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C A P. XXVII.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, and to provide for the Transmission by Post of printed periodical Publications. [15th June 1855.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, and to provide for the Transmission by Post of printed periodical Publications: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

I. From and after Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act it shall not be compulsory (except for the Purpose of free Transmission by the Post) to print any Newspaper on Paper stamped for denoting the Duties imposed by Law on Newspapers, and no Person shall be subject or liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture for printing, publishing, selling, or having in his Possession any unstamped Newspaper.

Not to be compulsory to print Newspapers on Stamps.

II. Every periodical Publication herein-after mentioned which shall be printed within the United Kingdom on Paper stamped for denoting the Rate of Duty now imposed by Law on Newspapers shall be entitled to the like Privileges of Transmission and Re-transmission by the Post between Places in the United Kingdom, either Postage-free or otherwise, on the same Terms and Conditions and under and subject to the like Rules and Regulations as Newspapers duly stamped are now entitled and subject to under any Act or Acts in force, but under and subject nevertheless to the Terms and Conditions in this Act contained.

Periodical Publications printed on Stamps to be transmitted by Post free of Postage.

III. Every periodical Publication to be entitled to any such Privilege as aforesaid shall be printed and published at Intervals not exceeding

Periodical Publications entitled to

Newspaper Stamp Duties.

Power to the Postmaster General, with Consent of Treasury, to make Regulations for carrying the Act into effect.

IX. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Postmaster General, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any Time or Times hereafter to make and issue such Orders, Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions as he shall deem to be necessary or expedient for the Purpose of regulating the Receipt, Transmission, and Delivery by Post of periodical Publications under the Provisions of this Act, or for preventing or detecting Frauds or Abuses in relation thereto, and for giving Effect to the Purposes of this Act; and it shall also be lawful for the said Postmaster General, with the like Consent, from Time to Time to rescind or revoke all or any such Orders, Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions, and to make and issue any new ones in lieu thereof.

Periodical Publications sent by Post not in conformity with this Act to be charged Letter Rates of Postage.

X. All periodical Publications sent by Post otherwise than in conformity with the Terms, Conditions, and Regulations established by or under the Authority of this Act may be detained by the Postmaster General, and any Officer of the Post Office; and after being opened, the same shall be either returned to the Senders thereof or forwarded to the Place of their Destination charged with the like Rates of Postage as if the same were Letters transmitted by the Post: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their Hands, to authorize Her Majesty's Postmaster General to charge in any such Case any such less Rate of Postage as to him shall seem fit.

London Gazette to be Evidence of the issuing of Warrants or Orders.

XI. Any printed Copy of the *London Gazette* in which any Warrant or Order issued or made under or by virtue of this Act, or purporting so to be, shall be published, shall be admitted as Evidence by all Courts, Judges, Justices, and others, of such Warrant or Order, and of the due making and issuing thereof, and of the Contents thereof, without any further or other Proof of such Warrant or Order, or of the Matters therein contained.

Interpretation of Terms.

XII. The Term "periodical Publication" used in this Act shall be construed to mean and include a Newspaper as defined by the Acts in force relating to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers, and every printed literary Work or Paper, printed and published periodically, or in Parts or Numbers, at Intervals not exceeding Thirty-one Days between any Two consecutive Papers, Parts, or Numbers of such literary Work or Paper; and for all the Purposes of this Act the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and the *Isle of Man* shall respectively be deemed to be Part of the United Kingdom.

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Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty. 1855.