

For vesting the properties of Engravers for a time } [8^o Georgij 2^{di}] N^o 20.
to be limited. }

Le Roy le Veult.

Whereas <sup>Prints, Ballads, and Suppers of
Prints, Ballads, and Suppers of</sup> divers Persons have by
their own Genius Industry pains and Expence --
Invented and Engraved or worked in Mezotints --
or Chiaro Oscuro Sets of Historical and other --
Prints in Types to have reaped the sole Benefit
of their Labours **And Whereas** Printers
and other persons have of late without the
consent of the Inventors Designers and Proprie-
tors of such Prints frequently taken the liberty
of Copying Engraving and publishing or causing
to be Copied Engraved and published base-
Copies of such Books Designs and Prints to --
the very great prejudice and Detriment of the
Inventors Designers and Proprietors thereof **For**
Remedy thereof and for preventing such practices
for the future **May** it please Your Majesty --
that it may be enacted **And Be it Enacted**
by the Kings 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 twenty fourth day of June which shall
be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and thirty five every person who --
shall invent and Design Engrave Etch or work
in Mezotints or Chiaro Oscuro or from his --
own Works and Invention shall cause to be
Designed and Engraved Etched or worked in --
Mezotints or Chiaro Oscuro any Historical or --
other Print or Prints shall have the sole right
and liberty of Printing and reprinting the --
same for the Term of fourteen Years to --
Commence from the Day of the first publishing
thereof which shall be truly Engraved with
the name of the Proprietor on each Plate.
and printed on every such Print or Prints --
and that if any Printer or other person --
whatsoever from and after the said twenty --
fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred
and thirty five within the time limited by this
Act shall Engrave -- Etch or work as aforesaid
or in any other manner Copy and sell or cause
to be Engraved Etched or Copied and sold in the
whole or in part by varying adding to or diminishing
from the main design or shall print reprint or
import for sale or cause to be printed reprinted
or imported for sale any such Print or Prints
or any parts thereof without the consent of --
the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof first had
and obtained in Writing signed by him or them
respectively in the presence of two or more credi-
ble Witnesses or knowing the same to be so --
printed or reprinted without the consent of the
Proprietor or Proprietors shall publish sell or
Expose to sale or otherwise or in any other
manner dispose of or cause to be published sold
or Exposed to sale or otherwise or in any other
manner disposed of any such Print or Prints
without such Consent first had and obtained --
as aforesaid then such Offender or Offenders --
shall forfeit the Plate or Plates on which --
such Print or Print or Prints are or shall be
Copied and all and every sheet or sheets --
being part of or whereon such Print or Prints
are or shall be so copied or printed to the
Proprietor or Proprietors of such original --
Print or Prints who shall forthwith destroy
and damask the same and further that every

shall forfeit the Plate or Plates on which
such Print or Print or Prints are or shall be
Copied and all and every sheet or sheets
being part of or whereon such Print or Prints
are or shall be so copied or printed to the
Proprietor or Proprietors of such original
Print or Prints who shall forthwith destroy
and damask the same and further that every
such offender or offenders shall forfeit five
shillings for every Print which shall be found
in his her or their Custody either printed or
published and Exposed to sale or otherwise
disposed of contrary to the true intent and
meaning of this Act the one moiety thereof
to the Kings Most Excellent Majesty his
heirs and Successors and the other moiety
thereof to any person or persons that shall
sue for the same to be recovered in any of his
Majestys Courts of Records at Westminster
by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information
in which no Waiver of Law Essoign Privilege
or Protection or more than one Imparlance
shall be allowed **Provided** nevertheless that
it shall and may be lawful for any person
or persons who shall hereafter purchase any

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Plate or Plates for printing from the original
Proprietors thereof to print and reprint from the
said plates without incurring any of the penalties
in this Act mentioned **And** be it further
Enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any
Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought
against any person or persons whatsoever for
doing or causing to be done any thing in pur-
suance of this Act the same shall be brought
within the space of three months after so doing
and the Defendant and Defendants in such
Action or Suit shall or may plead the General
Issue and give the special matter in Evidence
and if upon such Action or Suit a verdict shall
be given for the Defendant or Defendants or if
the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs become nonsuited or
discontinue his her or their Action or Actions
then the Defendant or Defendants shall have
and recover full Costs for the recovery whereof
he shall have the same remedy as any other
Defendant or Defendants in any other case shall
or have by Law **Provided** always **And** be
it further **Enacted** by the Authority aforesaid
that if any Action or Suit shall be commenced
or brought against any person or persons for
any offence committed against this Act the
same shall be brought within the space of
three Months after the discovery of every such
offence and not afterwards any thing in this
Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding
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And be it further **Enacted** by the Authority
aforesaid that this Act shall be deemed
adjudged and taken to be a publick Act and
be judicially taken notice of as such by all
Judges Justices and other persons ^{whatsoever} without
specially pleading the same.

Leaf 3: line 30: After (notwithstanding) Insert.

And Whereas John Pine of London -
Engraver doth propose to Engrave and -
publish a sett of Prints Copied from -
Several Pictures of Tapestry in the House
of Lords and His Majestys Wardrobe -
and other Drawings relating to the -
Spanish Invasion in the year of our -
Lord one thousand five hundred and -
eighty eight Be it further Enacted by -
the Authority aforesaid that the said -
John Pine shall be intituled to the benefit
of this act to all intents and purposes -
whatsoever in the same manner as if -
the said John Pine had been the Inventor
and Designer of the said Prints