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An Act to provide for the Collection and Management of Stamp Duties payable on Bills of Exchange, Promiſſory Notes, Receipts, and Game Certificates, in *Ireland*. [22d *June* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make permanent Regulations, for the better Collection and Management of the Stamp Duties on Bills of Exchange, Promiſſory Notes, Receipts, and Game Certificates in *Ireland*; 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 Commencement of this Act, if any Perſon or Perſons in *Ireland* ſhall iſſue, or cauſe to be iſſued any Bill, Draft, or Order, for the Payment of Money to Bearer on Demand, drawn upon or made payable by any Banker or Bankers, which ſhall be dated on any Day ſubſequent to the Day on which it ſhall be iſſued, or which ſhall not truly ſpecify and expreſs the Place where it ſhall be iſſued, or which ſhall not, according to the true Intent and Meaning of any Act or Acts in force at the Time of the iſſuing ſuch Bill, Draft, or Order, be exempt from the Stamp Duty on Bills of Exchange, Promiſſory Notes, Drafts, or Orders, for Payment of Money, unleſs ſuch Bill, Draft or Order, ſhall be duly ſtamped as a Bill of Exchange, according to the Law in force when the ſame ſhall be iſſued, the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds;

Penalty for iſſuing Bills or Drafts poſt dated, or without mentioning the Place where drawn, without Stamps, &c. 100l.

and if any Perſon ſhall knowingly receive or take any ſuch Bill, Draft, or Order, in Payment of or as a Security for the Sum therein mentioned, the Perſon ſo receiving or taking ſuch Bill, Draft, or Order, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and if any Banker or Bankers, upon or by whom any ſuch Bill, Draft, or Order, ſhall be drawn or made payable, ſhall pay or cauſe or permit to be paid, the Sum of Money therein expreſſed, or any

Penalty for receiving ſuch Bills or Drafts, and on Bankers for paying ſame, 100l.

Part thereof, knowing the ſame to be ſo poſt dated, or knowing that the Place where it was iſſued is not truly ſpecified and ſet forth therein, ſuch Bill, Draft, or Order, not being ſtamped according to Law as a Bill of Exchange, then the Banker or Bankers ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and moreover ſhall not be allowed the Money ſo paid or any Part thereof in Account againſt the Perſon or Perſons by or for whom ſuch Bill, Draft, or Order, ſhall be ſo drawn, or againſt the Executors or Adminiſtrators, Aſſignees or Creditors of ſuch Perſon, or againſt any other Perſon or Perſons claiming under the Perſon or Perſons by or for whom ſuch Draft or Order ſhall have been ſo drawn.

Acceptances of Bank Poſt Bills.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Acceptance of any Bank Poſt Bill ſhall be written on and acroſs the Face of ſuch Bank Poſt Bill and the original Words or Figures thereof, and no Bank Poſt Bill ſhall under any Pretence be re-iſſued.

Bankers ſhall regiſter their Firms at the Stamp Office.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Expiration of One Calendar Month next after the Commencement of this Act, it ſhall not be lawful for any Banker or Bankers, or Perſon or Perſons in *Ireland* (except the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*), at any Time between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in any Year, and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* following, to iſſue any Promiſſory Note for Money payable to Bearer on Demand, which ſhall by Law be liable to a Stamp Duty, and allowed to be re-iſſued in Manner herein-after mentioned, unleſs an Entry and Regiſtry of the Firm of the Bank or Banks to which ſuch Banker or Bankers, or other Perſon or Perſons, do or ſhall reſpectively belong, and of the Name or Names of all the Partners in ſuch Bank or Banks ſhall be previouſly made and entered for ſuch Year, by or on Behalf of ſuch Banker or Bankers, or other Perſon or Perſons, in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe at the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, by ſome Perſon appointed for that Purpoſe by the Commiſſioners of Stamps; and every ſuch Entry or Regiſtry ſhall ſpecify every Town and Place where any ſuch Promiſſory Notes ſhall be iſſued or made payable by any ſuch Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons, or by any Agent or Agents, for or on account of any ſuch Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons; and all Perſons ſo regiſtered as Bankers ſhall, to all Intents and Purpoſes for ſuch Year, be conſidered as Bankers within the Meaning of any Act or Acts from Time to Time in force in *Ireland* reſpecting Bankers, unleſs the contrary ſhall be expreſsly declared in ſuch Act or Acts,

Certificate of ſuch Annual Regiſtry ſhall be granted on Stamps.

