

AT the Court at *Osborne-House, Isle of Wight*,
the 11th day of *August 1848*,

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 Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the law of copyright," it is, among 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 an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade of the British possessions abroad," books, wherein the copyright is subsisting, first composed or written or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or reprinted in any other country, are absolutely prohibited to be imported into the British possessions abroad:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the protection in the colonies of works entitled to copyright in the United Kingdom," 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 prohibitions contained in the aforesaid Acts, and hereinbefore recited, and any prohibitions contained in the said Acts, 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 whereas an Act has been passed by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly of the province of New Brunswick, intituled "An Act to regulate the importation of books, and to protect the British author," whereby provision is made for securing to British authors a certain remuneration in respect of unauthorized copies of works under copyright imported into the said province:

And whereas Her Majesty hath expressed Her royal approval of the same:

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 of the Legislature of the said province shall remain and continue in force within the said province, all prohibitions in the other of the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or in any other Acts contained against the importing into the said province, or against the selling, letting out to 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 foreign reprints imported into the said province:

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

C. C. Greville.

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