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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXXV.

An Act to authorize the driving and keeping a Hackney Coach or Chariot under the ſame Licence. [11th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament was made and paſſed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Drivers of Licenſed Hackney Coaches, for explaining and amending an Act paſſed in the Forty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty, relating to Hackney Coaches, and for authorizing the licenſing of a limited Number of Hackney Chariots:* And whereas another Act of Parliament was made and paſſed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to amend ſeveral Acts relating to Hackney Coaches, for authorizing the licenſing of an additional Number of Hackney Chariots, and for licenſing Carriages drawn by One Horſe*; whereby the Commiſſioners for licenſing and regulating Hackney Coaches were empowered, in the Manner in the ſaid recited Acts directed, to licenſe Hackney Chariots, not exceeding certain Numbers ſpecified in the ſaid Acts: And whereas the Holder of a Licence to drive and keep a Hackney Coach cannot, under the Authority of ſuch Licence, drive or keep a Hackney Chariot, or the Holder of a Chariot Licence, drive or keep a Hackney Coach, under the Authority of the ſame: And whereas it would be beneficial both to the Perſons keeping ſuch Carriages and to the Public, and it is therefore expedient, that the preſent Holders of ſuch Licences, or any Perſons to whom Licences may hereafter be granted, ſhould reſpectively be allowed to drive and keep Hackney Coaches or Chariots under the ſame Licences, without a Special Licence for each

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Deſcription

Deſcription of Carriage; be it therefore 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 paſſing of this Act it ſhall be lawful for any Holder of a Licence already granted, or which may in future be duly granted by the Commiſſioners of Hackney Coaches, to keep or drive or cauſe to be driven either a Hackney Coach or a Hackney Chariot, under the Authority of the ſame Licence, without being ſubject to any Penalty by reaſon thereof; provided that no ſuch Perſon ſhall drive or cauſe to be driven for Hire, at one and the ſame Time, more than One Carriage under one and the ſame Licence; and that in all Licences to be henceforth granted by the Commiſſioners of Hackney Coaches under the ſeveral Acts now in force relative to Hackney Coaches, it ſhall be expreſſed that the ſame authorizes the driving or keeping a Hackney Coach or Hackney Chariot, but no more than One Carriage at one and the ſame Time, any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithſtanding.

The ſame Licence to ſerve for a Coach or Chariot.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Holder of a Licence already or in future to be duly granted by the Commiſſioners of Hackney Coaches for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to drive a Hackney Coach or Chariot, ſhall from and after the paſſing of this Act uſe or drive, or cauſe to be uſed or driven for Hire under ſuch Licence, more than One Carriage (whether Coach or Chariot), at one and the ſame Time, within the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or the Suburbs of the ſame reſpectively, or any of the Pariſhes or Places comprized within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, or any other Place or Places within which, by any of the Laws now in force, Hackney Coaches and Chariots are to be driven, he or ſhe ſhall, upon being thereof convicted on the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes before the major Part of the ſaid Commiſſioners, forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, in the Diſcretion of the major Part of the ſaid Commiſſioners; One Half of which Forfeiture and Penalty ſhall go to His Majeſty, and the other Half to the Informer, to be levied and recovered as any Penalty may be levied and recovered under any Act of Parliament relating to Hackney Coaches; or otherwiſe it ſhall be lawful for the major Part of the ſaid Commiſſioners to revoke the Licence of the Perſon ſo offending.

Licence not to allow Perſons to drive more than One Carriage at the ſame Time.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon to require any Hackney Coachman to drive for a ſtated Sum of Money a Diſtance in the Diſcretion of ſuch Hackney Coachman; and in caſe ſuch Coachman ſhall exceed the Diſtance to which ſuch Perſon was entitled to be driven for ſuch ſtated Sum of Money, the Coachman ſhall not be entitled to demand more than the Sum for which he was ſo engaged to drive.

Coachman not to charge more than the Sum agreed for, though he exceeds the Diſtance.

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