IV. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Entry and Regiſtry of ſuch Firm ſhall be made at the Stamp Office in Manner aforeſaid, at any Time between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in any Year and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* following, a Certificate of ſuch Entry and Regiſtry ſhall be granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or by ſome Perſon deputed and authorized by the ſaid Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe, to the Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons by whom or on whoſe Behalf ſuch Entry and Regiſtry ſhall be made, and which Certificate ſhall be written on Vellum, Parchment, or Paper duly ſtamped with the Stamp required for ſuch Certificates, and a ſeparate and diſtinct Certificate on a ſeparate Piece of Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, with a ſeparate and diſtinct Stamp ſhall be granted for and in reſpect of every Town and Place where

where any ſuch Promiſſory Note ſhall be iſſued or made payable by any ſuch Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons, or by any Agent or Agents for or on account of ſuch Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons, ſave only and except that one Certificate ſhall be ſufficient for all the Towns or Places where any ſuch Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall have eſtabliſhed a Branch of his or their Bank, or ſhall have employed an Agent for the iſſuing of ſuch Promiſſory Notes as aforeſaid, at any Time previouſly to the Commencement of this Act; and that every ſuch Town or Place ſhall be notified to the Stamp Office, and be ſpecified in the Certificate to be granted in purſuance of this Act; and that an Affidavit of the Fact ſhall be tranſmitted to the Stamp Office at the Time of applying to make ſuch Entry and Regiſtry as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Certificate ſhall ſpecify the proper Name or Names and Place or Places of Abode of the Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons ſo regiſtered, and alſo the Name of the Town or Place, Towns or Places where, and the Name of the Bank, Firm, or Title under which ſuch Notes are to be iſſued; and where any ſuch Certificate ſhall be granted to Perſons in Partnerſhip, the ſame ſhall ſpecify and ſet forth the Names and Places of Abode of all the Perſons concerned in the Partnerſhip, whether all their Names ſhall appear on the Promiſſory Notes to be iſſued by them or not, and in Default thereof ſuch Certificate ſhall be abſolutely void, and every ſuch Certificate ſhall be dated on the Day on which the ſame ſhall be granted, and ſhall have Effect and continue in force from the Day of the Date thereof until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* following, both incluſive.

Penalty on Bankers iſſuing reiſſuable Notes, without ſuch Certificate, 500l.

V. And be it further enacted, That if after the Commencement of this Act any Banker or Bankers, or Perſon or Perſons in *Ireland*, (except the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*), ſhall at any Time between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in any Year and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* following, iſſue any ſuch Promiſſory Notes re-iſſuable as aforeſaid without having made or cauſed to be made ſuch Entry and Regiſtry as aforeſaid, for ſuch Year and obtained a Certificate or Certificates thereof for ſuch Year in Manner required by this Act; every ſuch Banker or other Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Neglect or Offence forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds *Britiſh* Currency.

Bankers licenſed under former Laws may change their Licences for Certificates under this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Banker or Bankers who at any Time ſince the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, may have obtained any Licence or Licences for the iſſuing of ſuch Notes in Manner required by any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland* immediately before the paſſing of this Act, to apply at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* at any Time within One Calendar Month after the Commencement of this Act, and to make or cauſe to be made ſuch Entry and Regiſtry there, and to obtain ſuch Certificate or Certificates as are by this Act required; and upon the Production of ſuch Licence or Licences duly ſtamped according to the Laws in force at the Time of granting ſuch Licence or Licences, and on Payment of the Difference, if any, between the Amount of the Stamp Duty on ſuch Licence or Licences, and on the Certificate or Certificates required by this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners of Stamps or any Perſon authorized by them for that Purpoſe, to give to the Party or Parties ſo applying a Certificate or Certificates in lieu of ſuch Licence or Licences, and ſuch Certificate or Certificates ſhall be in force until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, and no longer; and

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in ſuch Caſe ſuch Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall not be liable to any Penalty under this Act, for having iſſued any ſuch Notes at any Time within One Calendar Month after the Commencement of this Act.

Regiſtry and Certificate may be made and obtained 10 Days before 25th March in any Year.

VII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons in *Ireland*, intending to iſſue any ſuch reiſſuable Promiſſory Notes within any Year, beginning on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, to apply at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* at any Time within Ten Days previous to ſuch Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, for the Purpoſe of making ſuch Regiſtry and Entry, and obtaining ſuch Certificate or Certificates as is and are required by this Act for One Year, commencing on ſuch Twenty-fifth Day of *March*; and in ſuch Caſe the Certificate or Certificates of ſuch Entry and Regiſtry ſhall be in force for One Year from ſuch Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, and no longer.

