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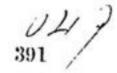
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#### O. See Question 5871.

British Consulate General, New York,
April 23, 1877.

I have the honour to report to you, in reply to
your Despatch No. 7, of the 18th instant, that I am
informed by Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. that the cost in
the United States of the paper, print, and binding of a
single octavo volume, such as those of Macaulay's Life,
say 420 to 450 or 470 pages, bound in cloth, is as follows:

1st. Supposing 250 copies to be produced
Per volume about 74 cents.

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Per volume about 68\frac{1}{3} cents.

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Per volume about 67 cents.

That is if the whole edition is printed at one time, otherwise the cost would be something more.

I am further informed that the paper used in this edition of Macaulay's Life is unusually good and expensive, and that the estimate includes the cost of a steel portrait. But as the number of pages in the volume is only 416, the estimate may be adopted for a volume containing 450 to 470 pages, and less expensive paper.

I have, &c.

(Signed) E. M. ARCHIBALD.

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Thornton, K.C.B., &c. &c.

Note by Mr. Farrer.—It seems probable that in giving these items the cost of composition has not been included.

#### APPENDIX No. XII.

PAPER delivered in by CHARLES EDWARD APPLETON, Esq.

(See Question 3600.)

42nd Congress, 2nd Session.—S. 688.

In the Senate of the United States, February 21, 1872.

Mr. Sherman asked, and, by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL for securing to AUTHORS in certain cases the benefit of International Copyright.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That any author of any book map, chart, dramatic work, or musical composition that may be first published in any foreign country after the passage of this Act, such author being a citizen or resident of any foreign country, may, within 12 months after the first publication of said work, deliver two complete printed copies of such work to the Librarian of Congress, and, upon complying with all other provisions of the law at the time in force as to copyrights, shall be entitled to the benefit of international copyright, as defined by this Act, for the period of 10 years from the first publication of said work: Provided, however, that the benefit of this Act shall not be extended

to any author whose book or other work may be first published in any foreign country where the laws shall not, at the time of such first publication, grant and secure to citizens of the United States, and to persons resident therein, privileges and benefits of international copyright equal in extent to those herein specified.

SEC. 2. That any person within the United States may publish, in such form or numbers as he may deem best, any book or work copyrighted under the provisions of this Act, subject to the payment to the author, or to his legal representatives or assignees, during the term of such copyright, of five per centum of the gross cost of the publication of such work; and the said author, or his legal representatives or assignees, may publish such work in the United States, or contract with any publisher in the United States for the publication of such work in the United States, and demand, sue for, and recover the stipulated price for such copyright; and in the absence of any specific contract for such publication, such author, or his legal representative or assignce, may demand, sue for, and recover as liquidated damages, in any court of competent jurisdiction, the said sum of five per centum on the gross cost of the publication of such work; and, to secure or recover the same, have the benefit of process in law or equity, as in other cases of joint interest in the proceeds of publication.

SEC. 3. That nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to prevent the importation or sale of the foreign edition

#### APPENDIX XIII.

PAPER put in by Mr. George Routledge.

(See Question 4496.)

#### CANADIAN COPYRIGHT.

LETTER from LORD LYTTON to EARL STANHOPE, Chairman of the Copyright Association.

Knebworth Stevenage,

My DEAR LORD STLEHOPE, July 11, 1872.

I HAVE just read the proof of the new Canadian Copyright Act forwarded to me by Mr. Longman.

The main objection to it is of course the principle which authorises the seizure of another man's property against his

consent.

No matter what the pecuniary compensation given to the original proprietor by the parties thus taking from him what is his, the principle in itself is one extremely dangerous to concede; and, in destroying the proprietor's absolute right to his property, it strikes also at the security even for the compensation held out to him; for, grant that the

Canadian Parliament shall have the power to dispose of the copyright of British authors irrespective of their consent, and what is to prevent a subsequent Parliament altering the pecuniary terms now proposed? It may then be said that 12½ per cent. is found to be too high a renuncration to the author or his assigns. All guarantee for fixity of profits, or indeed for any profits at all, disappears the moment it is granted that a Canadian Parliament has a right to impose whatever terms it pleases upon an English property over which the original owner is to have no control.

