

An Act to amend the several Acts for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the Copies and Copyright of Printed Books, to the Authors of such Books or their Assigns.

[29th July 1814.]

‘ **W**HEREAS by an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the 8 Ann. c. 19.  
 ‘ 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 (a)*, it was, among other things, provided and  
 ‘ enacted, That Nine Copies of each Book or Books, upon the best  
 ‘ Paper, that, from and after the Tenth Day of *April* One thousand  
 ‘ seven hundred and ten, should be printed and published as in the  
 ‘ said Act mentioned, or reprinted and published with Additions,  
 ‘ should by the Printer and Printers thereof, be delivered to the  
 ‘ Warehousekeeper of the Company of Stationers for the time being,  
 ‘ at the Hall of the said Company, before such Publication made,

(a) [See 15 G. 3. c. 53. § 6.]

41 G. 3. (U.K.)  
c. 107.

§ 6.

‘ for the Use of the Royal Library, the Libraries of the Universities  
 ‘ of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, the Libraries of the Four Universities in  
 ‘ *Scotland*, the Library of *Sion* College in *London*, and the Library  
 ‘ of the Faculty of Advocates at *Edinburgh*; which said Ware-  
 ‘ housekeeper is by the said Act required to deliver such Copies for  
 ‘ the Use of the said Libraries; and that if any Proprietor, Book-  
 ‘ seller or Printer, or the said Warehousekeeper, should not observe  
 ‘ the Directions of the said Act therein, that then he or they so  
 ‘ making Default in not delivering the said printed Copies, should  
 ‘ forfeit, besides the Value of the said printed Copies, the Sum of  
 ‘ Five Pounds for every Copy not so delivered: And Whereas by  
 ‘ an Act made in the Forty first Year of the Reign of His present  
 ‘ Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further Encouragement of Learn-*  
 ‘ *ing in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by securing*  
 ‘ *the Copies and Copyright of Printed Books to the Authors of such*  
 ‘ *Books or their Assigns, for the Time herein mentioned*, it is, amongst  
 ‘ other things, provided and enacted, That in Addition to the Nine  
 ‘ Copies required by Law to be delivered to the Warehousekeeper  
 ‘ of the said Company of Stationers, of each and every Book and  
 ‘ Books which shall be entered in the Register Books of the said  
 ‘ Company, Two other Copies shall in like manner be delivered for  
 ‘ the Use of the Library of the College of the *Holy Trinity*, and the  
 ‘ Library of the Society of the *Kings Inns* in *Dublin*, by the Printer  
 ‘ and Printers of all and every such Book and Books as should there-  
 ‘ after be printed and published, and the Title of the Copyright  
 ‘ whereof should be entered in the said Register Book of the said  
 ‘ Company: And Whereas it is expedient that Copies of Books  
 ‘ hereafter printed or published, should be delivered to the Libraries  
 ‘ hereinafter mentioned, with the Modifications that shall be provided  
 ‘ by this Act;’ May it therefore please Your 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 so much of the said several  
 ‘ recited Acts of the Eighth Year of Queen *Anne*, and of the Forty  
 ‘ first Year of His present Majesty, as requires that any Copy or  
 ‘ Copies of any Book or Books which shall be printed or published  
 ‘ or reprinted and published with Additions shall be delivered by the  
 ‘ Printer or Printers thereof to the Warehousekeeper of the said  
 ‘ Company of Stationers for the Use of any of the Libraries in the  
 ‘ said Act mentioned, and as requires the Delivery of the said Copies  
 ‘ by the said Warehousekeeper for the Use of the said Libraries, and  
 ‘ as imposes any Penalty on such Printer or Warehousekeeper for not  
 ‘ delivering the said Copies, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

repealed.

Eleven printed  
 Copies delivered  
 on Demand  
 within Twelve  
 Months after  
 Publication, for  
 Use of Public  
 Libraries.