Promiſſory Notes may be reiſſued as herein.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch regiſtered Banker or Bankers in *Ireland*, or other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have made and iſſued any Promiſſory Notes or Note for the Payment to the Bearer on Demand of any Sum of Money not exceeding One hundred Pounds each, duly ſtamped according to any Act or Acts in force at the Time of iſſuing thereof, from Time to Time after the Payment thereof, and within the Term of Three Years from the Date thereof, but not afterwards, to re-iſſue any ſuch Promiſſory Notes or Note, without being liable to pay a further Duty in reſpect thereof; and it ſhall not be lawful for any ſuch Banker or Bankers, or other Perſon or Perſons, to re-iſſue any Promiſſory Note, Bill of Exchange, Draft, or Order for the Payment of Money whatſoever, ſave as aforeſaid; and if any Banker or Bankers or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time after the Commencement of this Act iſſue or cauſe to be iſſued for the Firſt Time any Promiſſory Note for the Payment of Money to the Bearer on Demand, bearing Date ſubſequent to the Day when the ſame ſhall be actually iſſued, ſuch Banker or Bankers ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Penalty on Frauds, 50l.

Promiſſory Notes reiſſuable for limited Periods to be cancelled on Payment afterwards, and Notes, &c. not reiſſuable to be cancelled immediately on Payment.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Promiſſory Notes ſo allowed to be re-iſſued for the Term of Three Years from the Date thereof, but not afterwards, ſhall upon the Payment thereof, at any Time after the Expiration of Three Years from the Date thereof; and all Poſt Bills, Promiſſory Notes, Bills of Exchange, Drafts, or Orders for Money not allowed to be re-iſſued, ſhall, upon any Payment thereof reſpectively, be deemed and taken to be thereupon wholly diſcharged, vacated, and ſatisfied, and ſhall be no longer negotiable or available in any Manner whatſoever, but ſhall be forthwith cancelled by the Perſon or Perſons ſo paying the ſame; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall re-iſſue, or cauſe or permit to be re-iſſued, any Promiſſory Note ſo allowed to be re-iſſued as aforeſaid, at any Time after the Expiration of the Term or Period allowed for that Purpoſe; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall re-iſſue, or cauſe or permit to be re-iſſued any Poſt Bill, or any Promiſſory Note, Bill of Exchange, Draft, or Order for Money not allowed to be re-iſſued at any Time after the Payment thereof; or if any Perſon or Perſons paying or cauſing to be paid any ſuch Poſt Bill, Note, Bill, Draft, or Order as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to cancel the ſame according to the Directions of this Act; then

Penalty for reiſſuing Notes, &c. contrary to Law, and for not cancelling ſame, 50l.

and in any of the ſaid Caſes the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and in caſe any ſuch Poſt Bill, Note, Bill, Draft, or Order ſhall be re-iſſued contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, the Perſon or Perſons re-iſſuing the ſame, or cauſing or permitting the ſame to be re-iſſued, ſhall alſo be anſwerable and accountable to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, for a further Duty in reſpect of every ſuch Note, Bill, Draft, or Order of ſuch and the ſame Amount as would have been chargeable thereon in caſe the ſame had been then iſſued for the Firſt Time, and ſo from Time to Time as often as the ſame ſhall be ſo re-iſſued; which further Duty ſhall and may be ſued for and recovered accordingly, as a Debt to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by a ſummary Application to the Court of Exchequer, in the ſame Manner as any unpaid Stamp Duty may be ſued for and recovered under any Act or Acts from Time to Time in force in *Ireland*; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall receive or take any ſuch Poſt Bill, Note, Bill, Draft, or Order in Payment of or as a Security for the Sum therein expreſſed, knowing the ſame to have been re-iſſued contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on taking Notes reiſſued contrary to Law, 20*l.*

X. And be it further enacted, That all Bank Notes, Bank Poſt Bills, and Foreign or Inland Bills of Exchange, and Promiſſory or other Notes, Drafts, or Orders, drawn on or made payable by any Banker or Bankers in *Ireland*, being written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on any Paper ſtamped with a Stamp of leſs Amount than the ſame ought to be according to Law, which ſhall bear Date or which ſhall be iſſued in *Ireland* at any Time after the Commencement of this Act, or which ſhall bear Date at any Time before the Commencement of this Act, but which ſhall not have been actually iſſued before the Commencement of this Act, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be abſolutely null and void, and ſhall not be iſſued or iſſuable, or negotiable or transferrable, to any Intent or Purpoſe whatſoever; and that no ſuch Note, Bill, Draft, or Order, which ſhall bear Date at any Time before the Commencement of this Act, and which ſhall have been actually iſſued before the Commencement of this Act, ſhall at any Time after the Commencement of this Act be re-iſſued or reiſſuable, nor ſhall be negotiated or transferred, or negotiable or transferrable by or on Behalf of the Banker or Bankers who originally iſſued the ſame, or by or on Behalf of any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, at any Time after ſuch Note, Bill, Draft, or Order, ſhall come or ſhall have come into the Hands, Cuſtody, or Poſſeſſion, of ſuch Banker or Bankers, after the Commencement of this Act.

