



Read 3 March 1737

A BILL for the better Encouragement
of Learning; by the more effectual Securing the Copies
of Printed Books to the Authors or Purchasers of
such Copies, during the Times therein to be mentioned;
and to repeal an Act passed 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;
and for the better Securing the Payment of the Draw-
back of the Duties for Paper used in Printing Books
in the Latin, Greek, Oriental, and Northern Lan-
guages, within the two Universities of Oxford and
Cambridge.



Whereas an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the
Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled,
*An Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by vest-
ing the Copies of printed Books in the Authors or
Purchasers of such Copies, during the Times therein
mentioned,* has proved ineffectual to prevent the
Publication and Sale of surreptitious Editions;
and Impressions of Books; and the Mischief, intended by the said
Act to be prevented, hath, of late Years, greatly increased, and
many Works do daily continue to be printed, and are openly
sold, without the Consent of the Authors or Proprietors thereof,

to the great Detriment, and oftentimes the utter Ruin, of them, and their Families; by which Violation of Property, Men of Learning are discouraged from pursuing Studies, which might prove of great and lasting Benefit to the World:

And whereas it may be just and reasonable to secure to Authors the Property of their own Works, for a longer Term than they are intitled unto by the said Act; **Therefore**, for the more effectual vesting in Authors, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the Property of their own Writings, and thereby encouraging learned Men to write, compile, translate, and compose useful Books;

May it please your Most Excellent 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 from and after *the 24th day of June 1737* the Author of any Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, already printed, or hereafter to be printed originally in this Kingdom, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have the sole Right and Liberty of printing and re-printing such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, during his natural Life, and for the Term of *Eleven* Years after his Death, in case such Author shall live *Ten* — Years, after the first Publication of any such Work, and, if he shall die within *Ten* — Years after such Publication, then for the Term of *21 Years* — after his Death; and in case any such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, hath been, or shall be first published by the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of the Author, after his Death, then such Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have the sole Right and Liberty of printing and re-printing such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, for the Term of *Twenty One* — Years, from the Day such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, was, or hath been, or shall be first published, and no longer.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if, during such Term, as aforesaid, any Person whatsoever shall print, or re-print, or import, or cause to be printed, re-printed, or imported, any such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, or any Sheet ~~of~~ of

of any such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, without the Consent of the Author, Proprietor, or Proprietors thereof first had and obtained in Writing, to be signed in the Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses, or shall, knowingly, sell, publish, or expose to Sale, any such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, or any Sheet of any such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, so printed, re-printed, or imported, without such Consent first had and obtained, as aforesaid, then such Offender shall Forfeit such Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, and every Sheet and Part thereof, to the Proprietor, or Proprietors of the Copy thereof, who shall *make waste paper thereof* and every such Offender shall likewise Forfeit the Sum of Five Shillings for every Sheet, which shall have been printed, re-printed, imported, or knowingly sold by him, her, or them, or which shall be found in his, her, or their Custody, either printed, or printing, published, or exposed to Sale, contrary to the Intent of this Act; which Sum shall and may be recovered by such Person, or Persons, as shall be the Proprietor, or Proprietors of such Copy, at the Time when such Offence shall be committed, together with full Costs of Suit by *action of Debt Bill Plaintiff or Information in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster: in which no Wager of Law Foreign Privilege or Protection or more than One Imparlane shall be allowed*

and whereas many surreptitious Editions of Books are printed and sold so covertly, and the Vending of the same is carried on and managed so craftily, that the Authors and Proprietors of the original Copies of such Books, can seldom come to the Knowledge thereof, or be able to make due Proof, that the same were surreptitiously printed or exposed to Sale, or to ascertain the Numbers or Values of the Books so surreptitiously printed, by reason whereof, such Authors and Proprietors are disabled from recovering adequate Compensation in Damages, for the Losses by them sustained by such surreptitious Editions of their Works being printed and sold, as aforesaid; **Be it therefore further Enacted,** by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after *the 24th day of June 1737* it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every Person and Persons, who shall at any time be intitled to the Property of the original Copy of any Book or Books whatsoever, by virtue of this Act, to exhibit in the High Court of Chancery, or in any other of his Majesty's

