

the Transfer Books of the said Company, which are now shut, will be opened again on Thursday the said 25th of this Instant July.

General Post-Office, June 8, 1765.

**P**UBLICK Notice is hereby given, That by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, "For altering certain Rates of Postage, and for amending, explaining, and enlarging several Provisions in the Act of the Ninth of Queen Anne, and other Acts relating to the Post-Office;" It is, amongst other Things, Enacted,

That Letters between London and any Port within the British Dominions in America, (in which all His Majesty's West-India Islands are included) shall pay Single One Shilling, Double Two Shillings, Treble Three Shillings, the Ounce Four Shillings.

That Letters, by Sea, from any one Port to any other Port within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Four Pence, Double Eight Pence, Treble One Shilling, the Ounce One Shilling and Four Pence.

That Letters, by Land, to or from any Chief Post-Office in America, from or to any other Part thereof not exceeding Sixty Miles from such Chief Post-Office, or from the Office where such Letters, not passing through a Chief Office, may be put in, shall pay Single Four Pence, Double Eight Pence, Treble One Shilling, the Ounce One Shilling and Four Pence. And being upwards of Sixty, and not exceeding One Hundred Miles within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Six Pence, Double One Shilling, Treble One Shilling and Six Pence, the Ounce Two Shillings. And being upwards of One Hundred, and not exceeding Two Hundred Miles within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Eight Pence, Double One Shilling and Four Pence, Treble Two Shillings, the Ounce Two Shillings and Eight Pence. And for every Distance not exceeding One Hundred Miles above such Two Hundred, and for every such further Distance within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Two Pence, Double Four Pence, Treble Six Pence, the Ounce Eight Pence.

That no Vessel shall be permitted to break Bulk, or make Entry in any Port within the British Dominions, where Posts are or may be established, until all Letters on board are delivered to the Postmaster of such Port (he paying the Bringer One Penny for each Letter) to be forwarded according to their respective Directions, except such as are excepted by the Act of the Ninth of Queen Anne; and such as may be brought by Vessels liable to Quarantine, which last are to be delivered to the Persons superintending the Quarantine, for proper Care, before they are forwarded by the Post. And that all Masters, Mariners, Passengers, &c. neglecting to deliver the Letters as aforesaid, shall, for every Neglect, forfeit Twenty Pounds.

That the Postmaster shall take for every Letter brought by such Vessel, for any Place within his Delivery, One Penny, above the Penny paid to the Master or other Person for the same.

That Letters conveyed in Great Britain and Ireland, not exceeding one Stage, shall pay Single One Penny, Double Two Pence, Treble Three Pence, the Ounce Four Pence. And in England, above one and not exceeding two Stages, Single Two Pence, Double Four Pence, Treble Six Pence, the Ounce Eight Pence; but these Rates are not to affect the Penny-Post.

That Letters passing between England and Ireland, through Carlisle, Dumfries, Port Patrick, and Donagadee, shall pay the same Rates of English, Scotch, Irish, and Packet Postage, according to the Distance or Number of Stages they are conveyed in each King-

dom, as are settled by the Act of the Ninth of Queen Anne, or by this Act.

That no Packet exceeding the Weight of Four Ounces shall be sent by the Penny-Post; unless coming from, or passing thereby to the General-Post.

That Letters passing between London and Hamburg shall pay as Letters between London and all other Parts of Germany, viz. Single One Shilling, Double Two Shillings, Treble Three Shillings, the Ounce Four Shillings.

That any Officer of the Post-Office secreting or destroying any Letter, Bag or Mail of Letters, containing any Bank Note, Bill, or other Paper, Writing, or Order for the Payment of Money; or sealing out of any Letter any such Bank Note, Bill, &c. on Conviction, shall suffer Death as a Felon.

That any Person robbing a Mail, in any Place or in any Manner whatsoever, although it may not appear that any one was put in Fear by such Robbery, shall, on Conviction, suffer Death as a Felon.

That any Officer of the Post-Office, entrusted to take in Letters, and receive the Postage thereof, embezzling the Money received, or destroying the Letters; or any Officer advancing the Rates on Letters, and not accounting for the advanced Postage, shall, on Conviction, be deemed guilty of Felony.

That any Post-Boy having a Mail or Bag of Letters under his Care, deserting the same before his Arrival at the next Stage; or suffering any other Person to ride on the Horse or Carriage along therewith; or loitering on the Road; or not, in all possible Cases, conveying the Mail after the Rate of Six measured Miles an Hour, shall, on Conviction, before one Justice of the Peace, be sent to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding One Month, nor less than Fourteen Days.

That any Post-Boy, singly, or in Combination with others, unlawfully collecting, or conveying Letters, or causing the same to be unlawfully conveyed, shall, on Conviction, before one Justice of the Peace, forfeit Ten Shillings, to be paid to the Informer, for every Letter so unlawfully collected, conveyed, or delivered. And if the Forfeiture is not immediately paid, shall be sent to the House of Correction, for any Time not exceeding Two Months, nor less than One Month.

That all Rates of Letters, and all Forfeitures, mentioned in this Act, shall be paid in Sterling Money of Great Britain.

The Rates established by this Act for the Post of Letters between London and Hamburg; and the Limitation of the Weight of Packets to be sent by the Penny-Post, commence from the Fifth of July next. All other Regulations, Rates of Postage, Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures beforementioned, commence from the Tenth Day of October next.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,  
Anthony Todd, Secretary.

## SOYELAINET.

**W**Hereas His Majesty's Letters Patent are granted to Thomas Lawrance, of Ludgate-Street, Woollen-draper, and John Timmings, of Bread-Street, Weaver, for the sole Making and Vending a certain Species of Silk and Worsted Stuff for Lining Gentlemen's Cloaths and other Uses, called Soyelainet. The Proprietors, to prevent Imposition, hereby give Notice, that the said Soyelainet will be sold in London only at the Shop of Thomas Lawrance aforesaid, each Piece stamped at the End; Soyelainet by the King's Patent.

N. B. These Goods are much neater than any Thing of the same Nature hitherto used for Lining of Cloaths, having an Appearance equal to a Serge de Soye, and at less than half the Price. Blacks, Whites, Scarlets, Greens, and some other Colours, are now ready; and a very large Assortment of Cloth Colours of different Shades very near finished.

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