

“ the 30th Day of June, 1782; who already have carried, or shall, on or before the 10th Day of October, 1784, carry the same to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Office of Ordnance, and shall have the Interest of such Debentures computed after the Rate of 4l. per Centum per Annum, from the Expiration of Fifteen Months from the Date thereof, to the 5th Day of July, 1784; shall have a Certificate for every One Hundred Pounds, contained in the Amount of the Principal and Interest of such Debentures; and also a Certificate of the fractional Parts of One Hundred Pounds: The first of the said Certificates to be carried to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England; for which such Persons shall be entitled, in Respect of the same, to the Sum of 107l. 10s. 6d. Capital Stock for each One Hundred Pounds of such Debentures, made out on or before the said 30th Day of June, 1782; the said Capital Stock to be attended with Annuities after the Rate of 5l. per Centum per Annum, to commence from the said 5th Day of July, 1784, payable Half-Yearly: The said Annuities to be irredeemable until Twenty-five Millions of the Public Debt, bearing Interest at the Rate of either 3l. per Centum per Annum, or 4l. per Centum per Annum, shall have been redeemed and paid off, and the said Annuities to be charged upon a Fund to be established in this Session of Parliament, and for which the Fund, commonly called the Sinking Fund, shall be a Collateral Security.”

*The Master General and Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice thereof, that all Persons possessed of Ordnance Debentures made out as aforesaid, may bring the same to the Office of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Ordnance to be certified accordingly.*

General Post-Office, August 21, 1784.

**PUBLIC** Notice is hereby given, That, by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, “ For granting to His Majesty, certain additional Rats of Postage, for Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post within the Kingdom of Great Britain, and for further preventing Frauds and Abuses in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from Postage;” It is, amongst other Things, enacted,

That from and after the 31st Instant, Letters and Packets, to and from Places, not exceeding one Post Stage, within Great-Britain, shall pay, in Addition to the present Rate of Postage, Single 1d. Double 2d. Treble 3d. and the Ounce 4d.

That Letters and Packets above one, and not exceeding two Post Stages, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above two Post Stages, and not exceeding 80 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 150 Miles, within England, shall pay in Addition, Single 2d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets to or from the General Post-Office in London, to or from the City of Edinburgh, Dumfries and Cockburnspeth, shall

pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above one Post Stage, and not exceeding 50 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 50, and not exceeding 80 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 1d. and so in Proportion.

That Letters and Packets above 150 Miles, within Scotland, shall pay in Addition, Single 2d. and so in Proportion.

It is provided, that no Letter or Packet to or from Glasgow, or the intermediate Places by Carlisle, not passing through London, shall pay an higher Rate than if sent through Edinburgh to or from Glasgow; and that no Letter or Packet sent to or from Edinburgh, or any intermediate Place in England and Scotland, North of London, shall pay an higher Rate than 7d. for a Single Letter, and so in Proportion.

It is further provided, that no Letter or Packet, together with its Contents, shall be taxed at an higher Rate than as a Treble Letter, unless it shall weigh an Ounce, when it shall be rated as Four Single Letters; and every Quarter of an Ounce above that Weight shall be charged as a Single Letter.

It is likewise enacted, that from and after the last Session of Parliament, no Letter or Packet sent by Post, within Great Britain, directed by any Member of either House of Parliament, shall be exempted from the Duty of Postage, unless the whole Supercription thereof shall be of the Hand-writing of the Member, and shall have endorsed thereon, in the same Hand-writing, the Name of the Member, Post Town from whence the same is to be sent, and the Day, Month, and Year, when put into the Post-Office, the Day of the Month to be in Words at length; and unless every such Letter and Packet shall be put into the General, or other Post-Office, or into a Receiving House, on the Day of the Date put upon such Letter or Packet. And no Letter or Packet directed to any such Member shall be exempted from the Duty of Postage, unless such as shall, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before, or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation thereof, be directed to any such Member, at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at his usual Place of Residence in London, or at the House, or Lobby of the House of Parliament, of which he is a Member.

It is further enacted, that all Persons who, by Virtue of their Offices, send and receive Letters and Packets free of Postage, shall send and receive them free, in the Manner, and under such Restrictions, as any Member of Parliament.

It is also enacted, that if any Person shall forge or counterfeit the Hand-writing of any Person whatsoever, in the Supercription of any Letter or Packet, in order to avoid the Payment of Postage, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or procure to be done, the Date upon such Supercription, or shall write, and send by Post, or cause to be done, any Letter or Packet, the Supercription or Cover whereof shall be forged or counterfeited, or the Date thereon altered, in order to avoid the Duty of Postage, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, every Person