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Majesty's Courts of Equity, one, or more Bills, against any Person printing, re-printing, importing, selling, or exposing to Sale, any such Book or Books, so printed without the Consent of the Authors or Proprietors thereof, or against any Person or Persons concerned therein, for a Discovery of the Numbers and Values of such Books, and of the Persons by whom, and the Places where, the same were so printed, published, or exposed to Sale, and for an Account of the Profits made by Sale thereof, waving or disclaiming, in every such Bill, all the *Penalties & Forfeitures* incurred by this Act for the Matters therein contained; to which Bill or Bills the Person and Persons, against whom the same shall be so exhibited, shall answer at large, and shall not plead or demur to the Discovery thereby sought, but shall account with the Person and Persons, who shall be intitled to the Property of the said original Copies of such Books, for all the Profits by him or them received by Sale of any such Books, so printed without the Consent of the Authors or Proprietors thereof, and pay the same accordingly, and shall also deliver up, upon Oath, all such Books, then remaining unfold in his or their Hands, Custody, or Power, in order to the *Damasking & making Waste paper thereof* — And if such Defendant or Defendants shall duly account with the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs for the said several Sums, in Manner, as aforesaid, and pay the same accordingly, and also deliver up the said remaining Copies, or Books, then he, she, or they shall not be prosecuted upon any other Branch or Article in this Act, or upon any other Law or Statute whatsoever, for the printing, importing, or exposing to Sale such surreptitious Editions, or Impressions, as aforesaid.

Provided always, That if such Bill or Bills shall be dismissed by the Court, where the same shall be exhibited; the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall pay every such Defendant and Defendants his and their *full Costs of Suit* — and in case there shall be a Decree pronounced against the Defendant or Defendants; such Defendant or Defendants shall pay to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs his and their *full Costs of Suit* in like Manner; unless the Court shall otherwise direct.

And whereas many Persons may, through Ignorance, offend against this Act, unless some Provision be made to ascertain the Property of every Book, Pamphlet, or Writing hereby intended to be secured to the Author, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, and to make known the Consent of such Author, Proprietor, or Proprietors,

Proprietors for the printing or re-printing of the same; **Be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That where-ever any Author, Proprietor, or Proprietors of any Book, Pamphlet or Writing, hereafter to be published, shall be minded to claim the Benefit of this Act, every such Author of any Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, which shall be first published in the Life-time of such Author, and the Executors, Administrators, and Assigns of such Author, (in case such Book, Pamphlet or Writing shall be first published after the Death of such Author) shall, before every such Publication, enter, in the Register-Book of the Company of Stationers, the Title page of the Copy of such Book, Pamphlet or Writing, and the Size and Sort of Paper, upon which the Edition, then to be published, is printed, and shall also, in and by such Entry, claim the Property of the said Book, Pamphlet or Writing, and the Benefit of this Act; for which Entry ~~Two Shillings~~ ^{Six pence} shall be paid to the ~~Clerk~~ of the said Company of Stationers for the Time being, and no more; and every such Author and Proprietor, at the Time of making such Entry, shall deliver ^{Fourteen} fair Copies of every such Book, Pamphlet or Writing, upon the best Paper, on which such Book, Pamphlet or Writing shall be printed for common Sale, to the ~~Clerk~~ of the said Company of Stationers for the Time being; who is hereby required to receive the same, at the Hall of the said Company, for the Use of ^{the Royal Library, the Librarys of Universities of Oxford & Cambridge, the Librarys of the four Universities in Scotland, the Library of Stion College in London, the Librarys of the Societies of the Inner & Middle Temples, Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn, and the Advocates in Doctors Comons and the Library belonging to the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburg} respectively; and upon Delivery of the said ^{Fourteen} Copies, the said ~~Clerk~~ shall give unto the Author or Proprietor delivering the same a Receipt, for the said ^{Fourteen} Copies, signifying, that he has received the said ^{Fourteen} Copies, in pursuance of and for the Purposes specified in this Act; for which Receipt he shall take a Fee of ^{Six pence} and no more; and the said ~~Clerk~~ shall enter a Copy of every such Receipt in the said Register-Book of the said Company of Stationers, a Certificate of which Entry, under the Hand of the said ~~Clerk~~, shall, upon all Occasions, be admitted to be sufficient Evidence, that such Receipt was given.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That where the Author of any Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, hereafter to be published, in the Life-time of such Author, shall

