner before directed: Provided nevertheleſs, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Juſtice, where he ſhall ſee Cauſe, to mitigate and leſſen ſuch Penalties as he ſhall think fit, (reaſonable Coſts and Charges of the Officers and Informers, as well in making the Diſcovery as in proſecuting the ſame, being always allowed over and above ſuch Mitigation), and ſo as ſuch Mitigation doth not reduce the Penalties to leſs than the Moiety of the Penalties incurred over and above the ſaid Coſts and Charges; any Thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Coſts may be awarded.

Juſtices may adjourn hearing Complaints, where the Party ſwears he has obtained a Certificate in another Place.

Penalties may be mitigated.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid reſpective Diſtributors and Officers ſhall, within Six Weeks after the Receipt of the Copy of ſuch Liſt, make out, or cauſe to be made out therefrom, correct Liſts of all and every the Perſons named therein, for each City or Town, Pariſh and Place, within ſuch County, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, Stewartry, and Place, and, within the Period of Seven Days after, cauſe the ſame to be reſpectively tranſmitted to the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor, Conſtables, Tything Men, or other Peace Officers of or within ſuch City, Town, Pariſh, or Place, or to ſome or One of them, who ſhall, within Three Days after the Receipt of any ſuch Liſt, cauſe a true and exact Copy thereof to be affixed on the Church or Chapel Doors, and Market Croſs (if any) of ſuch City, Town, Pariſh, or Place; and if ſuch Town or Place ſhall not have a Church or Chapel, then on the Church or Chapel Door of the next adjoining Pariſh, and ſhall cauſe the ſame to be, from Time to Time, replaced for the Space of Four Weeks then next enſuing, and as often as it ſhall be neceſſary for that Purpoſe, ſhall, from Time to Time, during the ſaid Space of Four Weeks, affix other Copies thereof in like Manner; and every Perſon wilfully tearing, defacing, or removing any ſuch Copy ſo affixed within the ſaid Space of Four Weeks, ſhall forfeit, for every Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings, on Conviction before a Juſtice of the Peace, as hereinafter is directed, to be paid, One Moiety thereof to ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor, Conſtable, Tythingman, or other Peace Officer aforeſaid, and the other Moiety thereof to the Informer or Informers.

Diſtributors to tranſmit Copies of Liſts to the Pariſh Officers, to be affixed on the Church Doors, *etc.*

Penalty for defacing Copies.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Expiration of Two Calendar Months after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, if any Perſon ſhall uſe or wear any Armorial Bearing or Enſign, by whatever Name the ſame ſhall be called, or ſhall be poſſeſſed of or uſe any Carriage, or Seal, or Plate, or other Article on which any Armorial Bearing or Enſign ſhall be painted, marked, engraved, or affixed, without having obtained a Certificate from the proper Officer of Stamps in the County, Riding, Diviſion, Shire, Stewartry, or Place where ſuch Perſon ſhall reſide, in purſuance and according to the Directions of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, which may be ſued for and recovered in the County, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, where ſuch Offender ſhall be; and if any Perſon having obtained any ſuch Certificate ſhall afterwards ſell, transfer, aſſign, or deliver the ſame to any other Perſon, with Intent that ſuch Certificate ſhall be fraudulently made uſe of to the Diminution of His Majeſty's Revenue, granted by this Act, or if any Perſon ſhall fraudulently uſe any ſuch Certificate, in order to evade the Payment of the ſaid Duty by this Act impoſed, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Thirty Pounds.

Penalty for uſing Armorial Bearings without Certificate, &c.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon who ſhall come into this Kingdom from Foreign Parts ſhall be required to obtain his or her Certificate in purſuance of this Act before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after ſuch Arrival, and the Proof of ſuch Perſons Arrival from Foreign Parts, and of the Time of ſuch Arrival, ſhall lie upon the Party claiming ſuch Privilege.

