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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 stamped 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 stamped. 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 stamped 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 stamped, 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 entered in the Register-Book of the Company of Stationers, and unless such Consent of the Proprietor be in the like manner entered, 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.