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An Act for punishing criminally Drivers of Stage Coaches and Carriages for Accidents occasioned by their wilful Misconduct. [6th *June* 1820.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal Three Acts, made in the Twenty-eighth, Thirtieth, and Forty-sixth Years of His present Majesty, for limiting the Number of Persons to be carried outside of Stage Coaches or other Carriages, and to enact other Regulations for carrying the Objects of the said Acts into Effect;* divers Regulations and Penalties were established and imposed to carry into Effect the useful and highly important Purposes thereby intended: And whereas it is expedient to extend the Provisions of the said Act, and to punish criminally Coachmen, or Persons having the Care of Stage Coaches and other Public Carriages carrying Passengers for Hire, for Accidents occasioned by their wilful Misconduct, as hereinafter mentioned: 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 if any Person whatever shall be maimed or otherwise injured by reason of the wanton and furious Driving or Racing, or by the wilful Misconduct of any Coachman or other Person having the Charge of any Stage Coach or public Car-

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Persons occasioning Accidents by furious Driving declared guilty of a Misdemeanor.

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riage, such wanton and furious Driving or Racing, or wilful Misconduct of such Coachman or other Person, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be a Misdemeanor, and punishable as such by Fine and Imprisonment: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to Hackney Coaches, being drawn by Two Horses only, and not plying for Hire as Stage Coaches.

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