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CAP. LXXI.

An Act for encouraging the Art of making new Models and Casts of Busts, and other Things therein mentioned. [21st *June* 1798.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers Persons have, by their own Genius, Industry, Pains, and Expence, improved and brought the Art of making new Models and Casts of Busts, and of Statues of Human Figures, and of Animals, to great Perfection, in Hopes to have reaped the sole Benefit of their Labours; but that divers Persons have (without the Consent of the Proprietors thereof) copied and made Moulds from the said Models and Casts, and sold base Copies and Casts of such new Models and Casts, to the great Prejudice and Detriment of the original Proprietors, and to the Discouragement of the Art of making such new Models and Casts as aforesaid: For Remedy whereof, and for preventing such Practices for the future, May it please 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, That, from and after the passing of this Act, every Person who shall make or cause to be made any new Model, or Copy or Cast made from such new Model, of any Bust, or any Part of the Human Figure, or any Statue of the Human Figure, or the Head of any Animal, or any Part of any Animal, or the Statue of any Animal; or shall make or cause to be made any new Model, Copy, or Cast from such new Model, in Alto or Basso Relievo, or any Work in which the Representation of any Human Figure or Figures, or the Representation of any

The sole Right and Property of making Models or Casts shall be vested in the original Proprietor.

Animal or Animals ſhall be introduced, or ſhall make or cauſe to be made any new Caſt from Nature of any Part or Parts of the Human Figure, or of any Part or Parts of any Animal, ſhall have the ſole Right and Property in every ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt, and alſo in every ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any Work as aforeſaid, and alſo in every ſuch new Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid, for and during the Term of Fourteen Years from the Time of firſt publiſhing the ſame: Provided always, That every Perſon who ſhall make or cauſe to be made any ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt, or any ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any Work as aforeſaid, or any new Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe his or her Name to be put thereon, with the Date of the Publication, before the ſame ſhall be publiſhed and expoſed to Sale.

Perſons making Copies of any Model or Caſt, without the Conſent of the Proprietor, may be proſecuted.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall, within the ſaid Term of Fourteen Years, make or cauſe to be made any Copy or Caſt of any ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt, or any ſuch Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any ſuch Work as aforeſaid, or any ſuch new Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid, either by adding to or diminiſhing from any ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt, or adding to or diminiſhing from any ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any ſuch Work as aforeſaid, or adding to or diminiſhing from any ſuch new Caſt from Nature, or ſhall cauſe or procure the ſame to be done, or ſhall import any Copy or Caſt of ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt, or Copy or Caſt of ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any ſuch Work as aforeſaid, or any Copy or Caſt of any ſuch new Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid, for Sale, or ſhall ſell or otherwiſe diſpoſe of, or cauſe or procure to be ſold or expoſed to Sale, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of, any Copy or Caſt of any ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt, or any Copy or Caſt of ſuch new Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any ſuch Work as aforeſaid, or any Copy or Caſt of any ſuch new Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid, without the expreſs Conſent of the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof firſt had and obtained, in Writing ſigned by him, her, or them reſpectively, with his, her, or their Hand or Hands, in the Preſence of and atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes, then and in all or any of the Caſes aforeſaid, every Proprietor or Proprietors of any ſuch original Model, Copy, or Caſt, and every Proprietor or Proprietors of any ſuch original Model, or Copy or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any ſuch Work as aforeſaid, or the Proprietor or Proprietors of any ſuch new Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid reſpectively, ſhall and may, by and in a ſpecial Action upon the Caſe, to be brought againſt the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, recover ſuch Damages as a Jury on the Trial of ſuch Action, or on the Execution of a Writ of Enquiry thereon, ſhall give or aſſeſs, together with full Coſts of Suit.

Except ſuch Perſons who ſhall purchaſe the ſame of the original Proprietor.

III. Provided nevertheleſs, That no Perſon who ſhall hereafter purchaſe the Right, either in any ſuch Model, Copy, or Caſt, or in any ſuch Model, Copy, or Caſt in Alto or Baſſo Relievo, or any ſuch Work as aforeſaid, or any ſuch new Caſt from Nature, of the original Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, ſhall be ſubject to any Action for vending or ſelling any Caſt or Copy from the ſame; any Thing contained in this Act to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

IV. Provided alſo, That all Actions to be brought as aforeſaid, againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Offence committed againſt this Act, ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Diſcovery of every ſuch Offence, and not afterwards. Limitation of Actions.

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