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desire to have his Name concealed, such Author may cause any Person or Persons whatsoever to make a like Entry, to the Effect aforesaid, in the Name or Names of any such Person or Persons, expressing in such Entry, that he, she, or they claim the Property of the Book, Pamphlet or Writing so entered, and the Benefit of this Act, in Trust for and for the Benefit of the real Author thereof; and the Person and Persons making such Entry shall, to all Intents and Purposes, be deemed the Author and Authors of such Book, Pamphlet or Writing, until the real Author shall (if living) discover himself, and claim the Property of such Book, Pamphlet or Writing so entered, and (in case of the Death of such Author) until some Person, intitled under him, shall, by discovering, who was the real Author of such Book, Pamphlet or Writing, claim the Property thereof; and when it shall appear, who was the real Author, as aforesaid, such Entry so made in Trust for his Benefit, shall be as effectual to secure to him, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the Benefit of this Act, as if the same had been made by himself, and in his own Name.

and be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That unless such Entry is made, and unless *Fourteen* Copies of every Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, hereafter to be published, shall, at the Time of the Entry, made as before mentioned, and before such Publication, be delivered to the ~~Clerk~~ of the Company of Stationers, as aforesaid, nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend, to subject any Bookseller, or any other Person whatsoever, to the *Penalties & Forfeitures* herein mentioned, for or by reason of the printing, reprinting, or importing, selling, or exposing to Sale, any Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, printed, reprinted, or imported, without the Consent of the Author or Proprietor thereof.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Author, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Book, Pamphlet or Writing already printed and published, which hath not been entered in the Register-Book of the Company of Stationers, and whereof *nine* — Copies have not been delivered for the Use of *the Royal Library the Library* pursuant to the Directions of the said Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, shall have any Benefit from this Act; unless such Author, Proprietor, or Proprietors shall, on or before *the 25th*

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*To of the Universities of Oxford & Cambridge the Library
of the four Universities in Scotland the Library of Sion
College in London, and the Library belonging to the
Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh*

~~Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn and the Dean of the Arches
for the time being and the said Faculty of Advocates
at Edinburgh with their full Costs respectively~~

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Register-Book of the Company of Stationers may at all reasonable and convenient Times be resorted to and inspected by any Bookseller, Printer, or other Person, for the Purposes before mentioned, without any Fee or Reward; and the Clerk of the said Company of Stationers shall, when and as often as thereunto required, give a Certificate, under his Hand, of all and every the Entry and Entries to be made in the said Register-Book by virtue of this Act, and for every such Certificate may take a Fee, not exceeding ~~Two Shillings Six pence~~

Wardenskeeper

Provided also, if the Clerk of the said Company do not deliver the said Fourteen Copies so received by him, for the Use of the Libraries before mentioned, within Two Days after Demand thereof by the Keeper of the Respective Libraries; or any Person or Persons by them or any of them authorized, as aforesaid, to demand the said Copy, he shall for every such Offence Forfeit Ten Pounds for every Copy not so delivered, and also the Value of the said printed Copy and Copies not so delivered, the same to be recovered by the Kings Majesty his heirs and Successors and by the Chancellor Masters and Scholars of any of the said Universities and by the president and Fellows of Six Colleges and by the said Societies of the Inner & Middle Temples Lincoln's Inn Gray's Inn and the Dean of the Arches for the time being and the said Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh with their full Costs respectively.

