

Every Packet or Cover containing therein, or having affixed thereto, one or more Paper or Papers, with Patterns, or one or more Pattern or Patterns of Cloth, Silk, Stuff, or other Goods, or one or more Sample or Samples of any other Sort of Thing, not exceeding together one Ounce in Weight, shall be charged with no higher Rate of Postage than as a single Letter, so as every such Packet or Cover shall be sent open at the Sides, and without any Letter or Writing in, upon, or with such Packet or Cover, other than the Name or Names of the Person or Persons sending the same, and the Place or Places of his or their Abode, and the Prices of the Articles contained therein, or affixed thereto.

The Act may be seen at every Post-Office.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

ANTHONY TODD, Sec.

HAIR POWDER TAX.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, May 5, 1795.

HIS Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties, do, in pursuance of "An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Certificates issued for using Hair Powder," which commences on the 6th Day of May instant, hereby give Notice to every Person using or wearing Hair Powder, that they have appointed the following Offices or Places for granting such Certificates, *viz.*

The Head Office in Somerset-Place, for Persons residing in the Parish of St. Mary-le-Strand, St. Clement Danes, St. Paul, Covent-Garden, St. Giles in the Fields, St. George, Bloomsbury, the Liberty of the Rolls, Lincoln's-Inn, and the Temple.

City District, at No. 50, Lombard-Street, London, for Persons residing within the City of London and the Liberty of St. Martin le Grand.

For the District of the Tower Hamlets, Liberties and Precincts thereof, with Bethnal-Green, and Parts adjacent, at No. 35, Welleclose-Square.

For the Westminster District, including the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, St. Margaret, St. John, St. James, St. Ann, Mary-le-Bone, St. George, Hanover-Square, and Paddington, at No. 3, Terrace, Spring-Garden, and No. 296, Oxford-Street, near Board-Street.

For the Clerkenwell District, the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, at the Sessions House on Clerkenwell-Green, for Persons residing in the Parishes of St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell, St. Luke, St. Leonard, Shoreditch, the Liberty of Glasshouse-Yard, St. Andrew, Holborn, St. George the Martyr, Queen-Square, St. Sepulchre, St. Pancras, and Islington.

And the Distributor of Stamps for the adjacent Counties of Middlesex, Essex, Kent and Surry, have appointed an Office in most of the Towns or large Villages, in those Districts, for the Convenience of Persons residing beyond the said Limits, and within Ten Miles of the Head-Office in Somerset-Place.

N. B. On some visible Part of the Front of those Offices, the Words OFFICE APPOINTED TO GRANT HAIR POWDER CERTIFICATES will be painted for general Information.

At all which Offices or Places the Persons applying for the said Certificates will be furnished, gratis, with the

proper printed Form of the Entry, required by the Act to be filled up in Writing, and delivered in, previously to the issuing of any Certificates.

And the Commissioners do hereby give further Notice, that they have duly authorized the Head Distributors of Stamps in the different Counties of the Kingdom to execute this Business by themselves and their Deputies: The former of whom the Commissioners have directed to publicly advertise, as early as possible, an Account of the Offices and Places in their respective Districts, for the said Purpose, in the Newspapers usually circulated in the Neighbourhood thereof, with the Names of the Deputies the said Head Distributors have appointed: Superintend the same.

And, to prevent Mistakes, the Commissioners think it right to apprise the Publick, that a Duty of ONE POUND AND ONE SHILLING ONLY is to be paid for each Certificate; which Sum will be expressed by a Stamp on each Certificate; and that NO MORE IS TO BE DEMANDED OF ANY PERSON upon taking out a Certificate for using or wearing of Hair Powder, upon any Pretence whatever, except where there are more than Two unmarried Daughters in a Family; in which Case a double Certificate, stamped with Two Stamps of One Pound One Shilling each, is required to be taken out.

Daily Attendance will be given at the above Offices, till further Notice, from Ten o'Clock till Three.

By Order of the Commissioners,

John Brettell, Sec.

N. B. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE Notices, the Commissioners think it expedient to caution the Public, that every Person who, since the 5th Day of May instant, has worn Hair Powder, IS LIABLE TO THE DUTY OF ONE GUINEA, and required to take out a stamped Certificate of that Value; at the Expiration of one Month from that Day, a PENALTY of Twenty Pounds will attach upon every Person who shall use and wear Hair Powder, without taking out a Certificate for the same; and that if Informations are then tendered against Offenders, the Commissioners cannot, consistently with their Duty, refuse to receive them, and to direct Prosecutions accordingly.

To prevent which, and that Persons may be accommodated with the least Inconvenience and Delay, it is earnestly recommended to such as require Certificates, to provide themselves therewith immediately, by applying at such of the Offices above mentioned as are respectively appointed for Persons residing within those different Districts; and if the Parties applying could make it convenient, previously to furnish themselves with the Forms of Entry, which are issued, gratis, at the said Offices, and deliver them in properly filled up, it is presumed that it would greatly facilitate the Business of taking out Certificates, by shortening the Time of Waiting, and preventing that Embarrassment, which, from the numerous Applications that may be expected to be made for them towards the Close of the Month, will otherwise unavoidably occur.

APPRENTICE DUTY INDEMNITY.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, May 16, 1795.

HIS Majesty's Commissioners for Managing the Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in an Act of the present Session of Parliament, it is enacted, for the Relief of all Persons who have omitted to pay the several Rates and Duties, or any Part thereof, upon Monies given, paid or contracted for, with Clerks, Apprentices or Servants, and also