Bank Notes, &c. with a Stamp of a leſs Value than is required ſhall be void.

Notes, &c. iſſued before the Commencement of this Act not to be reiſſuable.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Receipt ſhall be received in Evidence as a Diſcharge, or as any Proof of the Payment of any Sum not actually expreſſed and ſpecified therein, unleſs ſuch Receipt ſhall have the proper Stamp for a Receipt in full of all Demands.

Receipts not in full, Evidence only of the Sums ſtated.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all Duties which ſhall at any Time be charged on Bills of Exchange, Promiſſory Notes, Drafts, Orders, or Receipts, ſhall, unleſs otherwiſe expreſsly provided, be paid by the Perſon or Perſons giving the ſame reſpectively: Provided always, that if any Perſon ſhall, on paying any Sum of Money, demand a Receipt in full of all Demands, the Perſon ſo requiring the ſame ſhall be liable to pay to the Perſon giving the ſame, the Difference (if any) between the Duty payable in reſpect of the Sum ſo then paid, and a Receipt in full of all Demands;

Duty on Notes and Receipts, by whom to be paid.

provided alſo, that every Receipt or other Diſcharge given by any Officer of the Revenue on Payment of Money for or on account of any Duty on Dwelling Houſes in reſpect of Hearths or Windows, or on Coaches and other Carriages, or on Horſes or on Male Servants, ſhall be written or printed, or written and printed, on the proper Receipt Stamp, according to the Amount of the Sum to be paid, and that the Duty on every ſuch Receipt ſhall be paid by the Perſon to whom ſuch Receipt ſhall be given by the Officers of the Revenue.

Receipt Stamps may be tendered as Part of the Money to be paid.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall have Occaſion to pay any Sum of Money to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, whether for himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, or for any other Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate whatſoever, to bring and tender as Part of the Sum ſo to be paid, a Piece of Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, of ſufficient Size and duly ſtamped with the proper Stamp, denoting the Duty payable on a Receipt for ſuch Sum, and to require a Receipt thereon, or on ſome other Piece of Vellum, Parchment or Paper duly ſtamped, and thereupon the ſaid Piece of Vellum, Parchment, or Paper ſo tendered, ſhall be received in the Payment of ſuch Sum as if the ſame were lawful Money, to the Amount of ſuch Duty, and the ſame ſhall be a good Tender to that Amount.

Penalty on refuſing to to give Receipt, 20l.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon receiving Payment in *Ireland* either by Money or by any Bill or Bills, Draft or Drafts, Cheque or Cheques, Note or Notes, or other Security or Securities for Money, who ſhall, upon Demand, refuſe to give a Receipt for the ſame, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on Perſons making, accepting, or paying Bills or Promiſſory Notes not duly ſtamped, 50l.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall make, write, ſign, or iſſue, or cauſe to be made, written, ſigned, or iſſued, or ſhall accept or pay, or cauſe or permit to be accepted or paid, any Receipt, Bill of Exchange, Draft, or Order, or Promiſſory Note, for the Payment of Money which ſhall be then by Law liable to any Stamp Duty without the ſame being duly ſtamped for denoting the Duty ſo charged thereon, he, ſhe, or they, ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Receipts ſhall ſpecify the Sum paid or be ſtamped as Receipts in full.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act, the whole Sum for which any Receipt ſhall be given in *Ireland*, ſhall be really expreſſed in ſuch Receipt unleſs the ſame ſhall have a Stamp for a Receipt in full of all Demands; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall give or cauſe to be given in *Ireland* any Receipt or other Diſcharge in which a leſs Sum ſhall be expreſſed than the Sum actually received, with an Intent to evade any of the Duties which ſhall be then payable on ſuch Receipt or Diſcharge, or ſhall divide or cauſe to be divided the Sum actually paid into divers Receipts, or ſhall by any general Acknowledgement or Uſe of the Words "ſettled" or "paid" or "by Caſh" or "entered," or by ſuch like or any other Word, Letters, or Marks intended to anſwer the Purpoſes of a Receipt, or to denote that the Money for which a Receipt ought to be given, has been paid, or ſhall by any other Means endeavour to evade any of the Duties which ſhall be then payable on Receipts, or be guilty of or concerned in any Fraud or Contrivance whatever to evade any of the ſaid Duties, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty 20l.

