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 Heirs and Successors, and the thereof to any Person
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 by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Wager
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 parlance shall be allowed: Provided always, that after the Expi-
 ration of the said Term of Years, the Right of print- 6
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 for the said College for the Purposes aforesaid, unless the same shall
 have been bequeathed, given, or assigned, or shall hereafter be be-
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 limited Term; any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise
 notwithstanding; and that if any Printer, Bookseller, or other Person 8
 whosoever, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, unlawfully
 print, re-print, or import, or cause to be printed, re-printed, or im-
 ported, or, knowing the same to be so unlawfully printed, re-printed,
 or imported, shall sell, publish, or expose to Sale, or cause to be sold,
 published, or exposed to Sale, or have in his or their Possession for Sale,
 any such last-mentioned Book or Books, such Offender and Offenders
 shall

shall be subject and liable to the like Actions, Penalties, and Forfeitures as are hereinbefore mentioned and contained with respect to Offenders against the Copyrights of Authors and their Assigns: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act shall
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 10 Act now in Force.

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 Company, and shall and may at all seasonable and convenient Times be
 resorted to and inspected by any Bookseller, Printer, or other Per- 12
 son, for the Purposes before mentioned, without any Fee or Reward;
 and the Clerk of the said Company of Stationers shall, when and as
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 such Entry or Entries, and for every such Certificate may take a
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 without Fee or Reward, within Days next after the
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 the said and
 respectively, and shall upon Demand deliver the said Lists or cause
 the same to be delivered to any Person or Persons duly authorized 13
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 vided also, that if the Clerk of the said Company of Stationers for
 the Time being shall refuse or neglect to register, or make such
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 thereunto respectively required by the Author or Authors, Pro-
 prietor or Proprietors of such Copies or Copyrights, or by the
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 Person on his or their Behalf, in the Presence of Two or more cre-
 dible Witnesses, then such Party or Parties so refused, Notice being
 first duly given by Advertisement in the London Gazette, shall
 have the like Benefit as if such Entry or Entries, Certificate or Cer-
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 on Behalf of the said College, the said Clerk shall also forfeit to
 the said College the like Sum of which said respective
 Forfeitures and Penalties shall and may be recovered in any of His
 Majesty's Courts of Record in the said United Kingdom, by
 Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Wager
 of Law, Essoign, Privilege, or Protection, or more than one
 Impar lance shall be allowed.

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 printed and published, and the Title to the Copyright whereof shall
 be or shall have been entered in the said Register Book of the said
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 for enforcing the Delivery of the said Copy, and that all Proprie-
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 are now in Force with respect to the delivering or making Default
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 the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for Sale,
 any printed Book or Books first composed, written, or printed and
 published in any Part of the said United Kingdom, and re-printed in
 any other Country or Place whatsoever; and if any Person or Per-
 sons shall import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought for
 Sale, any such printed Book or Books into any Part of the said
 United Kingdom, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this
 Act, or shall knowingly sell, publish, or expose to Sale, or have
 in his or their Possession for Sale, any such Book or Books, then every
 such Book or Books shall be and shall and may be
 17 by any Officer or Officers of Customs or Excise, and the same
 shall be forthwith made Waste Paper; and all and every Person and
 Persons so offending, being duly convicted thereof, shall also, for
 every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of the Value of each
 and every Copy of such Book or Books which he, she, or they
 shall so import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought into
 any Part of the said United Kingdom, or shall knowingly sell, pub-
 lish, or expose to Sale, or shall cause to be sold, published, or ex-
 posed to Sale, or shall have in his or their Possession for Sale,
 contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and the
 Commissioners of Customs in England, Scotland, and Ireland
 respectively (in case the same shall be seized by any Officer or
 Officers of the Customs) and the Commissioners of Excise in
 England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively (in case the same
 shall be seized by any Officer or Officers of Excise) shall also
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 shall be so made Waste Paper of, with such Sum or Sums of
 Money as they the said respective Commissioners shall think
 fit, not exceeding the Value of such Books; such Reward re-
 spectively to be paid by the said respective Commissioners, out of
 any Money in their Hands respectively arising from the Duties of
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 liable to any of the last-mentioned Penalties or Forfeitures, for or
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 ever, for doing or causing to be done any Thing in pursuance of
 this Act, the Defendants in such Action may plead the General
 Issue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence; and if upon such
 Action a Verdict shall be given for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff
 become Non-suited, or discontinue his Action, then the Defendant
 shall have and recover his full Costs, for which he shall have
 the same Remedy as a Defendant in any Case by Law hath:
 Provided always, that all Actions, Suits, Bills, Indictments, or In-
 formations, for any Offence that shall be committed against this
 Act, shall be brought, sued, and commenced within
 next after such Offence committed, or else the same shall be void
 and of none Effect.

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