II. And be it further enacted, That Eleven printed Copies of  
 the whole of every Book and of every Volume thereof, upon the  
 Paper upon which the largest Number or Impression of such Book  
 shall be printed for Sale, together with all Maps and Prints belong-  
 ing thereto, which, from and after the passing of this Act, shall be  
 printed and published, on Demand thereof being made in Writing  
 to or left at the Place of Abode of the Publisher or Publishers  
 thereof, at any time within Twelve Months next after the Publica-  
 tion thereof, under the Hand of the Warehousekeeper of the Com-  
 pany of Stationers, or the Librarian or other Person thereto autho-  
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rized by the Persons or Body Politic and Corporate, Proprietors or Managers of the Libraries following; *videlicet*, the *British Museum*, *Sion College*, the *Bodleian Library at Oxford*, the *Public Library at Cambridge*, the *Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh*, the Libraries of the Four Universities of *Scotland*, *Trinity College Library*, and the *King's Inns Library at Dublin*, or so many of such Eleven Copies as shall be respectively demanded on behalf of such Libraries respectively, shall be delivered by the Publisher or Publishers thereof respectively within One Month after Demand made thereof in Writing as aforesaid, to the Warehousekeeper of the said Company of Stationers for the time being; which Copies the said Warehousekeeper shall and he is hereby required to receive at the Hall of the said Company, for the Use of the Library for which such Demand shall be made, within such Twelve Months as aforesaid; and the said Warehousekeeper is hereby required within One Month after any such Book or Volume shall be so delivered to him as aforesaid, to deliver the same for the Use of such Library: And if any Publisher, or the Warehousekeeper of the said Company of Stationers, shall not observe the Directions of this Act therein, that then he and they so making Default in not delivering or receiving the said Eleven printed Copies as aforesaid, shall forfeit besides the Value of the said printed Copies, the Sum of Five Pounds for each Copy not so delivered or received, together with the full Costs of Suit; the same to be recovered by the Person or Persons, or Body Politic or Corporate, Proprietors or Managers of the Library for the Use whereof such Copy or Copies ought to have been delivered or received; for which Penalties and Value such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, is or are now hereby authorized to sue by Action of Debt or other proper Action in any Court of Record in the United Kingdom.

Publishers, &c.  
neglecting.

Penalty.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such printed Copy or Copies shall be demanded by or delivered to or for the Use of any of the Libraries hereinbefore mentioned, of the Second Edition, or of any subsequent Edition of any Book or Books so demanded and delivered as aforesaid, unless the same shall contain Additions or Alterations: And in case any Edition after the First, of any Book so demanded and delivered as aforesaid, shall contain any Addition or Alteration, no printed Copy or Copies thereof shall be demanded or delivered as aforesaid, if a printed Copy of such Additions or Alterations only, printed in an uniform manner with the former Edition of such Book, be delivered to each of the Libraries aforesaid, for whose Use a Copy of the former Edition shall have been demanded and delivered as aforesaid: Provided also, that the Copy of every Book that shall be demanded by the *British Museum*, shall be delivered of the best Paper on which such Work shall be printed.

No Copies of  
Second, &c.  
Edition, without  
Addition or Al-  
teration, de-  
manded;  
Additions  
printed, and de-  
livered separate.

Proviso for  
British Museum.

IV. And Whereas by the said recited Acts of the Eighth Year of Queen *Anne*, and the Forty first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, it is enacted, that the Author of any Book or Books, and the Assignee or Assigns of such Author respectively, should have the sole Liberty of printing and reprinting such Book or Books for the Term of Fourteen Years, to commence from the Day of first publishing the same, and no longer; and it was provided, that after the Expiration of the said Term of Fourteen Years, the

8 Ann. c. 19.  
§ 1.  
41 G. 3. (U.K.)  
c. 107. § 1.

Instead of Copy-  
right for 14  
Years, and con-  
tingently for 14  
more, Authors,  
&c. shall have  
28 Years' Copy-  
right in Works  
and for Residue  
of Life.

Booksellers, &c.  
in any Part of  
United King-  
dom, or British  
Dominions, who  
shall print, &c.  
any Book, with-  
out Consent of  
Proprietor, liable  
to Action for  
Damages.

Penalty.

Penalty.

