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FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1853.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 11th day of *March*, 1853,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend an Act of the seventh and eighth years of Her present Majesty, for reducing, under certain circumstances, the duties payable upon books and engravings," it is enacted that whenever Her Majesty has, by virtue of any authority vested in Her for that purpose, declared that the authors, inventors, designers, engravers, or makers of any books, prints, or other works of art, first published in any foreign country or countries, shall have the privilege of copyright therein, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit, from time to time, by any Order in Council, to declare that, from and after a day to be named in such Order, in lieu of the duties of customs from time to time payable on the importation into the United Kingdom of books, prints, and drawings, there shall be payable only such duties of Customs as are mentioned in the said Act:

And whereas Her Majesty hath this day, by virtue of the authority vested in her for that purpose, declared that the authors, inventors, designers, engravers and makers of books, prints, and certain other works of art, first published within the duchies of Anhalt Dessau and Anhalt Bernbourg, shall have the privilege of copyright therein:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and in virtue of the authority committed to Her by the said recited Act, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the first day of April next, in lieu of the duties of Customs now payable on the importation into the United Kingdom, of books, prints, and drawings, published at any place within the dominions of the said duchies, there shall be payable only the duties of Customs following; that is to say:

On books, originally produced in the United Kingdom, and republished at any place within the dominions of the said duchies, a duty of two pounds ten shillings per cwt.

On books, published or republished at any place within the dominions of the said duchies, and not being books originally produced in the

United Kingdom, a duty of fifteen shillings per cwt.

On prints and drawings, plain or coloured, published at any place within the dominions of the said duchies,

	s.	d.
Single, each	0	0½
Bound or sewn, the dozen	0	1½

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary orders herein accordingly.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *March*, 1853,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS a Convention has been concluded between Her Majesty, His Majesty the King of Prussia, and their Serene Highnesses the Dukes of Anhalt-Dessau and Anhalt-Bernbourg, whereby their said Serene Highnesses have acceded to a certain Convention, concluded at Berlin, on the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, for the reciprocal protection of copyright against piracy, between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of Prussia, and to the special provisions contained in sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, of a certain protocol, dated thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and annexed to the said last-mentioned Convention.

And whereas due protection has been secured within the dominions of the said duchies for the authors of, and parties interested in, books, dramatic works, or musical compositions, and the inventors, designers, or engravers of, and parties interested in, prints and articles of sculpture, and the authors, inventors, designers, or engravers of or parties interested in any other works whatsoever of literature and the fine arts, in which the laws of Great Britain and of the said duchies do now or may hereafter give their respective subjects the privilege of copyright, and for the lawful representatives or assigns of any such authors, inventors, designers, or engravers, with regard to any similar works first published within the dominions of Her Majesty.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by