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An Abstract of the Act of Parliament made in the Eighth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, Entituled, An Act for laying certain Duties upon Candles, and certain Rates upon Monies to be given with Clerks and Apprentices, towards raising Her Majesty's Supply for the Year 1710. [that is, so much thereof as relates to the said Rates upon Monies to be given with Clerks and Apprentices.]

That 6 d. per Pound for a Sum of 50 l. or under, and 12 d. per Pound for what exceeds that Sum, be paid to Her Majesty for all Monies which (during five Years after the first of May, 1710.) shall be given or agreed for with any Clerk or Apprentice put out to learn any Employment: Payable by the Master.

These Duties to be managed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Stamp Duties, and paid to the Receiver-General of that Revenue, who is to keep a distinct Account, and pay them weekly into the Exchequer. The full Sum given or contracted for to be incerted in words at length, in some Indenture or Writing which shall contain the Covenants concerning the Service, and bear Date the Day of signing, &c. or in Default, the Master to furnish double what he receives or agrees for, one Moiety to Her Majesty, the other with full Costs to any Person suing for the same any time before the end of one Year after the Expiration of the Apprentice's Time.

Two new Stamps to be provided for the Indentures, &c. (besides those before requisite) one to denote the new Duty of 6 d. the other that of 12 d. in the Pound.

All Indentures, &c. made within the weekly Bills of Mortality to be brought and stampd at the Stamp-Office, the Duties being there first paid, within one Month after the Dates.

All such Indentures, &c. made out of those Limits, shall (at the Option of the Parties concerned) be sent within two Months after made, either to the head Stamp-Office, or to some of the Stamp Collectors resident (out of those Limits) in England, Wales, or Berwick, or to some of the Officers to be appointed for these Duties in Scotland.

The Duties to be paid to such Collector or Officer, upon producing the Indenture to him; or if produced at the chief Office, then to the Receiver-General there.

If the Duty be paid to the Receiver-General, the Indenture, &c. to be thereupon forthwith stampd. If to the Collector, then he is to give a Receipt for it (dated the Day of payment, and expressing the Sum in words at length) indorsed on the Indenture, &c. which he is thereupon to deliver back to the Bringer.

Every Indenture, &c. being produced so indorsed at the Head Office to be immediately stampd with the proper new Stamp, which is to be done within three Months, if the Indenture, &c. be made within fifty Miles of the Bills of Mortality Limits, and within six Months if made at a greater distance.

All such Indentures, &c. wherein the full Sum received or agreed for is not incerted, or which are not stampd, and the Duties duly paid within the said respective limited Times, to be void; and the Clerk or Apprentice incapable of exercising the intended Employment, or to be free of any Corporation or Company.

These Duties are not to extend to Apprentices put out at a Parish Charge, or by publick Charity.

To counterfeit the new Stamp, or any Receipt for the Duty, or to use any counterfeit Stamp, is Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Commissioners and Officers to take the Oath for their due Demeanor (prescribed in the Act) which two Commissioners or any Justice of the Peace may administer.

No Indenture, &c. is to be given in Evidence for any Tary thereto, unless he first make Oath that the Sum therein incerted was all that was given or contracted for with the Apprentice.

Commissioners and Officers are to observe the Orders of the Lord Treasurer, &c. and to take no Fees.

An Officer for any refusal or neglect of his Duty, is to answer Damages with treble Cost to the Party aggrieved.

Where any thing (not being lawful Money) shall be in any wife transferred, secured, agreed for, or given with an Apprentice, &c. the Duties shall be paid for the value of such Thing, under the like Penalties and Incapacities, as if it had been Money.

An Abridgement of an Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by vesting the Copies of Printed Books in the Authors or Purchasers of such Copies, during the Times therein mentioned.

Whereas Printers, Bookfellers, and other Persons have of late printed and published several Books without the Consent of the Authors or Proprietors of them; to prevent such Practices for the future, and for the Encouragement of Learned Men, it is Enacted, That from the 10th of April, 1710, the Author of any Book already printed, who hath not transferred to any other the Copy thereof, or the Bookfeller, or Printer, or other Person who have purchased the Copy of any Book, in order to print or re print the same, shall have the sole Right of printing such Book for the Term of twenty one Years; and that the Author of any Book already composed, and not printed and published, or that shall hereafter be composed, and his Assigns, shall have the sole Liberty of printing and re-printing such Book for the Term of fourteen Years, to commence from the day of the first publishing the same; and that if any other Bookfeller or Printer from and after the 10th of April 1710, within the Terms granted and limited by this Act, shall print, re print, or import such Book, without the Consent of the Proprietor thereof first had and obtained in writing, or knowing the same to be so printed or re-printed, without the Consent of the Proprietor, shall sell, publish, or expose to Sale any such Book without such Consent first obtained, then such Offender shall forfeit such Book, and every Sheet thereof, to the Proprietor of the Copy, who shall damask and make waste Paper of them: And further, That every such Offender shall forfeit one Penny for every Sheet which shall be found in his Custody, the one Moiety thereof to Her Majesty, and the other to any Person that shall sue for the same.

