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An Act to authorize the licenſing an additional Number of Hackney Coaches. [22d *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS it is found expedient that a greater Number of Hackney Coaches than are allowed by Two ſeveral Acts made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, and in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty reſpectively, ſhould be licenſed to be employed within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Suburbs thereof, and within all and every the Pariſhes and Places comprized 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 authorized, empowered, and required under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of the major Part of them, over and above the Number of One thouſand Hackney Coaches authorized to be licenſed by the ſaid Acts, to licenſe in like Manner at any Time or Times from and after the paſſing of this Act, any additional Number of Hackney Coaches not exceeding One 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

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ſaid former Acts and this preſent Act, ſhall not at any One Time exceed One thouſand and one hundred, 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 reſpective weekly Sums of Five Shillings of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, as is now payable upon any Licence granted before the paſſing of this Act, to be paid from the Commencement of every ſuch Licence during the Continuance thereof reſpectively, in like Manner and under like Penalties, Covenants, Conditions, and Proviſoes therein to be inſerted, as in other Licences granted in purſuance of the ſeveral Acts now in force relating to Hackney Coaches; 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, Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, 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 paſſing of this 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 comprized 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.

Perſons licenſed to keep ſuch additional Hackney Coaches ſhall have the ſame Rates and Benefits as Perſons heretofore licenſed.

Application of the Money ariſing by ſuch Licences.

II. And it is hereby declared and enacted, 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 Rents upon Hackney Coaches are applicable and appropriated by Parliament.

Treaſury may reward the Commiſſioners and Officers employed by them for their Labour in carrying this Act into Execution.

III. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, 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.

Perſons ſued may plead the General Iſſue.

IV. And be it further enacted, 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 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.

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