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XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon in *Ireland* in the Employment of another or others ſhall for the Uſe of his Employer or Employers, whether in the Name or Names of ſuch Employer or Employers, or in his own or any other Name give any Receipt or other Diſcharge in which a leſs Sum ſhall be expreſſed than the Sum actually received either in Caſh or by any Cheque, Draft, Bill, Note, or other Security for Money, with an Intent to evade any of the Stamp Duties which ſhall be then payable, or ſhall divide the Sum actually paid as aforeſaid into divers Receipts, or ſhall by any general Acknowledgement or Uſe of the Words "ſettled" or "paid" or "entered" or "by Caſh" or ſuch like or any other Words, Letters, or Marks intended to anſwer the Purpoſes of a Receipt, or to denote that the Money for which a Receipt ought to be given has been paid, or by any other Means endeavour to evade any of the ſaid Duties, or ſhall be guilty of or concerned in any fraudulent Contrivance to defraud His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, of any of the ſaid Duties, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and ſuch Act of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall as to all pecuniary Penalties to which ſuch Matter ſhall be ſubject under this or any other Act of Parliament, be conſidered as the Act of the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Employment the Perſon ſo offending ſhall be; and the Clerk or other Perſon ſo committing any of the Offences herein-before mentioned, upon being convicted thereof ſhall be deemed guilty of a Miſdemeanor, and be puniſhed by Fine and Impriſonment and other Corporal Puniſhment, or any One or Two of the ſaid Modes at the Diſcretion of the Court before whom he or ſhe ſhall be tried. Penalty on Clerks ſigning Receipts unſtamped.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That ſeparate and diſtinct Stamps and Marks ſhall be kept at the Stamp Office in *Dublin* for denoting the Stamp Duties, which ſhall from Time to Time be payable on any Bank Notes or Bank Poſt Bills of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any private Bank or Banks or Banker or Bankers whatſoever. Specific Stamps for Bank and Bankers Notes.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all Bank Notes and Bank Poſt Bills, which ſhall be iſſued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, ſhall be exempt from the Stamp Duties which may from Time to Time be charged thereon reſpectively, (unleſs otherwiſe expreſsly provided in the Act or Acts charging the ſame), from every Twenty-fifth Day of *March* for One whole Year next following; provided the Governor and Company of the ſaid Bank ſhall on the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of *March* reſpectively have paid into His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Ireland*, ſuch Sum of Money as ſhall have been from Time to Time agreed upon by and between the ſaid Governor and Company, and the Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland*, or the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland*, as a Compenſation for and to be in lieu of and in full Satisfaction for all Stamp Duties payable upon all Notes and Bills to be iſſued by the ſaid Bank during the Year next enſuing reſpectively, and that any ſuch Compoſition heretofore made ſhall be in force according to the Terms thereof, as if this Act had not paſſed. Compoſition for Stamps on Notes of Bank of Ireland.

XX. And be it further enacted, That although any Bank or Banker's Note or Notes ſhall be ſigned or otherwiſe executed by any Banker or Bankers duly regiſtered in Manner herein-before mentioned, or by his or their Servant or Servants, yet if the ſame ſhall remain in a Book and be part of the Leaves, or any one Leaf thereof, and not cut or ſeparated therefrom, Cancelling Notes in Books of regiſtered Bankers.

therefrom, then and in every ſuch Caſe if ſuch Note or Notes remaining in ſuch Book ſhall be brought to the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners of Stamps, or any of them, or any Officer by them duly authorized, and they are hereby required to cancel the Stamps thereon reſpectively, and to mark or ſtamp any Vellum, Parchment, or Paper which ſhall be brought to the ſaid Office by the Perſon or Perſons ſo bringing ſuch Note or Notes with any Marks or Stamps which he or they may require, on ſuch Perſon or Perſons paying the Difference or Price (if any) between the Stamps ſo cancelled, and the Stamps or Marks ſo required to be marked or ſtamped on the Vellum, Parchment, or Paper ſo brought to the ſaid Stamp Office.

Game Certificates.