and whereas it has been a frequent Practice amongst Authors, and Publishers of Books of Value, as soon as an Impression has been sold, to publish another Edition thereof with ~~material~~ Alterations, Additions, or Notes, whereby the Purchasers of the former

mer Edition have been much injured, and the Value of their Books greatly diminished: For Remedy of such Inconvenience, Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after ~~the said Twenty Fourth day of June~~

if any Author or Authors, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Book or Books, or other Person whatsoever, shall, within the Space of Twenty One Years after the Publication of any Book or Books, which was or were sold in Sheets, for a Price exceeding Five Shillings — in Sheets, publish, or cause to be published, a subsequent Edition thereof, with any Additions or Alterations, (except such as shall arise from correcting the common Errors of the Press, or from a Variation of Expression only) such Person or Persons, so publishing such subsequent Edition, shall print and publish in the same Size, and on the same Paper, as the Edition immediately preceding, so many separate Books; or Sheets, containing such Additions and Alterations, with proper References to the Pages, where they are to be inserted in the next preceding Edition, as shall be equal at least to One moiety of the Copies of the next preceding Edition, which said separate Books or Sheets shall be sold at Prices, in Proportion to the said preceding Edition; and if any of the Persons aforesaid shall neglect to print and publish such Additions and Alterations in manner, as aforesaid, such Person or Persons so neglecting shall lose all Benefit and Advantage which he or they might otherwise claim under this Act to such subsequent Edition & shall moreover ~~to~~ to any Person or Persons, who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit in any of his Majesty's Court of Record at Westminster: by Action of Debt Bill Plaintiff or Information in which no Wager of Law Escoign, Privilege or Protection or more than One Imparlane shall be allowed.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That as often as any Book which was sold in Sheets for a Price exceeding Five Shillings — (Nine Copies whereof, were upon the first Publication delivered as aforesaid, for the Use of the Libraries — above mentioned) shall be reprinted with Additions or Alterations, (except such as shall arise from correcting the Errors of the Press, or a Variation of Expression only) That then Fourteen fair Copies of every such Book

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Book, so reprinted with Additions or Alterations, before the Publication of such Edition, shall, by the Proprietor or Proprietors, Printer or Printers thereof, be delivered to the Clerk of the Company of Stationers, for the Use of *the Libraries* Warehouse ^{the} above mentioned; and if any Proprietor or Printer shall make Default in delivering the said Copies of such Books, so reprinted with Additions or Alterations, such Proprietor or Printer, so making Default, shall *lose all benefit and Advantage which he or they might otherwise claim under this Act in relation to such subsequent Edition & shall moreover forfeit the sum of Ten Pounds* for every Copy not so delivered, the same to be recovered by the Kings Majesty by his Heirs & Successors & by the Chancellor Masters & Scholars of any of the said Universities and by the President and Fellows of *St. Johns College & by the said Societies of the Inner & Middle Temple Lincoln's Inn Gray's Inn & the Dean of the Archdeacon for the time being and the said Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh with their full Costs respectively.*

Provided always, and be it **Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, do extend, or shall be construed to extend, to prohibit the Importation, Vending, or Selling of any Book or Books in Greek, or Latin, or any Foreign Language, originally printed beyond the Seas.

And forasmuch as the true Worth of Books and Writings is in many Cases not found out till a considerable Time after the Publication thereof; and Authors, who are in Necessity, may often be tempted absolutely to sell and alienate their Right, which they will hereby have to the original Copies of the Books, which they have composed, before the Value thereof is known, and may thereby put it out of their own Power to alter and correct their Compositions upon maturer Judgment and Reflection; **Therefore** be it **Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after *the said Twenty Fourth Day of June 1737* no Author shall have Power to sell, alienate, assign, or transfer, except by his last Will and Testament, the Right hereby vested in him, to the original Copy of any Book, Pamphlet, or Writing, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, for any longer Time than *Ten* Years, to commence from the Date of such Sale, Alienation, Assignment, or Transfer; and all Sales, Alienations, Transfers, Assignments, and all Covenants for any Sale, Alienation, Assignment, or Transfer, for any longer Time, or to commence from a future Day, and all Bargains,

