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An Act to amend the ſeveral Acts for the Encouragement of Learning, by ſecuring the Copies and Copyright of printed Books, to the Authors of ſuch Books, or their Aſſigns. [29th *July* 1814.]

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by veſting the Copies of printed Books in the Authors or Purchaſers of ſuch Copies, during the Times therein mentioned*, it was, among other Things provided and enacted, That Nine Copies of each Book or Books, upon the beſt Paper, that from and after the Tenth Day of *April* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ten ſhould be printed and publiſhed as in the ſaid Act mentioned, or reprinted and publiſhed with Additions, ſhould, by the Printer and Printers thereof, be delivered to the Warehouſekeeper of the Company of Stationers for the Time being, at the Hall of the ſaid Company, before ſuch Publication made, for the Uſe of the Royal Library, the Libraries of the Univerſities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, the Libraries of the Four Univerſities in *Scotland*, the Library of *Sion* College in *London*, and the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at *Edinburgh*; which ſaid Warehouſekeeper is by the ſaid Act required to deliver ſuch Copies for the Uſe of the ſaid Libraries; and that if any Proprietor, Bookſeller, or Printer, or the ſaid Warehouſekeeper, ſhould not obſerve the Directions of the ſaid Act therein, that then he or they ſo making Default in not delivering the ſaid printed Copies, ſhould forfeit, beſides the Value of the ſaid printed Copies, the Sum of Five Pounds for

8 Anne, c.19.

every Copy not ſo delivered: And whereas by an Act made in the Forty-
41 G. 3. c. 107. firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the further Encouragement of Learning in the United Kingdom of* Great Britain *and* Ireland, *by ſecuring the Copies and Copyright of printed Books to the Authors of ſuch Books or their Aſſigns, for the Time herein mentioned*, it is amongſt other Things provided and enacted, That in Addition to the Nine Copies required by Law to be delivered to the Warehouſekeeper of the ſaid Company of Stationers, of each and every Book and Books which ſhall be entered in the Regiſter Books of the ſaid Company, Two other Copies ſhall in like Manner be delivered for the Uſe of the Library of the College of the *Holy Trinity*, and the Library of the Society of the *King's Inns* in *Dublin*, by the Printer and Printers of all and every ſuch Book and Books as ſhould thereafter be printed and publiſhed, and the Title of the Copyright whereof ſhould be entered in the ſaid Regiſter Book of the ſaid Company: And whereas it is expedient that Copies of Books hereafter printed or publiſhed, ſhould be delivered to the Libraries herein-after mentioned, with the Modifications that ſhall be provided by this Act; May it therefore 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 ſo much of the ſaid ſeveral recited Acts of the Eighth Year of Queen *Anne*, and of the Forty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty, as requires that any Copy or Copies of any Book or Books which ſhall be printed or publiſhed, or reprinted and publiſhed with Additions, ſhall be delivered by the Printer or Printers thereof to the Warehouſekeeper of the ſaid Company of Stationers, for the Uſe of any of the Libraries in the ſaid Act mentioned, and as requires the Delivery of the ſaid Copies by the ſaid Warehouſekeeper for the Uſe of the ſaid Libraries, and as impoſes any Penalty on ſuch Printer or Warehouſekeeper for not delivering the ſaid Copies, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

Proviſions of recited Acts, as to delivering Copies to Public Libraries, repealed.

Eleven printed Copies ſhall be delivered on Demand within 12 Months after Publication, for the Uſe of certain Public Libraries.

II. And be it further enacted, That Eleven printed Copies of the Whole of every Book and of every Volume thereof, upon the Paper upon which the largeſt Number or Impreſſion of ſuch Book ſhall be printed for Sale, together with all Maps and Prints belonging thereto, which, from and after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be printed and publiſhed, on Demand thereof being made in Writing to or left at the Place of Abode of the Publiſher or Publiſhers thereof, at any Time within Twelve Months next after the Publication thereof, under the Hand of the Warehouſekeeper of the Company of Stationers, or the Librarian or other Perſon thereto authorized by the Perſons or Body Politic and Corporate, Proprietors or Managers of the Libraries following; *videlicet*, the *Britiſh Muſeum*, *Sion College*, the *Bodleian Library* at *Oxford*, the *Public Library* at *Cambridge*, the Library of the *Faculty of Advocates* at *Edinburgh*, the Libraries of the Four Univerſities of *Scotland*, *Trinity College Library*, and the *King's Inns Library* at *Dublin*, or ſo many of ſuch Eleven Copies as ſhall be reſpectively demanded on Behalf of ſuch Libraries reſpectively, ſhall be delivered by the Publiſher or Publiſhers thereof reſpectively, within One Month after Demand made thereof in Writing as aforeſaid, to the Warehouſekeeper of the ſaid Company of Stationers for the Time being; which Copies the ſaid Warehouſekeeper ſhall and he is hereby required to receive at the Hall of the ſaid Company, for the Uſe of the Library for which