And whereas many Persons may through Ignorance offend against this Act, and in order that the Property in every such Book may be ascertained, and known, it is further Enacted, That nothing herein shall be construed to extend to subject any Bookfeller, Printer, or other Person, to the Forfeitures or Penalties therein mentioned, unless the Title to the Copy of such Book hereafter published, shall, before the Publication, be entred in the Register-Book of the Company of Stationers, and unless such Consent of the Proprietor be in the like manner entred, for every of which Entries six Pence shall be paid; which said Register-Book shall at all times be kept in the Hall of the said Company, and may at all reasonable times be inspected by any Bookfeller, Printer, or other Person, without any Fee or Reward; and the Clerk of the said Company shall, when thereunto required, give a Certificate under his Hand or such Entry, and for every such Certificate shall take only six Pence.

Provided nevertheless, that if the said Clerk shall refuse or neglect to Register such Entry, or to give such Certificate, being thereunto required by the Author or Proprietor of such Copy, in the Presence of two or more credible Witnesses; That then such Persons so refused, Notice being first duly given of such Refusal by an Advertisement in the Gazette, shall have the like Benefit, as if such Entry or Certificate had been duly made and given; and that the said Clerk shall, for any such Offence, forfeit to the Proprietor of such Copy the Sum of twenty Pounds, to be recovered in any of her Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, &c.

It is also Enacted, That if any Bookseller or Printer shall, after the 25th day of March, 1710, set a Price upon any Book at such Rate as shall be conceived by any Person to be high and unreasonable, it shall be lawful for any Person to make Complaint thereof to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord Bishop of London, the Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, the Lord Chief Justice of the Common-Pleas, the Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer, and the Vice-Chancellors of the two Universities for the time being, in that Part of Great Britain called England; and the Lord President of the Sessions, the Lord Justice-General, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and the Rector of the College of Edinburgh, for the time being, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland; who, or any one or them, have hereby full Power to summon before him, or them, such Bookseller or Printer, and to examine and enquire of the Reason of the Dearness and Increase of the Price of such Book; and if upon such Enquiry it shall be found that the Price of such Book is intrenched, or anywise so high and unreasonable, then the said Arch Bishop of Canterbury, the Lord-Chancellor, &c. have full Power to redress the same, and to limit and settle the Price of any such printed Book as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and also, to order such Bookseller or Printer to pay all the Costs or Charges that the Person so complaining shall be put unto by reason of such Complaint. All which shall be done by the said Arch Bishop of Canterbury, &c. by Writing under their Hands and Seals, and thereof publick Notice shall be given by the said Bookseller or Printer in the Gazette; and if any Bookseller or Printer shall, after such Settlement made of the said Price, sell any Book at a higher Rate than what shall have been so limited, then such Bookseller or Printer shall forfeit the Sum of five Pounds for every such Book so sold, one Moiety thereof to Her Majesty, and the other to any Person that shall sue for the same, to be recovered with Costs of Suit, &c.

Provided always that nine Copies of each Book upon the best Paper that from and after the 10th of April, 1710, shall be printed as aforesaid, or re-printed with Additions, shall by the Printer thereof be delivered to the Warehouse-keeper of the said Company of Stationers, before such Publication made, for the Use of the Royal Library, the Libraries of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the Libraries of the four Universities in Scotland, the Library of Sion College in London, and the Library belonging to the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburg respectively; which said Warehouse keeper is hereby required, within ten days after Demand by the Keeper of the respective Libraries, or any person by them authorized, to demand the said Copy for that Use: And if any Proprietor, Bookseller or Printer, or the said Warehouse keeper shall not observe the Directions of this Act therein, that then he and they shall forfeit, besides the value of the said printed Copies, the Sum of five Pounds for every Copy not so delivered, and also the value of the said printed Copy not so delivered; the same to be recovered by her Majesty, and by the Chancellors, Masters, and Scholars of any of the said Universities, and by the President and Fellows of Sion College, and the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburg, with their full Costs respectively.

Provided also, that if any person incur the Penalties contained in this Act in Scotland, they shall be recoverable by any Action be ore the Court of Session there.

Provided that nothing in this Act do extend to prohibit the Importation, vending, or selling of any Books in Greek, Latin, or any Foreign Language printed beyond the Seas.

Provided also, that if any Action be commenced against any one for doing, or causing any thing to be done in pursuance of this Act the Defendant may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if a Verdict be given for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff be non-suited, or discontinue his Action, the Defendant shall recover his full Costs.

Provided that all Actions be commenced within three Months next after the Offence committed.

