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CAP. XVI.

An Act for granting to His Majeſty an additional Duty on Stage Coaches. [28th *December* 1796.]

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

Preamble.

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament aſſembled, towards raiſing the neceſſary Supplies to defray Your Majeſty's Publick Expences, and making a permanent Addition to the Publick Revenue, have freely and voluntarily reſolved to give and grant unto Your Majeſty the additional Duty herein-after mentioned; and do moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, the Owner or Owners of every Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Calaſh, Chaiſe Marine, Chaiſe, Diligence, or other Carriage, with Four or more Wheels, and of every Calaſh, Chaiſe, Chair, or any other Carriage with leſs than Four Wheels, by what Name ſoever the ſame now is or hereafter ſhall be called or known, to be employed as publick Stage Coaches or Carriages for the Purpoſe of conveying Paſſengers for Hire to

From *Jan.* 5, 1797, the Owner of every Stage Coach to pay an additional Duty of 1 *d.* for each Mile it ſhall travel.

and from different Places in the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, ſhall be, and he and they is and are hereby charged with an additional Duty of One Penny for every Mile ſuch Carriage or Carriages as aforeſaid ſhall travel.

Duty to be levied, *etc.* as ſtamp Duties.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Duty by this Act impoſed ſhall from Time to Time be raiſed, collected, levied, and paid, by ſuch Perſons at ſuch Time, in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Ways and Means, and under ſuch Management, and under and ſubject to ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, and with and ſubject to ſuch Powers, Rules, and Directions, and by ſuch Methods, and in ſuch Manner and Form, as are directed and preſcribed in and by an Act, paſſed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty; intituled, *An Act for repealing the Duties on Licences taken out by Perſons letting Horſes for the Purpoſe of travelling Poſt, and on Horſes let to Hire for travelling Poſt, and by Time, and on Stage Coaches; and for granting other Duties in lieu thereof; and alſo additional Duties on Horſes let to Hire for travelling Poſt, and by Time,* or by any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the Duties under the Management of the Commiſſioners for managing the Duties upon ſtamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper; and that all the Powers, Authorities, Rules, Directions, Proviſions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, mentioned and contained in the ſaid Acts reſpectively, ſhall be in full Force and Effect with relation to the Duty hereby impoſed, and the ſame ſhall be applied and put in Execution for the raiſing, levying, collecting, and ſecuring, the Duty hereby impoſed, as fully, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had ſeverally and reſpectively been re-enacted with relation to the ſaid Duty hereby impoſed.

Duty to be paid into the Exchequer, and carried to the Conſolidated Fund,

III. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Duty hereby impoſed, (the neceſſary Charges for raiſing and accounting for the ſame excepted), ſhall from Time to Time be paid into the Receipt of His Majeſty's Exchequer, and ſhall be carried to and made Part of the Conſolidated Fund.

and deemed an Addition to the Revenue for defraying the encreaſed Charge, occaſioned by any Loan of this Seſſion.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Monies ariſing or to ariſe of the Duty hereby impoſed, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be ſufficient, ſhall be deemed an Addition made to the Revenue, for the Purpoſe of defraying the encreaſed Charge occaſioned by any Loan to be raiſed, or Stock created or to be created by any Act or Acts paſſed, or to be paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament; 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 Duty hereby impoſed ſhall, together with the Monies ariſing from any other Rates and Duties granted in this Seſſion of Parliament for the Purpoſe of defraying ſuch encreaſed 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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