ſuch Demand ſhall be made, within ſuch Twelve Months as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Warehouſekeeper is hereby required, within One Month after any ſuch Book or Volume ſhall be ſo delivered to him as aforeſaid, to deliver the ſame for the Uſe of ſuch Library: And if any Publiſher, or the Warehouſekeeper of the ſaid Company of Stationers, ſhall not obſerve the Directions of this Act therein, that then he and they ſo making Default in not delivering or receiving the ſaid Eleven printed Copies as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit, beſides the Value of the ſaid printed Copies, the Sum of Five Pounds for each Copy not ſo delivered or received, together with the full Coſts of Suit; the ſame to be recovered by the Perſon or Perſons, or Body Politic or Corporate, Proprietors or Managers of the Library for the Uſe whereof ſuch Copy or Copies ought to have been delivered or received; for which Penalties and Value ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Body Politic or Corporate, is or are now hereby authorized to ſue by Action of Debt or other proper Action in any Court of Record in the United Kingdom.

No Copies of a Second or ſubſequent Edition, without Addition or Alteration, to be demanded;

Additions to be printed, and delivered ſeparate.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no ſuch printed Copy or Copies ſhall be demanded by or delivered to or for the Uſe of any of the Libraries herein-before mentioned, of the Second Edition, or of any ſubſequent Edition of any Book or Books ſo demanded and delivered as aforeſaid, unleſs the ſame ſhall contain Additions or Alterations: And in caſe any Edition after the Firſt, of any Book ſo demanded and delivered as aforeſaid, ſhall contain any Addition or Alteration, no printed Copy or Copies thereof ſhall be demanded or delivered as aforeſaid, if a printed Copy of ſuch Additions or Alterations only, printed in an uniform Manner with the former Edition of ſuch Book, be delivered to each of the Libraries aforeſaid, for whoſe Uſe a Copy of the former Edition ſhall have been demanded and delivered as aforeſaid: Provided alſo, that the Copy of every Book that ſhall be demanded by the *Britiſh Muſeum*, ſhall be delivered of the beſt Paper on which ſuch Work ſhall be printed.

Inſtead of Copyright for 14 Years, and contingently for 14 more, Authors and their Aſſigns ſhall have 28 Years Copyright in their Works and for the Reſidue of their Life.

IV. And whereas by the ſaid recited Acts of the Eighth Year of Queen *Anne*, and the Forty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, it is enacted, that the Author of any Book or Books, and the Aſſignee or Aſſigns of ſuch Author reſpectively, ſhould have the ſole Liberty of printing and re-printing ſuch Book or Books for the Term of Fourteen Years, to commence from the Day of firſt publiſhing the ſame, and no longer; and it was provided, that after the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Fourteen Years, the Right of printing or diſpoſing of Copies ſhould return to the Authors thereof, if they were then living, for another Term of Fourteen Years: And whereas it will afford further Encouragement to Literature, if the Duration of ſuch Copyright were extended in Manner herein-after mentioned; be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Author of any Book or Books compoſed and not printed and publiſhed, or which ſhall hereafter be compoſed, and be printed and publiſhed, and his Aſſignee or Aſſigns, ſhall have the ſole Liberty of printing and reprinting ſuch Book or Books for the full Term of Twenty-eight Years, to commence from the Day of firſt publiſhing the ſame, and alſo, if the Author ſhall be living at the End of that Period, for the Reſidue of his natural Life; and that if any Bookſeller or Printer, or other Perſon whatſoever, in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in the Iſles of *Man*, *Jerſey*, or *Guernſey*, or in any other Part of the *Britiſh* Dominions, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, within the

