CHAPTER 2.

An Act to authorise the use of Reply Post Cards.

[13th March 1882.] A.D. 1882.

WHEREAS the Post Office Act, 1875, authorised the Treasury from time to time by warrant to fix the rates of postage to be charged by or under the authority of the Postmaster-General in respect (among other postal packets) of post cards, conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, subject to the proviso (among others) that the highest rate for an inland post card shall not exceed one halfpenny: 38 & 39 Vict. c. 22.

And whereas it is proposed to issue such reply post cards as herein-after mentioned, and doubts have arisen as to the power to issue the same, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Queen'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, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Reply Post Cards) Act, 1882, and this Act may be cited together with the Post Office (Duties) Acts, 1840 to 1875, as the Post Office (Duties) Acts, 1840 to 1882. Short title.

2. Nothing in the Post Office (Duties) Acts, 1840 to 1875, or any of them, shall be deemed to prevent the issue of a reply post card, or the fixing of a rate of postage for a reply post card not exceeding double the rate charged for an ordinary post card. Acts not to prevent issue of reply post cards.

A "reply post card" means a post card of such a character that the person receiving the same through the post may without further payment again transmit the same or a part thereof through the post.

A reply post card or any part thereof which may be again transmitted through the post without further payment shall be deemed to be a postal packet within the meaning of the above-mentioned Acts.

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