



# London Hackney Carriage Act 1831

## 1831 CHAPTER 22

### **IV Definition of a Hackney Carriage.**

And be it enacted, That every Carriage with Two or more Wheels which shall be used for the Purpose of standing or plying for Hire in any public Street or Road at any Place within the Distance of Five Miles from the General Post Office in the City of *London*, whatever may be the Form or Construction of such Carriage, or the Number of Persons which the same shall be calculated to convey, or the Number of Horses by which the same shall be drawn, shall be deemed and taken to be a Hackney Carriage within the Meaning of this Act; and in all Proceedings at Law or otherwise, and upon all Occasions whatsoever, it shall be sufficient to describe any such Carriage as aforesaid by the Term " Hackney Carriage," without further or otherwise describing the same : Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to any Stage Coach used for the Purpose of standing or plying for Passengers to be carried for Hire at separate Fares, and being duly licensed by the Commissioners of Stamps for that Purpose, and having thereon the proper numbered Plates required by Law to be placed on such Stage Coaches.