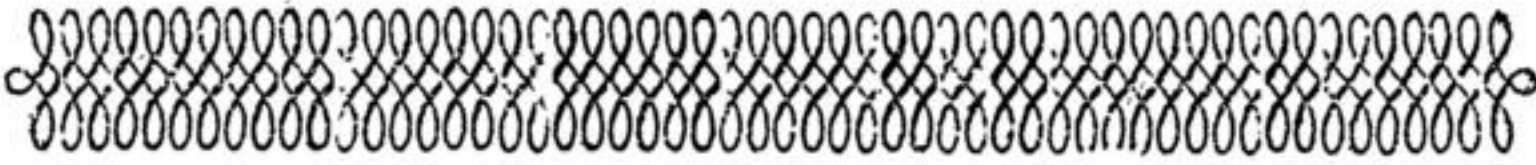


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[AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE]

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.

Note—*The Figures in the Margin denote the number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

N. B.—*The Clauses marked (A. B. C. D. & E.) were added by the Committee.*

1 **W**HEREAS by an Act, made in the Eighth year of the
 2 **W** 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," 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, 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 Warehousekeeper is, by the said Act, required to deliver such
 Copies for the use of the said Libraries; and that if any Proprietor,
 Bookseller 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:"

Preamble re-
cites 8 *Anne*,
c. 19. § 5.;
Requiring the
delivery to the
Stationers
Company, for
the use of cer-
tain Public
Libraries in
England and
Scotland, of
Nine Copies
of Books
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41. Geo. III.
(U.K.) c. 107.
§ 6;

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 Learning 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 *King's Inns*, in *Dublin*, by the Printer and Printers of all and every such Book and Books as should thereafter be printed and published, and the Title to the Copyright whereof should be entered in the said Register Book of the said Company : "

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requiring the delivery of Two Copies for the use of Public Libraries in *Dublin*, of Books entered at Stationers Hall.

Claims made by the Public Libraries of all Books, whether entered at Stationers Hall or not.

And whereas Claims have been made, on behalf of one or more of the Libraries mentioned in the said recited Act of the Eighth year of Queen *Anne*, that Copies of all Books whatever which shall be printed or published, should be delivered, for the use of the said Libraries, upon the best Paper, although the Copyright of such Books should not be entered in the Register Book of the said Company of Stationers, and although the number of Copies printed on the best Paper may be much smaller than the number printed for general Sale; which would be, in many cases, a very heavy expense to the Authors or Proprietors of such Books, and a discouragement to Literature :

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AND whereas it is expedient that Copies of Books hereafter first 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,

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Provisions of recited Acts, as to delivering Copies to Public Libraries, Repealed.

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.

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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, which, from and after the passing of this Act, shall be first printed and published, on demand thereof being made in writing to the Printer or Printers of such Book at any time within Six Months next after the publication thereof, under the hand of the Librarian or other Person or Persons thereto authorized, on behalf of the Libraries following; that is to say, *The British Museum, Sion College, The Bodleian Library at Oxford, The Public Library at Cambridge, The University Library, and The Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, The University Libraries at Glasgow and Saint Andrews and Aberdeen in Scotland, Trinity College Library, and The King's Inn Library at Dublin*, shall be delivered by the Printer or Printers thereof (within One Month after demand made thereof in writing as aforesaid) to the Warehousekeeper of the said Company of Stationers for the time being, at the Hall of the said Company, for the use of the Library on whose behalf such demand shall be made, within such Six Months as aforesaid; and the said Warehousekeeper is hereby required, within One Month after any such Book shall be so delivered to him as aforesaid, to deliver the same, for the use of such Library: And if any Printer, 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 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; the same to be recovered by the Person or Persons, or Body Politic or Corporate, who are by Law authorized to sue in behalf of such Library.

Eleven printed Copies shall be delivered on demand within Six Months after Publication, for the use of the following Libraries; British Museum, &c.

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 such Book or Books, unless the same shall contain material additions: And in case any Edition after the first of any such Book shall contain material Additions, no printed Copy or Copies thereof shall be demanded or delivered as aforesaid, if a printed Copy of such additional matter only, printed in an uniform manner with the first Edition of such Book, be delivered to each of the Libraries aforesaid, for whose use a Copy of the first Edition shall have been demanded or delivered as aforesaid: Provided also, That the Copy 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 a Second or subsequent Edition to be demanded;

Additions to be printed, and delivered separate.