‘ Right of printing or disposing of Copies should return to the  
‘ Authors thereof, if they were then living, for another Term of  
‘ Fourteen Years: And Whereas it will afford further Encourage-  
‘ ment to Literature, if the Duration of such Copyright were ex-  
‘ tended in manner hereinafter mentioned;’ Be it further enacted,  
That, from and after the passing of this Act, the Author of any  
Book or Books composed and not printed and published, or which  
shall hereafter be composed, and be printed and published, and his  
Assignee or Assigns, shall have the sole Liberty of printing and  
reprinting such Book or Books for the full Term of Twenty eight  
Years, to commence from the Day of first publishing the same, and  
also, if the Author shall be living at the End of that Period, for  
the Residue of his natural Life; and that if any Bookseller or  
Printer, or other Person whatsoever, in any Part of the United  
Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, in the Isles of *Man, Jersey*  
or *Guernsey*, or in any other Part of the *British Dominions*, shall,  
from and after the passing of this Act, within the Terms and Times  
granted and limited by this Act as aforesaid, print, reprint or im-  
port, or shall cause to be printed, reprinted or imported, any such  
Book or Books, without the Consent of the Author or Authors, or  
other Proprietor or Proprietors of the Copyright of and in such  
Book and Books, first had and obtained in Writing; or, knowing  
the same to be so printed, reprinted or imported, without such Con-  
sent of such Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprie-  
tors, shall sell, publish or expose to Sale, or cause to be sold, pub-  
lished or exposed to Sale, or shall have in his or their Possession for  
Sale, any such Book or Books, without such Consent first had and  
obtained as aforesaid, then such Offender or Offenders shall be liable  
to a Special Action on the Case, at the Suit of the Author or  
Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors of the Copyright of  
such Book or Books so unlawfully printed, reprinted or imported, or  
published or exposed to Sale, or being in the Possession of such Of-  
fender or Offenders for Sale as aforesaid, contrary to the true Intent  
and Meaning of this Act: And every such Author or Authors, or  
other Proprietor or Proprietors, shall and may, by and in such special  
Action upon the Case, to be so brought against such Offender or  
Offenders, in any Court of Record in that Part of the said United  
Kingdom, or of the *British Dominions*, in which the Offence shall  
be committed, recover such Damages as the Jury on the Trial of  
such Action, or on the Execution of a Writ of Enquiry thereon,  
shall give or assess, together with Double Costs of Suit; in which  
Action no Wager of Law, Essoin, Privilege or Protection, nor more  
than One Imprisonment, shall be allowed; and all and every such  
Offender and Offenders shall also forfeit such Book or Books, and all  
and every Sheet being Part of such Book or Books, and shall deliver  
the same to the Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Pro-  
prietors of the Copyright of such Book or Books, upon Order of  
any Court of Record in which any Action or Suit in Law or Equity  
shall be commenced or prosecuted by such Author or Authors, or  
other Proprietor or Proprietors, to be made on Motion or Petition  
to the said Court; and the said Author or Authors or other Pro-  
prietor or Proprietors shall forthwith damask or make Waste Paper  
of the said Book or Books and Sheet or Sheets; and all and every  
such Offender and Offenders shall also forfeit the Sum of **Three**  
**peace**

penance for every Sheet thereof, either printed or printing, or 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 Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, in any such Court of Record, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in which no Wager of Law, Effoin, Privilege or Protection, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed: Provided always, that in *Scotland* such Offender or Offenders shall be liable to an Action of Damages in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, which shall and may be brought and prosecuted in the same manner in which any other Action of Damages to the like Amount may be brought and prosecuted there; and in any such Action where Damages shall be awarded, Double Costs of Suit or Expences of Process shall be allowed.

Offenders in  
Scotland.

