



Probate and Legacy Duties Act 1808

1808 CHAPTER 149

An Act for repealing the Stamp Duties on Deeds, Law Proceedings, and other written or printed Instruments, and the Duties on Legacies and Successions to Personal Estate upon Intestacies, now payable in *Great Britain*; and for granting new Duties in lieu thereof. [2d July 1808]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter and amend the Descriptions of divers Instruments, Matters, and Things, in respect whereof certain Stamp Duties were granted by the several Acts passed in the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, and Forty-sixth Years of Your Majesty's Reign, herein-after specified, and for that Purpose to repeal such Duties, and grant others in lieu thereof; and it is also expedient to grant certain additional Stamp Duties towards raising the necessary Supplies to defray Your Majesty's Public Expences, and making such permanent Addition to the Public Revenue as shall be equal to the increased annual Charge occasioned by the Funding of Exchequer Bills, and by any Loan made pursuant to any Act or Acts passed or to be passed for that Purpose in this Session of Parliament :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the several Duties herein-after mentioned; and do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the King'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,