

in the aforesaid Acts of the fifth and sixth Victoria, and eighth and ninth Victoria, or in any other Acts, against the importing, selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing Foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended, so far as regards such colony, and thereupon such Act or Ordinance shall come into operation, except so far as may be otherwise provided therein, or may be otherwise directed by such Order in Council.

And whereas an Act has been passed by the President and Council and Assembly of the Island of Nevis, (No. 237,) "to authorize the importation into the Island of Nevis of Foreign reprints of British books, wherein there shall be copyright," whereby provision is made for protecting the rights of British Authors in the said colony.

And whereas Her Majesty has expressed Her royal approval of the said Act;

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by the authority of the same, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that so long as the said Act shall remain and continue in force within the said colony, all prohibitions in any of the said hereinbefore recited Acts of the Imperial Parliament, or in any other Acts thereof contained, against the importing into the said Colony, or against the selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing therein Foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended, so far as regards the said colony.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

WM. L. BATHURST.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 10th day  
day of March 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend the law of copyright," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person, not being the proprietor of the copyright, or some person authorized by him, to import into any part of the United Kingdom, or into any other part of the British dominions, for sale or hire, any printed book first composed, or written, or printed and published in any part of the United Kingdom, wherein there shall be copyright, and reprinted in any country or place whatsoever out of the British dominions.

And whereas by the "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853," an Act of the eighth and ninth Victoria, chapter ninety-three, entitled "An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions "Abroad" was repealed, and by the Act now in recital, books, wherein the copyright is subsisting first composed, or written, or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or re-printed in any other Country, are absolutely prohibited to be imported into the British Possessions abroad; but it is thereby

provided, that nothing therein contained shall be taken to prevent Her Majesty from exercising the power to suspend in certain cases such prohibition vested in Her by the tenth and eleventh Victoria, chapter ninety-five, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the protection in the Colonies of works entitled to copyright in the United Kingdom." And whereas by the last recited Act it is enacted that in case the Legislature, or proper Legislative Authorities, in any British Possession, shall be disposed to make due provision for securing or protecting the rights of British Authors in such Possession, and shall pass an Act, or make an Ordinance for that purpose, and shall transmit the same in the proper manner to the Secretary of State, in order that it may be submitted to Her Majesty, and in case Her Majesty shall be of opinion that such Act or Ordinance is sufficient for the purpose of securing to British Authors reasonable protection within such Possession, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit so to do, to express Her Royal approval of such Act or Ordinance, and thereupon to issue an Order in Council declaring that so long as the provisions of such Act or Ordinance continue in force within such Colony, the prohibition contained in the aforesaid Acts of the fifth and sixth Victoria, and eighth and ninth Victoria, or in any other Acts, against the importing, selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing Foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended so far as regards such Colony, and thereupon such Act or Ordinance shall come into operation, except so far as may be otherwise provided therein, or may be otherwise directed by such Order in Council.

And whereas an Act has been passed (No 4 of 1854) by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of that Colony, "for authorising the importation into the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope of books, being Foreign reprints of books, first composed, or written, or printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and in which there shall be copyright," whereby provision is made for protecting the rights of British authors in the said Colony.

And whereas Her Majesty has expressed Her royal approval of the said Act:

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by the authority of the same, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that so long as the said Act shall remain and continue in force within the said Colony, all prohibitions in any of the said hereinbefore recited Acts of the Imperial Parliament, or in any other Acts thereof contained, against the importing into the said Colony, or against the selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing therein Foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended so far as regards the said Colony.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

WM. L. BATHURST.