XXI. And, for the better ſecuring the Payment of Stamp Duties on Certificates with reſpect to the Killing of Game in *Ireland*, be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act, every Perſon in *Ireland* not acting as a Gamekeeper under or by virtue of a Deputation or Appointment duly regiſtered as herein-after directed, who ſhall keep or uſe any Dog, or any Gun, Net, or Engine for the Taking or Deſtruction of Game, ſhall previouſly deliver in a Paper or Account in Writing, containing the Name and Place of Abode of ſuch Perſon to the proper Officer at the Stamp Office in the City of *Dublin*, if ſuch Perſon ſhall reſide or have a Reſidence in the County or County of the City of *Dublin*, and if not, then to the Diſtributor of Stamps in whoſe Diſtrict ſuch Perſon ſhall reſide; and if ſuch Perſon ſhall have more than One Reſidence, none of which ſhall be in the County or County of the City of *Dublin*, then to any Diſtributor of Stamps in whoſe Diſtrict any of ſuch Reſidences ſhall be, and ſhall annually take out a Certificate thereof from ſuch Officer or Diſtributor reſpectively, which Certificate ſhall be in the Form here following, or in ſome other Form of Words to the ſame Effect reſpectively; that is to ſay, if ſuch Certificate ſhall be taken out at the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, then the ſame ſhall be as follows, or to the ſame Effect;

'I *A. B.* being the proper Officer in that Behalf, do hereby certify, That having a Reſidence at in the County of *Dublin*, or in the County of the City of *Dublin* (*as the Caſe may be*) is at liberty to kill Game until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next enſuing the Date hereof. Dated this Day of in the Year :'

And if ſuch Certificate ſhall be taken out in any other Part of *Ireland*, then the ſame ſhall be as follows, or to the ſame Effect;

'I *A. B.* Diſtributor of Stamps of the County or Counties of or for the Diſtrict of (*as the Caſe may be*), do hereby certify, That having a Reſidence at within the ſaid County of (or the ſaid Diſtrict, *as the Caſe may be*) is at liberty to kill Game until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next enſuing the Date hereof. Dated this Day of in the Year :'

For which Certificate ſuch Perſon ſhall pay a Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence *Britiſh* Currency, and no more, over and above the Price of the Vellum, Parchment, or Paper on which the ſame ſhall be written, and of the legal Stamps thereon.

XXII. And

XXII. And be it further enacted, That every Deputation or Appointment of a Gamekeeper granted to any Perſon by any Lord or Lady of a Manor, or other Perſon having a Right to make ſuch Deputation or Appointment in *Ireland*, ſhall be regiſtered with the proper Officer at the Stamp Office in the City of *Dublin*, if the Manors, Lands, or Tenements to or over which ſuch Deputation or Appointment as deſcribed in ſuch Deputation ſhall extend, or any Part thereof ſhall be ſituate in the County or County of the City of *Dublin*; and if no Part thereof ſhall be ſo ſituate, then with any Diſtributor of Stamps within whoſe Diſtrict any of the Manors, Lands, or Tenements comprized in ſuch Deputation or Appointment as deſcribed therein ſhall be ſituate. Deputation of a Gamekeeper to be regiſtered.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Gamekeeper to whom any ſuch Deputation or Appointment ſhall be ſo granted, regiſtering the ſame in Manner aforeſaid, and producing annually a Piece of Vellum, Parchment, or Paper ſtamped with the Duty which ſhall be then by Law required thereon, and alſo paying the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence *Britiſh* Currency to ſuch Officer or Diſtributor of Stamps as aforeſaid for his Trouble, and requiring a Certificate thereof, ſhall be thereupon entitled to ſuch Certificate; and every ſuch Officer or Diſtributor of Stamps ſhall thereupon iſſue a Certificate on ſuch ſtamped Paper, Vellum, or Parchment, in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay), If the ſame ſhall be at the Stamp Office in *Dublin*, Mode of granting Certificate to Gamekeeper.

'I *A. B.* being the proper Officer in that behalf, do hereby certify, That of in the Pariſh of in the Barony of and County or City (*as the Caſe may be*), hath regiſtered a Deputation, whereby he is appointed Gamekeeper by of the Lands and Tenements herein following; that is to ſay [*here ſet out the Manors, Lands, or Tenements, as ſtated in the Deputation*] and by virtue of this Certificate the ſaid is at Liberty to act under ſuch Deputation, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next enſuing the Date hereof. Dated this Day of in the Year .'

And if the ſame ſhall be at the Office of any Diſtributor therein, in the Form or to the Effect following; that is to ſay,

'I *A. B.* Diſtributor of Stamps for the County or Counties of or for the Diſtrict of (*as the Caſe may be*), do hereby certify, That of in the County of hath regiſtered a Deputation, whereby he is appointed Gamekeeper by of the Lands and Tenements here following; that is to ſay [*here ſet out the Manors, Lands, and Tenements, as ſtated in the Deputation*] and by virtue of this Certificate the ſaid is at Liberty to act under ſuch Deputation, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next enſuing the Date hereof. Dated this Day of in the Year .'

