ANNO UNDECIMO

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CAP. XXIV.

An Act for licenſing an additional Number of Hackney Coaches, and applying the Monies ariſing thereby.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS it is found convenient that a greater Number of Hackney Coaches than are allowed by an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for licenſing and regulating Hackney Coaches and Chairs; and for charging certain new Duties on Stampt Vellum, Parchment, and Paper; and on Cards and Dice; and on the Exportation of Rock Salt for *Ireland*; and for ſecuring thereby and by a weekly Payment out of the Poſt Office, and by ſeveral Duties on Hides and Skins, a yearly Fund of One hundred eighty-ſix thouſand ſix hundred and ſeventy Pounds, for Thirty-two Years, to be applied to the Satisfaction of ſuch Orders as are therein mentioned, to the Contributors of any Sum not exceeding Two Millions, to be raiſed for carrying on the War, and Preamble. Act 9° *Annæ.*

other Her Majesty's Occasions; should be licensed to be employed within the Cities of London and Westminster, and within the weekly Bills of Mortality: May it therefore please 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 the Commissioners for licensing and regulating Hackney Coaches for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall have Power and Authority, and are hereby impowered and required, under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of the major Part of them, over and above the Number of Eight hundred Hackney Coaches, authorised to be licensed by the said Act, to licence, in like Manner, at any Time or Times, from and after the passing of this Act, any additional Number of Hackney Coaches, not exceeding Two hundred, to be employed for Hire within the Cities and Limits aforesaid, so that the Number of all the said Hackney Coaches licensed, or to be licensed, by virtue of the said former and this present Act, shall not at any one Time exceed One thousand; and that, upon every One of the said Licences, to be granted in pursuance of this Act, there shall be reserved and made payable unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the like weekly Sum of Five Shillings of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid from the Commencement of every such Licence, during the Continuance thereof respectively, in like Manner, and with like Penalties, Covenants, Conditions, and Provisoes, therein to be inserted for the more effectual Payment thereof, as in other Licences granted in pursuance of the before-mentioned Act; and that the same Hackney Coaches, and the Persons to be licensed to drive or keep the same, shall, in respect thereof, have the same Rates and Benefits, and be subject and liable to all the same Orders, Rules, Regulations, Bye-laws, Penalties, Matters, and Things, as are or were lawfully prescribed in relation to any Persons licensed to keep or drive Hackney Coaches; and the Renters of such Licences, and Drivers of such Coaches, before the making of this present

Commissioners may licence, over the Number 800, any Number of Hackney Coaches, not exceeding 200, to be employed for Hire within the Cities and Liberties of *London* and *Westminster*,

at 5s. per Week, payable from the Commencement of such Licence.

present Act: And that all Persons who shall presume to drive or let to hire by the Hour or Day, or otherwise, any Hackney Coach or Coach Horses, or to carry any Person or Persons for hire in any Hackney Coach, within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbs of the same, or within any of the Parishes or Places comprised within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, without such Leave or Licence as aforesaid, shall be liable to all such Forfeitures and Penalties as he, she, or they would have incurred for so doing, if this Act had not been made.

Drivers of Coaches without Licence, liable to former Penalties.

And it is hereby declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies to arise by Rents of the said additional Number of Hackney Coaches, to be licensed in pursuance of this Act, shall be subject and applicable to the like Uses and Purposes, and under the like Penalties, as the other Rents upon Hackney Coaches are applicable and appropriated by Parliament.

Monies arising by the additional Number of Coaches to be applied as former Rents were appropriated.

Provided always and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies to arise by Rents of Hackney Coaches, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the Time being, to reward the said Commissioners for licensing and regulating Hackney Coaches, and the Clerks, Officers, and others that shall and may be employed by and under them for their Labour and Pains, and to discharge such incident Expences as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as any Three or more of the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the Time being, shall, from Time to Time, think fit and reasonable in that Behalf; any Thing in this Act, or any other Law, Statute, or Usage, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners of the Treasury to defray Expences for licensing, and other Incidents.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants, in any such Action or Suit, may plead the General Issue, and give

Persons sued may plead the General Issue.

this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, a Verdict shall be recorded for the Defendant or Defendants: And if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if Judgement shall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Double Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law, for Recovery of his or their Costs.

Double Costs.

FINIS.