Perſons from Foreign Parts to obtain Certificates after 21 Days from Arrival.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſummoned as a Witneſs or Witneſſes to give Evidence before ſuch Juſtice, touching any of the Matters relative to this Act, and ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpoſe appointed, without a reaſonable Excuſe for ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, to be allowed of by ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, or appearing ſhall refuſe to be examined on Oath, and give Evidence before whom the Proſecution ſhall be depending, that then every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levied and paid in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Means, as is herein directed as to other Penalties.

Penalty on Witneſſes neglecting to appear, or to give Evidence.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Juſtice of the Peace before whom any Offender ſhall be convicted as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe the ſaid Conviction to be made out in the Manner and Form following, or in any other Form of Words to the ſame Effect, *mutatis mutandis*, (that is to ſay),

Convictions may be made out in the following Form.

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of Our Lord in the County of *A. B.* of was convicted before me *C. D.* One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for reſiding near the Place where the Offence was committed, for that the ſaid *A. B.* on the Day of now laſt paſt, did, contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Caſe made and provided, [*here ſtate the Offence againſt the Act*], and I do declare and adjudge that the ſaid *A. B.* hath forfeited the Sum of

« of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for the « Offence aforesaid, to be distributed as the Law directs. Given under « my Hand and Seal, the Day of

Convictions to be returned to the Quarter Sessions to be filed, &c.

Which Conviction the said Justice shall cause to be wrote fairly upon Parchment, and returned to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, where such Conviction was made, to be filed by the proper Officer there, and there to remain and be kept among the Records of the same County, Riding, Division, Shire, Stewartry, or Place, and no such Conviction shall be removed by *Certiorari*, or other Process, into any Court whatsoever.

Penalty for counterfeiting, &c. Stamps.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall counterfeit or forge, or procure to be counterfeited or forged, any Stamp or Mark directed or allowed to be used or provided, made or used, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purpose of denoting the Duty by this Act granted, or shall counterfeit or resemble the Impression of the same upon any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, with Intention to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of the said Duty, or shall utter, vend, sell, or expose to Sale, any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, liable to the said Duty, with such counterfeit Mark or Impression thereupon, knowing the same to be counterfeited; or shall privately or fraudulently use any Stamp directed or allowed to be used by this Act, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of the said Duty; every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death, as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

Provisions of former Acts respecting Stamp Duties, to extend to this Act.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all Powers, Provisions, Articles, Clauses, Allowance on present Payment of the Duty, and all other Matters and Things prescribed and appointed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Stamp Duties on Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, (and not hereby altered), shall (as far as the same are applicable) be in full Force and Effect with relation to the Duty hereby imposed, and shall be applied and put in Execution for the raising, levying, collecting, and securing, the said Duty hereby imposed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had severally and respectively been re-enacted, with relation to the said Duty hereby imposed.

Duties to be paid to the Receiver General of Stamps, and by him into the Exchequer.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Duties herein-before granted shall be paid, from Time to Time, into the Hands of the Receiver General for the Time being of the Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, who shall pay the same, the necessary Charges of raising, paying, and accounting for the same being deducted, into the Receipt of the Exchequer, at such Time, and in such Manner, as the Duties charged on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, are directed to be paid; and the said Money so paid into the said Receipt as aforesaid, shall be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund.

Application of Duties.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Monies arising or to arise of the Duty hereby granted, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient, shall be deemed an Addition made to the Revenue for

for the Purpoſe of defraying the increaſed Charge occaſioned by ſuch Part of any Loan, made by virtue of any Act or Acts paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament, as doth not exceed the Sum of Seven Millions; and that the ſaid Monies ſhall, during the Space of Ten Years next enſuing, be paid into the ſaid Receipt, diſtinctly and apart from all other Branches of the Publick Revenue; and that there ſhall be provided and kept, in the Office of the Auditor of the ſaid Receipt, during the ſaid Period of Ten Years, a Book or Books, in which all the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Duties, and paid into the ſaid Receipt, ſhall, together with the Monies ariſing from any other Rates and Duties granted in this Seſſion of Parliament, for the Purpoſe of defraying ſuch increaſed Charge as aforeſaid, be entered ſeparate and apart from all other Monies paid or payable to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, upon any Account whatever.

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