Bookſellers, &c. in any Part of the United Kingdom, or Bri-

tiſh Dominions, who ſhall print, reprint, or import, &c. any ſuch Book, without Conſent of the Proprietor, ſhall be liable to an Action for Damages, and ſhall alſo forfeit the Books to the Proprietor, and 3d. per Sheet.

the Terms and Times granted and limited by this Act as aforeſaid, print, reprint, or import, or ſhall cauſe to be printed, reprinted, or imported, any ſuch Book or Books, without the Conſent of the Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors of the Copyright of and in ſuch Book and Books, firſt had and obtained in Writing; or, knowing the ſame to be ſo printed, reprinted or imported, without ſuch Conſent of ſuch Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors, ſhall ſell, publiſh, or expoſe to Sale, or cauſe to be ſold, publiſhed or expoſed to Sale, or ſhall have in his or their Poſſeſſion for Sale, any ſuch Book or Books, without ſuch Conſent firſt had and obtained as aforeſaid, then ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be liable to a Special Action on the Caſe, at the Suit of the Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors of the Copyright of ſuch Book or Books ſo unlawfully printed, reprinted or imported, or publiſhed or expoſed to Sale, or being in the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Offender or Offenders for Sale as aforeſaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act: And every ſuch Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors, ſhall and may, by and in ſuch ſpecial Action upon the Caſe, to be ſo brought againſt ſuch Offender or Offenders, in any Court of Record in that Part of the ſaid United Kingdom, or of the *Britiſh* Dominions, in which the Offence ſhall be committed, recover ſuch Damages as the Jury on the Trial of ſuch Action, or on the Execution of a Writ of Enquiry thereon, ſhall give or aſſeſs, together with Double Coſts of Suit; in which Action no Wager of Law, Eſſoign, Privilege, or Protection, nor more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed; and all and every ſuch Offender and Offenders ſhall alſo forfeit ſuch Book or Books, and all and every Sheet being Part of ſuch Book or Books, and ſhall deliver the ſame to the Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors of the Copyright of ſuch Book or Books, upon Order of any Court of Record in which any Action or Suit in Law or Equity ſhall be commenced or proſecuted by ſuch Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors, to be made on Motion or Petition to the ſaid Court; and the ſaid Author or Authors or other Proprietor or Proprietors ſhall forthwith damaſk or make Waſte Paper of the ſaid Book or Books and Sheet or Sheets; and all and every ſuch Offender and Offenders ſhall alſo forfeit the Sum of Three-pence for every Sheet thereof, either printed or printing, or publiſhed or expoſed to Sale, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; the one Moiety thereof to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, in any ſuch Court of Record, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Wager of Law, Eſſoign, Privilege, or Protection, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed: Provided always, that in *Scotland* ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be liable to an Action of Damages in the Court of Seſſion in *Scotland*, which ſhall and may be brought and proſecuted in the ſame Manner in which any other Action of Damages to the like Amount may be brought and proſecuted there; and in any ſuch Action where Damages ſhall be awarded, Double Coſts of Suit or Expences of Proceſs ſhall be allowed.

Double Coſts.

The Title of all Books ſhall be entered at Stationers' Hall, within One Month

V. And in order to aſcertain what Books ſhall be from Time to Time publiſhed, be it enacted, That the Publiſher or Publiſhers of any and every Book demandable under this Act, which ſhall be publiſhed at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall, within One Calendar Month after the Day on which any ſuch Book or Books reſpectively ſhall be