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gains, and Covenants for Renewal of the same, before the first Term is expired, shall be utterly void, and of none Effect.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said 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, and every Clause, Matter, and Thing therein contained, shall from and after the said Twenty Fourth Day of June 1737* be, and the same is hereby Repealed.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to impeach, or make void, any Contract now subsisting between any Authors, Printers, Booksellers, or other Persons whatsoever; but that all Persons shall enjoy their respective Rights to the Terms already granted to them, under the Restrictions, Conditions, and Provisions, in the said Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne; during which Terms, all Persons printing, reprinting, importing, publishing, selling, or exposing to Sale, as aforesaid, any such Book or Books, without the Consent, as aforesaid, of the Proprietors of the Copy thereof, shall be liable to the Penalties and Forfeitures incurred by the said Act.

and be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the *Twenty fourth* Day of June 1737 in Case the Lord Chancellor, *Lord Treasurer, or the Chief Justice of the one Bench, or of other for the time being* ~~and the Lord Treasurer, the Chancellor of the Exchequer~~

or any Two — of them, shall, by virtue of the Power and Authority herein after, or by an Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King Henry the Eighth, given to them, or any Two — of them, think fit to limit the Price for which any Book shall be sold, bound, or in Sheets; they or any Two — of them shall thereupon make such Order therein in Writing, signed with their Names, as they shall think reasonable; which Order so made and signed, as aforesaid, shall be entred in the Register-Book of the Company of Stationers; and every Bookseller, Printer, or other Person whatsoever, who, after such Order made and entred, as aforesaid, shall take a higher Price for any

*The Speaker of the House of Commons the
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any Book or Books whatsoever, than the Price so limited by the
 Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, or the Chief Justices of the One Bench &
 of the Exchequer or any Two of them shall forfeit a sum of five pounds
 for every such Book so sold or exposed to Sale & likewise Double the value
 of any Book or Books so sold, as aforesaid: One Moiety thereof
 to the King's most Excellent Majesty his heirs & Successors and the other
 Moiety to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same to be
 recovered with costs of suit in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at
 West: by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in which no
 Wager of Law, Escoign, Privilege or Protection or more than One
 Imparlance shall be allowed.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That the Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, or the Chief Justices of the One Bench, or of the other for
 the time being, in case there be no Lord Treasurer, the Chancellor
 of the Exchequer or any Two of them

shall have full Power and Authority, according to their Discre-
 tions, to enquire and examine into the enhancing and increasing
 the Rates of any Books whatsoever, at too high and unreasonable
 Prices, either upon Complaint made to them, or any Two of
 them, or upon their own Knowledge, or Notoriety of the Fact,
 or otherwise, according to their Discretions, and by Order under
 their Hands and Seal, or the Hands and Seal of any Two
 of them, to limit the Price, for which any Book whatsoever
 shall be sold, either bound, or in Sheets; which Order or Orders
 shall from time to time be entered in the Register-Book of the
 Company of Stationers, without Fee or Reward.