V. And, in order to ascertain what Books shall be from time to time published, be it enacted, That the Publisher or Publishers of any and every Book demandable under this Act, which shall be published at any time after the passing of this Act, shall within One Calendar Month after the Day on which any such Book or Books respectively shall be first sold, published, advertised or offered for Sale, within the Bills of Mortality, or within Three Calendar Months if the said Book shall be sold, published or advertised in any other Part of the United Kingdom, enter the Title to the Copy of every such Book, and the Name or Names and Place of Abode of the Publisher or Publishers thereof, in the Register Book of the Company of Stationers in *London*, in such manner as hath been usual with respect to Books the Title whereof hath heretofore been entered in such Register Book, and deliver One Copy, on the best Paper as aforesaid, for the Use of the *British Museum*; which Register Book shall at all times be kept at the Hall of the said Company: for every of which several Entries the Sum of Two Shillings shall be paid, and no more; which said Register Book may at all reasonable and convenient times be resorted to and inspected by any Person; for which Inspection the Sum of One Shilling shall be paid to the Warehousekeeper of the said Company of Stationers, and such Warehousekeeper shall, when and as often as thereto required, give a Certificate under his Hand of every or any such Entry, and for every such Certificate the Sum of One Shilling shall be paid; and in case such Entry of the Title of any such Book or Books shall not be duly made by the Publisher or Publishers of any such Book or Books, within the said Calendar Month, or Three Months as the case may be, then the Publisher or Publishers of such Book or Books shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, together with Eleven Times the Price at which such Book shall be sold or advertised, to be recovered, together with full Cost of Suit, by the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, authorized to sue, and who shall first sue for the same, in any Court of Record in the United Kingdom, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in which no Wager of Law, Effoin, Privilege or Protection, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed: Provided always, that in the case of Magazines, Reviews or other Periodical Publications, it shall be sufficient to make such Entry in the Register Book of the said Company, within One Month next after the Publication of the First Number

Within what  
time Title of  
Books entered  
at Stationers'  
Hall.

Copy for  
British Museum.  
Inspection of  
Register Book.

Certificate.

Title of Book  
not entered.

Penalty.

Proviso for  
Magazines, &c.

Proviso.

or Volume of such Magazine, Review or other Periodical Publication: Provided always, that no Failure in making any such Entry shall in any manner affect any Copyright, but shall only subject the Person making Default to the Penalty aforesaid under this Act.

Warehouse-keeper of Stationers' Hall to transmit to Librarians Lists of Books entered; and call on Publisher for Copies.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Warehousekeeper of the Company of Stationers shall from time to time and at all times, without any greater Interval than Three Months, transmit to the Librarian or other Person authorized on behalf of the Libraries before mentioned, correct Lists of all Books entered in the Books of the said Company, and not contained in former Lists; and that on being required so to do by the said Librarians or other authorized Person, or either of them, he shall call on the Publisher or Publishers of such Books, for as many of the said Copies as may have been demanded of them.

Publishers to deliver Books at Library.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Publisher shall be desirous of delivering the Copy of such Book or Volume as aforesaid, as shall be demanded on behalf of any of the said Libraries, at such Library, it shall and may be lawful for him to deliver the same at such Library, to the Librarian or other Person authorized to receive the same (who is hereby required to receive and to give a Receipt in Writing for the same); and such Delivery shall, to all Intents and Purposes of this Act, be held as equivalent to a Delivery to the said Warehousekeeper.

What deemed Delivery.

Authors of Books published, now living, to have Benefit of Extension of Copyright.

VIII. And Whereas it is reasonable that Authors of Books already published, and who are now living, should also have the Benefit of the Extension of Copyright; Be it further enacted, That if the Author of any Book or Books which shall not have been published Fourteen Years at the time of passing this Act shall be living at the said time, and if such Author shall afterwards die before the Expiration of the said Fourteen Years, then the personal Representative of the said Author, and the Assignee or Assigns of such personal Representative, shall have the sole Right of printing and publishing the said Book or Books for the further Term of Fourteen Years after the Expiration of the first Fourteen Years: Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall affect the Right of the Assignee or Assigns of such Author to sell any Copies of the said Book or Books which shall have been printed by such Assignee or Assigns within the First Fourteen Years, or the Terms of any Contract between such Author and such Assignee or Assigns.

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Authors living at End of 28 Years sole Right of Publication for Life.

IX. And be it also further enacted, That if the Author of any Book or Books which have been already published shall be living at the End of Twenty eight Years after the First Publication of the said Book or Books, he or she shall for the Remainder of his or her Life have the sole Right of printing and publishing the same: Provided that this shall not affect the Right of the Assignee or Assigns of such Author to sell any Copies of the said Book or Books which shall have been printed by such Assignee or Assigns within the said Twenty eight Years, or the Terms of any Contract between such Author and such Assignee or Assigns.

Limitation of Actions.]

X. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That all Actions, Suits, Bills, Indictments or Informations for any Offence that shall be committed against this Act, shall be brought, sued and commenced, within Twelve Months next after such Offence committed, or else the same shall be void and of no Effect.