



London Hackney Carriage Act 1831

CHAPTER 22

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Certain Acts declared in force until 5th Jan. 1832, and the repealed ; viz.
Acts of Great Britain :

Acts of the United Kingdom :

- II Former Licences to cease, and the Plates to be delivered up to the Commissioners of Stamps.
- III Grant of Stamp Duties specified in the Schedule (A.) hereto annexed.
- IV Definition of a Hackney Carriage.
- V Horses used in drawing Hackney Carriages not to be subject to the Duties imposed by 4 G.4 C.62 on Horses let for Hire.
- VI Hackney Carriages not to be kept without Licences, nor without Plates.
- VII Licences to be granted by the Commissioners of Stamps or their Officers.
- VIII Before 5th Jan. 1833, Licences not to exceed 1,200, and Preference to be given to the Holders of former Licences
- IX After 5th Jan. 1833, Licences to be granted without Limitation of Number.
- X Persons possessed of Licences at the Commencement of this Act to be entitled to new Licences, without Payment of the Duty of 5l.
- XI Persons applying for Licences to sign a Requisition for the same.
- XII What shall be specified in the Licences.
- XIII Notice to be given by Proprietors of Hackney Carriages of any Change of Abode. Penalty 40s.
- XIV Names and Places of Abode of the Proprietors of Hackney Carriages, and the Numbers of the Plates, to be registered at the Guildhall in London. Penalty 40s.
- XV Duties in what Manner to be paid.
- XVI Mode of discontinuing Licences.

- XVII Plates to be delivered up on the Discontinuance or Revocation of such Licences. Penalty 10l.
- XVIII Carriages, Horses, Harness, &c. liable to Duties and Penalties.
- XIX Duties recoverable by Distress.
- XX Numbered Plates to be placed upon Hackney Carriages. Penalty for concealing Plates, or preventing Persons inspecting and taking the Number thereof.
- XXI Commissioners may change Plates. Where a Plate has been wilfully obliterated, a new Licence shall be taken out.
- XXII Penalty for using, &c. a Hackney Carriage without Licence, or without Plates, or for not delivering up recalled Plates, 10l.
- XXIII Penalty on the Driver of a Carriage plying for Hire without Plates, 5l. If the Owner, 10l.
- XXIV Carriages having thereon Plates provided under this Act to be deemed Hackney Carriages.
- XXV Forgery, &c. of the Stamp Office Plate, a Misdemeanor.
- XXVI Proprietors of Hackney Carriages to be summoned to appear and produce the Drivers. Penalty 40s. On Neglect on Second Summons Justices may proceed.
- XXVII Penalties if not paid by Drivers to be levied on Proprietors ;
- XXVIII Who shall be entitled to recover from the Drivers.
- XXIX Justices to determine Disputes between Proprietors and their Drivers.
- XXX Watermen to be licensed. Penalty on acting as a Waterman without a Licence, 40s.
- XXXI Badges to be worn by Watermen. Penalty 40s.
- XXXII Particulars of Licences to be entered in Books at the Stamp Office, and such Entries to be Evidence.
- XXXIII Procuring any Licence in a fictitious Name, a Misdemeanor.
- XXXIV What Distance Drivers of Hackney Carriages shall be compellable to drive. Penalty 40s.
- XXXV Hackney Carriages standing in any Street to be deemed to be plying for Hire, and the Driver thereof refusing to go with any Person liable to a Penalty of 40s.
- XXXVI Compensation to be made to Drivers improperly summoned for refusing to carry any Person.
- XXXVII Drivers may ply and shall be compellable to drive on Sundays.
- XXXVIII Rates and Fares to be taken for Hackney Carriages.
- XXXIX Back Fare payable by Night. By Day.
- XL Limits of the Metropolis defined.
- XLI Persons refusing to pay the Driver his Fare, or for any Damage, may be committed to Prison.
- XLII Penalty on Drivers refusing to go or exacting more than the legal Fare.
- XLIII Agreement to pay more than the legal Fare not to be binding. Sum paid beyond the proper Fare may be recovered back. Penalty 40s.
- XLIV Driver not to charge more than the Sum agreed for, although the Distance be exceeded. Penalty 40s.
- XLV Penalty for demanding more than the Sum agreed for, though less than the legal Fare, 40s.
- XLVI Number of Persons to be carried in a Hackney Carriage to be painted thereon. Penalty for Neglect, or for Refusal to carry the Number, 40s.
- XLVII Deposit to be made for Carriages waiting. Penalty on the Driver refusing to wait, or to account for the Deposit, 40s.