And whereas, by an Act made in the Tenth Year of the
 Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, for laying several Duties
 upon all Paper made in Great Britain, or imported into the
 same, it is, amongst other Things, Provided and Enacted, That, for
 the Encouragement of Learning, so much Money, as shall from
 time to time be paid for the Duties granted by the said Act for
 any Quantities of Paper, which, during the Continuance of the
 said Duties, shall be used in printing any Books, in the Latin,
 Greek, Oriental, or Northern Languages, within the two Univer-
 sities of Oxford and Cambridge, or either of them, by the Per-
 mission of the Vice-chancellors of the same respectively, shall and
 may be drawn back, and repaid in the Manner thereby directed;
 And whereas by an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the
 Reign of her said late Majesty, for laying additional Duties on
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Paper, the said additional Duties are made payable, with the like Drawbacks, as the Duties imposed on Paper by the said Act, made in the Tenth Year of her said Majesty's Reign, are directed to be paid; ~~and whereas~~ the Method prescribed for obtaining the Drawbacks, and Re-payment of the Duties paid, ~~or payable~~ for the Paper so used in printing of the said Books in the said Universities, as aforesaid, has been found ineffectual; **Be it therefore Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That, for the Encouragement of Learning, so much Money, as shall, from time to time, be paid for the Duties payable for any Quantities of Paper, which, during the Continuance of the said Duties, shall be used in the printing of any Books, in *Latin, Greek, or Northern* Languages, ~~in the whole, or the greatest Part,~~ within the said Universities, or either of them, by Permission of the Vice-Chancellors of the same respectively, shall and may be drawn back, and repaid, in manner following; that is to say, The chief Manager of the Press in each of the said Universities, shall, from time to time, make Proof, by Oath in Writing, before the Vice-Chancellor (who is hereby impowered and required to administer the same) of the Kinds and Quantities of the Paper so used, and of the Amount of the Duties thereof paid, ~~or payable~~ by the said Acts; and the said Oath in Writing being certified by the said Vice-Chancellor, and produced to the respective Commissioners, who are to manage the Duties upon Paper, and due Proof being made, upon Oath, before the said Commissioners (who are hereby impowered and required to administer the same) of the Sale of such and so much Paper to or for the Use of the said chief Manager of the Press, as his said Oath in Writing shall express to be so used in the printing of the said Books in the said Universities, as aforesaid, and of the Payment of the Duties of such and so much Paper so sold, the said respective Commissioners shall forthwith cause Payment to be made of such Money, as the Duties payable for the Paper used in the printing the said Books in the said Universities, as is aforesaid, shall amount to; the said Payment to be made without any Fee or Charge whatsoever, and without Delay, to such Person or Persons, as the said Vice-Chancellor shall authorize and appoint to receive the same, out of any of the said Duties upon Paper, arising by the said Acts; any thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And whereas the Duties payable upon Paper imported into this Kingdom, to be made use of in Printing, ~~are upwards of two Thirds more than~~ the Duties payable upon the Importation of printed Books, whereby Foreigners, and others, are encouraged to bring in great Numbers of Books printed ~~in English~~ abroad, to the Diminution of his Majesty's Revenue, and the Discouragement of the Trade and Manufacture of this Kingdom: For preventing thereof for the future, Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after ~~the said Twenty Fourth~~ *Day of June* it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to import, or bring into this Kingdom, for Sale, any Book, or Books, ~~mixed with the English~~ first printed and published in this Kingdom, and re-printed in any other Place or Country whatsoever.

And if any Person or Persons shall import, or bring into this Kingdom, for Sale, any printed Book or Books so first printed in this Kingdom, and re-printed in any other Place or Country, as aforesaid, or knowing the same to be so re-printed or imported, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall sell, publish, or expose to Sale any such Book or Books; then every such Person or Persons, so doing or offending, shall forfeit the *Said Book or Books & all & every Sheet or Sheets thereof and the same shall be forthwith Lawrashed and made waste Paper*

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and further, That every such Offender or Offenders shall forfeit *Double the value of* every Book, which he or they shall so import, or bring into this Kingdom, or shall knowingly sell, publish, or expose to Sale, or cause to be sold, 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 Heir and Successors and the other moiety to any person or Persons that shall sue for the same to be recovered with Costs of suit in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at West by Action of Debt Bill Plaint or Information in which no Wager of Law Essoign Privilege or Protection or more than One Imparance shall be allowed.*

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons incur any of the *Penalties & forfeitures* contained in this Act, in that Part of this Kingdom called Scotland, such *Penalties & forfeitures* shall be recoverable by *the Court of Session there.*

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 Pursuance of this Act; the Defendant in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if upon such Action a Verdict be given for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff become nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, then the Defendant shall have his *full Costs* of Suit.

Provided, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, either to prejudice or confirm any Right, that the two Universities in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, or the four Universities in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, or any of them, or any Person, or Persons, now have, or claim to have, to the printing, or re-printing any Book or Copy already printed, or hereafter to be printed.

Provided nevertheless, That all Actions, Suits, Bills, and Indictments, or Informations, for any Offence that shall be committed against this Act, shall be brought, sued and commenced, within *Three Years* next after such Offence committed, or the same shall be void, and of none Effect.

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