Provided also, that nothing in this Act shall extend either to prejudice or confirm any Right that the said Universities, or any of them, or any Person or Persons have, or claim to have, to the printing or re-printing any Book or Copy already printed, or hereafter to be printed.

Provided always, that after the Expiration of the said Term of fourteen Years, the full Right of printing or

disposing of Copies shall return to the Authors thereof, if they are then living, for another Term of fourteen Years.

Falmouth, April 29. Yesterday put in here from cruising her Majesty's Ship the Alborough, who took and brought in a small French Privateer of St. Malo, of four Guns, and thirty five Men. The Commander of the Mercury Packet-boat lately arrived from Lisbon reports, that two Dutch Men of War had brought into that River two Spanish Ships very richly laden, and a Sloop bound for the West Indies. The King William Packet-boat is preparing to sail.

Yarmouth, May 1. Yesterday and this Day came into our Road a Fleet of Laden Colliers from Newcastle, and also several Transports with Soldiers on Board from Hull, under Convoy of several of her Majesty's Ships.

Whitehall, May 3. Yesterday the Parliament met at Westminster, pursuant to the last Prerogation, and was further prorogued by Commission to Tuesday the 16th Instant.

All Persons owing Arrears of Rent for Wine-Licenses, or whose Licenses are expired, are hereby desired to take Notice, that if they do not pay their said Arrears, and renew their said Wine-Licenses with all Speed, they will be forthwith sued at Law for the same.

Advertisements.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Bingham, late of the City of Exon, Tallow-chandler, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 12th and 18th Instant, and on the 5th of June next, at 3 in the Afternoon, at Lewis Jones's Coffee house in Exon aforesaid; at the first of which Meetings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-money, and chuse Assignees.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Thomas Rawson, late of Macclesfield, in the County of Chester, Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 17th Instant, at 10 in the Forenoon, at the Eagle and Child in Manchester, in the County of Lancaster; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove Debts, pay Contribution-money, and chuse Assignees.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Francis Heilmann of London, Merchant, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 24th of May Instant.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Rogers of Bussage, in the County of Gloucester, Clothier, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts: There is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 24th Instant.

DEFERRED out of the Marquis de Montandre's Regiment of Foot Richard Bond, born near Lancaster, aged 25 Years, 5 foot 7 inches high, with short crop'd brown colour'd Hair, deserted from Herford about the 10th of March last. Thomas Jenkins, born in the Parish of Cliron in Radnorshire, aged 19 Years, with fair black Hair, a Shoemaker by Trade, 5 foot 6 inches high, deserted from Herford April 1. Richard Jones, born in the Parish of Landowe in Radnorshire, 5 foot 7 inches high, with short black Hair, deserted from Herford April 2. George Groom, born near Monmouth in Monmouthshire, a short well-fat Fellow, with short brown Hair, 5 foot 8 inches high, lately come out of Monmouth Goal, deserted from Herford March 28. David Jones, a thick broad shoulder'd young Fellow, 5 foot 5 inches high, about 19 or 20 years of Age, bred in the Parish of Landowe in Radnorshire, deserted from Herford March 28. Daniel Avery, an old Soldier, with a Scar in his Forehead, brown Hair, 5 foot 8 inches high, about 38 years of Age, born at Shrewsbury, deserted from Herford April 10, in a new grey Suit of Cloaths, with black Buttons and Lining. George Oliver, born in the Parish of Bullingham in Northumberland, about 6 foot high, with short curl'd brown Hair, in a Seaman's Habit, being lately discharged from the Lord Shannon's Regiment of Marines out of Col. Orri's Company, where he served, as he said, 22 Sergeant, deserted from Gloucester April 15. John Pantell, born in the Parish of Stanton in the County of Hereford, with light brown Hair, a Weaver by Trade, 5 foot 8 inches high, about 22 Years of Age, deserted from Gloucester April 15. James Bleeke, born in the Parish of Stanton upon Arrow, in Herefordshire, about 20 years of Age, large black Eyebrows, 5 foot 5 inches high, deserted from Gloucester April 15. Daniel Nimblett, born near Gloucester, about 33 Years of Age, with fair thin fair brown Hair, 5 foot 6 inches high, deserted from Gloucester April 15. And David Lewis, born in the Parish of Lenally in Breconshire, about 24 Years of Age, black short Hair, 5 foot 7 inches high, deserted from Gloucester April 15. Whoever gives Notice of the above-mentioned Persons, so that they may be secured, to Col. Buzman of the Marquis of Montandre's Regiment at Gloucester, or to Nicholas Philpotts, Esq; of Mr. Brydges's Office, Whitehall, or to Mr. Robert Clayton in the City of Hereford, shall have 5 Guineas reward for Daniel Avery, and 2 Guineas for any of the others, with reasonable Charges; or if the said Persons will return to their Company in 10 Days, they shall be pardoned.