- XLVIII Proprietors to provide Check Strings; Drivers to hold same in their Hands. Penalty 20s.
- XLIX Property left in Hackney Carriages to be deposited at the Stamp Office. Penalty 20l. Property not claimed within a Year to be delivered up to the Driver, if applied for ; if not, to be sold.
 - L Penalty for permitting Persons to ride without Consent of the Hirer, 20s.
- LI Improperly standing with Carriage, or feeding Horses in the Street ; refusing to give way to, or obstructing any other Driver ; or depriving him of his Fare ; Penalty 20s.
- LII Carriages may stand Two in Breadth in Palace Yard.
- LIII A clear Space of Ten Feet to be left after every Four Hackney Carriages on any Standing. Penalty 20s.
- LIV The Court of Aldermen authorized to make Orders for regulating Hackney Carriages in the City of London and in the Borough of Southwark. Penalty on Persons offending against such Orders, 5l.
- LV Penalty for leaving Carriages unattended at Places of public Resort, 20s.
- LVI Proprietors, Drivers, or Watermen misbehaving. Penalty 5l. Licence may be revoked.
- LVII Justices empowered to award Compensation to Drivers or Watermen for their Loss of Time in attending to answer Complaints which shall not be substantiated against them.
- LVIII Commissioners to give Notice of the Revocation of Licences.
- LIX Names and Places of Abode of Owners of Waggons, Carts, &c. to be painted thereon.
 - LX Penalty for using Waggons, &c. upon which the Names and Places of Abode are not painted, 5l.
 - LXI Duties and Penalties how recoverable.
 - LXII Before whom Offences shall be heard and determined.
 - LXIII Mode of proceeding for Penalties before a Justice of the Peace.
 - LXIV In what Manner Goods distrained under this Act shall be sold.
 - LXV Summonses, Convictions, and Warrants to be drawn up according to the Forms in the Schedule (D).
- LXVI Justices may issue Warrants or Summonses against Proprietors, Drivers, and Watermen.
- LXVII Penalty on Witnesses neglecting to attend or refusing to give Evidence, 5l.
- LXVIII Service of Justice's Summons.
- LXIX Penalty on Constable refusing to serve a Summons or execute a Warrant.
 - LXX Justices may mitigate Penalties.
- LXXI Distribution of Penalties.
- LXXII Informants or Complainants not disqualified from being Witnesses.
- LXXIII Limitation of Actions. Venue. Notice of Action. General Issue. Tender of Amends.
- LXXIV Construction of the Terms used in this Act.
- LXXV Duties granted by 50 G.3 c.41 on Hawkers and Pedlars, to be paid to Commissioners of Stamps.
- LXXVI Powers, &c. of 50 G.3 C.41 and of any-other Act relating to Duties on Hawkers and Pedlars, to be of as full Force as if repeated in this Act.
- LXXVII Commencement of the Act.
- LXXVIII Act may be altered this Session.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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The SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.) — Containing the Duties imposed by this Act

SCHEDULE (B.) — Containing the Rates and Fares to be paid for any Hackney Carriage hired and taken any Distance: (that is to say,)

SCHEDULE (C.) — Containing the Rates and Fares to be paid for any Hackney Carriage hired and taken for any Time; (that is to say,)

SCHEDULE (D.) — Containing the Forms of Proceedings for the Recovery of Duties and Penalties under this Act