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Diſtributor of Stamps or other Officer after he ſhall have ſigned ſuch Certificate, ſhall forthwith iſſue the ſame duly ſtamped to the Perſon or Perſons reſpectively requiring the ſame in Manner aforeſaid, and ſhall previous to the Delivery thereof be entitled to demand and receive of and from ſuch Perſon the Sum of Two Shillings Penalty on Diſtributor refuſing to grant Certificate, 20*l.*

Shillings and Sixpence as aforeſaid, for his own Trouble in that Behalf; and in caſe any ſuch Diſtributor of Stamps or other Officer ſhall upon Payment or Tender to him of the ſaid Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and on Production of ſuch Paper, Vellum, or Parchment ſo ſtamped as aforeſaid, neglect or refuſe to iſſue to ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid ſo delivering ſuch Paper or Account in Writing, or regiſtering ſuch Deputation as aforeſaid, a Certificate in Manner and Form as herein-before is directed; every ſuch Diſtributor of Stamps or other Officer ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and moreover be liable to pay to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, the Duty payable on ſuch Certificate.

Certificates to continue in force until 25th March annually.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That every Certificate iſſued by any Diſtributor of Stamps or other Officer as aforeſaid, ſhall bear Date on the Day of the Month and Year on which the ſame ſhall be iſſued, and ſhall endure and remain in force from thence until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next following the Date thereof, and no longer; and if any Diſtributor of Stamps or other Officer ſhall iſſue any Certificate to any Perſon otherwiſe than as herein-before directed, he ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on keeping Dogs, &c. by Perſons not certified, 20l.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon in *Ireland* ſhall have, keep, or uſe any Greyhound, Hound, Pointer, Setting Dog, Spaniel, Lurcher, or other Dog, or any Gun, Net, or other Engine for the Taking or Deſtruction of any Hare, Pheaſant, Partridge, Heath Fowl commonly called *Black Game*, or Grouſe commonly called *Red Game*, or any other Game whatſoever, without having a Certificate for the ſame, or a Certificate of having regiſtered a Deputation, whereby ſuch Perſon is appointed a Gamekeeper according to Law; every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on Gamekeeper not taking out his Certificate, 20l.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall have or obtain any Deputation or Appointment as a Gamekeeper, or ſhall act as a Gamekeeper without having ſuch Certificate of the Regiſtry thereof as aforeſaid according to Law; every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Diſtributors to make Returns of Certificates granted.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Diſtributors of Stamps in *Ireland* ſhall on or before the Fifth Day of every Month tranſmit to the Commiſſioners of Stamps at their Office in *Dublin*, a correct Liſt in Alphabetical Order of the Certificates by them reſpectively iſſued in the then laſt preceding Month, and ſhall keep in their reſpective Offices correct Copies of ſuch Liſts; and in caſe any Diſtributor of Stamps ſhall neglect or refuſe to make out and tranſmit any of ſuch Liſts as aforeſaid, or to keep a correct Copy thereof, or ſhall not inſert in ſuch Liſts a full, true, and perfect account as herein-before directed of the Name of all the Perſons the ſame ought to contain; then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Diſtributor ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Penalty, 20l.

Liſt of Certificates at Stamp Office.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Liſt, upon ſuch Tranſmiſſion thereof as aforeſaid, ſhall be depoſited and kept at the Stamp Office in *Dublin*; and that the ſame, and alſo the Copy thereof ſo kept by the Diſtributor ſending the ſame, ſhall and may, within the reſpective Office

Office Hours, be reſorted to and inſpected by any Perſon whatever, on Payment of One Shilling and no more; and if ſuch Diſtributor, on Demand duly made within Office Hours, and on Payment or Tender to him of the ſaid Sum of One Shilling, ſhall refuſe, decline, neglect, or omit to produce ſuch Copy ſo kept at the Office of ſuch Diſtributor to the Perſon or Perſons ſo demanding the ſame, every ſuch Diſtributor ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds to the Perſon or Perſons ſo aggrieved, or any One or more of them, who ſhall firſt ſue for the ſame.

Liſt to be publiſhed.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners of Stamps in *Ireland*, if it ſhall ſeem to them expedient ſo to do, and ſo often, and at ſuch Times in every Year as they ſhall think fit, ſhall and may publiſh the Liſts ſo tranſmitted to them, or cauſe the ſame to be inſerted in the Newſpapers circulating in each reſpective County, or in ſuch Public Newſpapers as to them ſhall ſeem moſt proper.

New Deputation on Removal of Gamekeeper.

