

No. XXIII.

POSTAGE.

An Act to regulate the Postage of Letters in
New South Wales. [22nd November, 1825.]

Preamble.

Act of Parliament
of the 9th Queen
Anne recited.

Relative to the
erection of one Post
Office and the ap-
pointment of a Post
Master General for
all Her said Majesty's
dominions.

WHEREAS by an Act made in the ninth year of the reign of
Queen Anne intituled "*An Act for establishing a General
Post Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions and for settling a
Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War
and for other Her Majesty's occasions*" certain provisions were made
for the erection of one General Letter Office and Post Office for all
Her Majesty's dominions and for the appointment of one Master of
such General Letter Office and Post Office by the name and style of
Her Majesty's Post Master General with power and authority amongst
other

Postage.

other things to settle Posts for the carrying and receiving of all Letters to and from all parts and places of Her Majesty's Dominions as in the said Act is more particularly mentioned.

2. And whereas no Post has been as yet settled or established in this Colony by the Post Master General and it is expedient to provide for the temporary Postage and Conveyance of Letters until a Post Office may be so established Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency Sir Thomas Brisbane Governor of the Colony of New South Wales with the advice of the Council That until His Majesty's Post Master General shall in virtue and exercise of the powers and authorities in him vested erect and settle a Post Office in New South Wales for the receiving and carrying of Letters to from and within the said Colony it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor or the person administering the Government of the said Colony for the time-being to settle and establish a Post Office in the town of Sydney and so many other Posts for the receiving and carrying of Letters in other parts of the said Colony as the Governor or Acting Governor may from time to time deem necessary and to settle and appoint certain Rates for the Postage or Conveyance of Letters from one part of the said Colony to another as well as for the receiving and delivering of all Letters which shall be brought into the said Colony by any ship or vessel such rates being settled and appointed according to the rates charged for the Postage of Letters within that part of Great Britain called England as nearly as circumstances will admit and it shall be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor aforesaid to nominate and appoint some person to act as a Post Master in Sydney and a sufficient number of persons to act as Deputy Post Masters in other parts of the said Colony where Posts shall be established as aforesaid with such salaries or allowances respectively as the Governor or Acting Governor may deem reasonable and proper.

3. And be it further enacted That every person so appointed Post Master or Deputy Post Master as aforesaid shall observe and follow all such orders rules directions and instructions for and concerning the settlement of Posts within the said Colony and the receiving and carrying of all Letters under this Act or Ordinance as the Governor or Acting Governor as aforesaid shall from time to time make and ordain and that every such Post Master Deputy Post Master or other person or persons who shall wilfully open embezzle detain or delay any Letter or Packet after the same shall be delivered into any of the said Post Offices or into the hands of any person employed for the receiving or carrying thereof shall for every such offence be subject and liable to the same pains and penalties as persons guilty of opening embezzling or detaining any Letter delivered into the General Post Office in England respectively are liable to by the laws and statutes in such case made and provided.

4. And be it further enacted That all Rates of Postage and sums received for the conveying and delivering of Letters under and by virtue of this Act or Ordinance shall be paid applied and accounted for and disposed of in like manner as sums of money received under and by virtue of an Act of Council passed on the first day of November instant intituled "*An Act to continue until further provision shall be made certain Duties Tolls Rates Fees and other Sums of Money imposed by the Governors of New South Wales and for other purposes.*"

The Governor or Acting Governor empowered to establish a Post Office in the town of Sydney and elsewhere until His Majesty's Post Master General shall erect and settle a Post Office in New South Wales.

And to appoint Rates of Postage.

The Governor or Acting Governor may appoint a Post Master in Sydney and Deputy Post Masters in other parts of the Colony.

Who are to conform to the orders and instructions of the Governor.

They or other persons employed who shall wilfully open embezzle detain or delay any Letter or Packet shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as ensue in England.

Appropriation of all Rates of Postage received under this Act.