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

8 *Anne*, c. 19, § 1-11.
41 *G.* III. c. 107 § 1.
Instead of Copyright for Fourteen Years, and contingently for Fourteen more, as under former Acts:

Fourteen Years, the 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 Encouragement to Literature, if the duration of such Copyright were extended 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 no longer: And that if any Bookseller or Printer, or other Person whatsoever, in any part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or in any 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 import, 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 consent of such Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors, shall sell, publish or expose to Sale, or cause to be sold, published 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 Offender 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, Esseign, Privilege or Protection, nor more than one Imparlance, 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 Books or Books, and shall deliver the same to the Author or Authors, or other Proprietor or Proprietors 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 Proprietor 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-pence for every Sheet thereof, either printed or printing, or published

Authors and their Assigns shall have Twenty-eight Years Copyright, absolute, in their Works.

41 G. III. c. 147. § 1. Booksellers, &c. in any part of the United Kingdom, or British Dominions, who shall print, reprint, or import, &c. any such Book, without consent of the Proprietor, shall be liable to an Action for Damages, and shall also forfeit the Books to the Proprietor, and Three Pence per Sheet, half to the King, and half to the Informer.

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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, Essoign, Privilege or Protection, nor more than one Imparlancc, shall be allowed.

Provided always, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person or Persons whatever, for or by reason of not delivering any Copy or Copies, mentioned or directed by the said recited Act of the Eighth year of Queen Anne, or for recovery, of any of the Penalties therein mentioned or contained.

Actions not to be brought for non-delivery of Copies.

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 which shall be first 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 advertized for sale, enter the Title to the Copy of every such Book 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; 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 One Shilling 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 Book or Books shall not be duly made by the Publisher or Publishers of any such Book or Books, within the said calendar Month, then the Publisher or Publishers of such Book or Books shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered by any Person or Persons who will 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, Essoign, Privilege or Protection, nor more than one Imparlancc, 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 or Volume, 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.

(CLAUSE A.) The Title of all Books shall be entered at Stationer's Hall within one month after publication.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That in all cases where the Proprietor or Proprietors of any Book or Books shall cause it to be entered in the Register Book of the Stationer's Company at Stationer's Hall, London, that he does not mean to retain or preserve the exclusive

CLAUSE (B.) Where the Proprietor shall enter at Stationer's Hall, that he does not mean to retain the

Copyright, no Copies to be demanded, except to the British Museum.

Copyright of such Book or Books, no printed Copy or Copies of such Book or Books shall be demanded by, or delivered to or for the use of any of the Libraries in this Act mentioned, except to the Library of the *British Museum*; any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

CLAUSE (C.)
One-third of the retail price to be paid for such Copies as shall be demanded.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That in all cases hereafter where a printed Copy or Copies of any Book or Books shall be demanded by or for the use of any of the Libraries aforesaid, except for the Library of the *British Museum*, One third part of the retail Price thereof shall be paid for the same, by or for such Library for which such Copy or Copies shall be demanded, to the Publisher thereof, at the time of making such demand; and in case such One third part of the retail Price shall not be paid, no such printed Copy or Copies shall be delivered to or for the use of such Library for which the same shall be demanded, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

CLAUSE (D.)
Copies delivered, to be deposited in the Libraries demanding them, and not to be sold within Seven Years.

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That all and every the printed Copy and Copies of any Book or Books, that shall be hereafter demanded or received by or on account of any of the Libraries aforesaid under this Act, shall be deposited in such Libraries respectively, and shall not be sold or disposed of within the space of Seven Years from the time of the delivery of such Copies; and in case any such printed Copy or Copies shall be sold or disposed of within the time aforesaid, by any Person thereto authorized on behalf of such Library, no printed Copies of any Book or Books whatsoever shall be thereafter demanded by or delivered to the use of such Library, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

CLAUSE (E.)
Limitation of Actions.

Provided also, and be it Enacted, That no Action, Suit, Bill, Indictment or Information, shall be brought, sued, commenced or prosecuted, in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, for any Penalty that shall or may, up to and at the time of passing this Act, have been incurred under the said Act of Queen *Anne*, for not delivering any Copies of Books as thereby directed, nor for any Offence that shall have been committed against the said Act in respect thereof.

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