XXXI. And whereas ſuch Deputation of a Gamekeeper may be revoked or ceaſe by Death, Reſignation, or Removal, before the Expiration of ſuch Certificate, and the Perſon entitled thereon to make a new Deputation may be unable to get Poſſeſſion of ſuch Certificate; be it therefore enacted, That if any Lord or Lady of a Manor, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, ſhall make any new Deputation or Appointment within the Year, of a Gamekeeper, for any Manor or Lands, in the room of the Perſon previouſly appointed, and to whom any Certificate as aforeſaid ſhall have been previouſly iſſued, and ſuch Perſon ſo newly appointed ſhall regiſter ſuch new Deputation or Appointment with the Diſtributor of Stamps in the ſame Diſtrict in which ſuch former Certificate was granted, and obtain a new Certificate thereof, every former Certificate granted in the ſame Year, on a Deputation ſigned by the ſame Perſon, ſhall from thenceforth be null and void; and any Perſon acting under any ſuch former Certificate, after the granting of ſuch new and other Certificate, having Notice thereof, ſhall be liable to all Penalties which are or ſhall be preſcribed by Law, in the ſame Manner as if no Certificate had been granted to ſuch Perſon: Provided always, that in every ſuch Caſe the Diſtributor granting ſuch further Certificate within the Year, ſhall write at the Foot thereof theſe Words; to wit, "Second" (Third, Fourth, and ſo on, as the Caſe may be) Certificate within this Year", and ſhall ſubſcribe ſuch Memorandum with his Name; and that every ſuch further Certificate ſo ſubſcribed ſhall not require any Stamp, but ſhall be good and valid as if duly ſtamped.

Production of Certificate.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be found uſing any Dog, Gun, Net, or other Engine for the taking or Deſtruction of Game, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Occupier of the Land where he ſhall be ſo found, or for any Owner or Proprietor of or any Perſon or Perſons having any Eſtate whatſoever in the ſame Lands, whether in Poſſeſſion, Remainder, Reverſion or future Intereſt, or for any Perſon who hath obtained a Certificate in Manner herein-before directed, and who ſhall produce the ſame, to demand and require from the Perſon ſo uſing ſuch Dog, Gun, Net, or Engine as aforeſaid, to produce and ſhew a Certificate iſſued to him for that Purpoſe as herein-before is directed; and every ſuch Perſon ſhall upon ſuch Demand and Requiſition as aforeſaid, produce ſuch Certificate to the Perſon ſo demanding and requiring the

Penalty for Refusal, &c. 40l.

same, and shall permit the same to be inspected accordingly; and if any such Person shall wilfully refuse to produce and shew a Certificate issued to him for that Purpose and then in force, or shall decline to produce or shew the same, or shall refuse on being required so to do, to give and declare his Name and Surname and the Place of his Residence, or shall give or declare any false or fictitious Name, Surname, or Place of Residence, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Pounds; and it shall and may be lawful for the Occupier of the Land where any Person shall be found who shall refuse to produce such Certificate, or who shall refuse to declare his Name and Surname and Place of Residence, or for any other Person or Persons present at the Time of such Refusal, to apprehend the Person so refusing as aforesaid, and to convey him forthwith before any Justice of the Peace within whose Jurisdiction such Offence shall be committed, and such Justice shall proceed to the Conviction of such Offender for such Offence in like Manner as if such Offender had been summoned to appear before such Justice upon any Information or Complaint for such Offence, any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Certificate not to be a Qualification.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Certificate hereby directed to be issued by any Distributor of Stamps or other Officer shall not authorize or enable any Person to use any Greyhound, Hound, Pointer, Setting Dog, Spaniel, Lurcher, or other Dog, or any Gun, Net, or other Engine, for the taking or Destruction of Game, at any Time or Times, or in any Place or in any Manner prohibited by any Law now in being or hereafter to be made, nor shall give to any Person any Right to use any Greyhound, Hound, Pointer, Setting Dog, Spaniel, or other Dog, or any Gun, Net, or other Engine for the Taking or Destruction of Game unless such Person shall be otherwise duly qualified by Law so to do, nor in any Place in which such Person would not otherwise have a Right to use the same.

Proof of Certificate to lie on Defendant.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Prosecution or Proceeding shall be had or commenced against any Person, for keeping or using any Dog, Gun, Net, or Engine, for the taking or Destruction of Game, without having obtained a Certificate duly stamped in Manner required by Law, the Proof that such Person has obtained such Certificate duly stamped shall lie on the Party against whom such Prosecution or Proceeding shall be had or commenced, and not on the Party complaining, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commencement of Act.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That this Act and the several Clauses, Provisions, and Regulations therein contained, shall commence and take Effect from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and not sooner.

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