first sold, published, advertised, or offered for Sale, within the Bills of Mortality, or within Three Calendar Months if the said Book shall be sold, published, or advertised in any other Part of the United Kingdom, enter the Title to the Copy of every such Book, and the Name or Names, and Place of Abode of the Publisher or Publishers thereof, in the Register Book of the Company of Stationers in *London*, in such Manner as hath been usual with respect to Books the Title whereof hath heretofore been entered in such Register Book, and deliver One Copy, on the best Paper as aforesaid, for the Use of the *British Museum*; which Register Book shall at all Times be kept at the Hall of the said Company; for every of which several Entries the Sum of Two Shillings shall be paid, and no more; which said Register Book may at all seasonable and convenient Times be resorted to and inspected by any Person; for which Inspection the Sum of One Shilling shall be paid to the Warehousekeeper of the said Company of Stationers; and such Warehousekeeper shall, when and as often as thereto required, give a Certificate under his Hand of every or any such Entry, and for every such Certificate the Sum of One Shilling shall be paid; and in case such Entry of the Title of any such Book or Books shall not be duly made by the Publisher or Publishers of any such Book or Books, within the said Calendar Month, or Three Months, as the Case may be, then the Publisher or Publishers of such Book or Books shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, together with Eleven Times the Price at which such Book shall be sold or advertized, to be recovered, together with full Cost of Suit, by the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, authorized to sue, and who shall first sue for the same, in any Court of Record in the United Kingdom, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Wager of Law, Essoign, Privilege, or Protection, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed: Provided always, that in the Case of Magazines, Reviews, or other periodical Publications, it shall be sufficient to make such Entry in the Register Book of the said Company, within One Month next after the Publication of the First Number or Volume of such Magazine, Review, or other periodical Publication: Provided always, that no Failure in making any such Entry shall in any Manner affect any Copyright, but shall only subject the Person making Default to the Penalty aforesaid under this Act.

after Publication.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Warehousekeeper of the Company of Stationers shall from Time to Time and at all Times, without any greater Interval than Three Months, transmit to the Librarian or other Person authorized on Behalf of the Libraries before mentioned, correct Lists of all Books entered in the Books of the said Company, and not contained in former Lists; and that on being required so to do by the said Librarians or other authorized Person, or either of them, he shall call on the Publisher or Publishers of such Books, for as many of the said Copies as may have been demanded of them.

Warehousekeeper of Stationers Hall to transmit to Librarians Lists of Books entered; and call on Publisher for the Copies demanded.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Publisher shall be desirous of delivering the Copy of such Book or Volume as aforesaid, as shall be demanded on Behalf of any of the said Libraries, at such Library, it shall and may be lawful for him to deliver the same at such Library, to the Librarian or other Person authorized to receive the same, (who is hereby required to receive and to give a Receipt in Writing for

Publishers may deliver such Books at the Library.

the ſame); and ſuch Delivery ſhall, to all Intents and Purpoſes of this Act, be held as equivalent to a Delivery to the ſaid Warehouſekeeper.

Authors of Books already publiſhed, now living, to have the Benefit of the Extenſion of Copyright,

VIII. And whereas it is reaſonable that Authors of Books already publiſhed, and who are now living, ſhould alſo have the Benefit of the Extenſion of Copyright; be it further enacted, That if the Author of any Book or Books which ſhall not have been publiſhed Fourteen Years at the Time of paſſing this Act ſhall be living at the ſaid Time, and if ſuch Author ſhall afterwards die before the Expiration of the ſaid Fourteen Years, then the perſonal Repreſentative of the ſaid Author, and the Aſſignee or Aſſigns of ſuch perſonal Repreſentative, ſhall have the ſole Right of printing and publiſhing the ſaid Book or Books for the further Term of Fourteen Years after the Expiration of the Firſt Fourteen Years: Provided that nothing in this Act contained ſhall affect the Right of the Aſſignee or Aſſigns of ſuch Author to ſell any Copies of the ſaid Book or Books which ſhall have been printed by ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſigns within the Firſt Fourteen Years, or the Terms of any Contract between ſuch Author and ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſigns.

and if living at the End of 28 Years the ſole Right of Publication ſhall be in them during Life.

IX. And be it alſo further enacted, That if the Author of any Book or Books which have been already publiſhed ſhall be living at the End of Twenty-eight Years after the Firſt Publication of the ſaid Book or Books, he or ſhe ſhall for the Remainder of his or her Life have the ſole Right of printing and publiſhing the ſame: Provided that this ſhall not affect the Right of the Aſſignee or Aſſigns of ſuch Author to ſell any Copies of the ſaid Book or Books which ſhall have been printed by ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſigns within the ſaid Twenty-eight Years, or the Terms of any Contract between ſuch Author and ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſigns.

Limitation of Actions.

X. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That all Actions, Suits, Bills, Indictments or Informations for any Offence that ſhall be committed againſt this Act, ſhall be brought, ſued and commenced, within Twelve Months next after ſuch Offence committed, or elſe the ſame ſhall be void and of no Effect.

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