The natural law of bargain between vendor and purchaser ought certainly to prevail through all the portions of the empire in respect to copyright as to other articles of merchandise; and so far as I can see by this Act, the author seems to have no power to select his publisher in the Canadian Dominion. The Governor-General in Council is to have the right of licensing such persons as he pleases to reprint British copyright works; and I see no provision by which, if an edition be issued by one publisher, to whom

we will suppose the author to have remitted early sheets of a new work, another publisher may not immediately undersell him.

Now I believe that, to any author who cares for his reputation, the choice of a publisher is no unimportant consideration; he wishes to be sure of one whom he can trust to bring out his work in the manner he approves, and where, as in Canada, the book has to be reprinted, a care as to the accuracy of the text is required, which I do not believe is likely to be preserved by competing publishers, hastily vying for the first sale of any popular work. Probably the Canadian Parliament do not mean to sanction this competition, but I see nothing in the Act to prevent it.

Coming to details, I do not understand what is meant by the highest wholesale value. Whatever be meant by this term should be clearly defined in the Act; and not left to " accordance with such rules, and in such manner, and at " such times, as may be laid down by regulations made by " the Governor in Council"—in plain words, by the Government of whatever party happens to be in power, and finds it convenient to side with Canadian publishers, exercising considerable influence over the Canadian press.

Twelve-and-a-half per cent. on the retail price of each copyright would be a very intelligible percentage; but wholesale value may mean, for aught I know, the nett profits of the edition, and a publisher might show he had no nett profits, and, therefore, the author no percentage. The safer provision for an author is that of percentage on price per copy, whether at nominal price or trade price.

It would be important to specify the periods in which the percentages levied as an excise duty are to be collected and remitted to the owners of British copyright. If the periods

be not very limited in duration, I suspect there will be great defalcations. The republication of British works is a wholly new experiment in the Dominion, and if many publishers dash at it, it is not unreasonable to suppose that there may be many bankruptcies.

But whatever the details of the bill, I think it is against the principle that we should take our stand. Whatever principle we concede to Canada will be adopted in Australia and other English-speaking Colonies, and may much influence any terms of copyright we may hereafter obtain in

the United States.

When the Act recites that Her Majesty's subjects in Canada should be allowed the advantages accorded to "aliens and foreigners" in respect of the reprinting of British copyright works, I am at a loss to know what is meant, for no such advantages as they now ask are accorded to "aliens and foreigners," with whom we have international copyright: with them the consent of the owners of copyright is essential; and, surely, we may ask from our British fellowsubjects the terms which aliens and foreigners, such as French and Germans, have made with us. If by "aliens and foreigners" are meant the aliens of the United States, we have certainly "accorded" to them no right or advantage whatever-they seize our copyrights as pirates may seize our ships; but we do not accord the copyrights any more than we accord the ships.

Pardon the length of this communication and the haste with which I set down the objections that strike me.

Believe me, dear Lord Stanhope, Very faithfully yours, (Signed) LYTTON.

#### APPENDIX No. XIV.

Correspondence between the Copyright Commission and the Trustees of the British Museum with reference to the transfer of Registration of Copyright from Stationers' Hall to the Museum.

(See the Evidence of Mr. J. Winter Jones, Questions 1646-1650.)

British Museum, July 12th, 1876. MY LORD. I HAVE had the honour to submit to the Trustees of

the British Museum the desire of the Copyright Commissioners that the Trustees should give them an opinion as to the expediency of transferring from Stationers' Hall to the British Museum the function of registering books for the purpose of securing the copyright therein of their authors or other proprietors.

I am directed by the Trustees to say that before they can properly consider this important subject it would be neces-

sary that they should have more information than they at present possess, and I am therefore to request that any information bearing upon this question, which may have been communicated to the Commissioners, may be placed before them, upon receipt of which the Trustees will give the whole matter their most serious codsideration.

I have, &c. (Signed) J. WINTER JONES. The Right Hon. Lord John Manners, M.P.

Copyright Commission, 13, Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W., July 24th, 1876. DEAR SIR, I now beg to send you a revise of your evidence. Will you kindly make any further correction that may be required and return it to me.

With reference to your letter of the 12th inst. to Lord John Manners, asking for information for the Trustees of the British Museum, I am directed to forward to you for their use copies of the evidence which has been taken before the Commission, but I am waiting till I have received the revise of that given by the Registrar of Copyright at Stationers' Hall. As soon as that is ready I will forward all the evidence to you.

I am, &c.

J. LEYBOURN GODDARD, Secretary. J. Winter Jones, Esq.

(A copy of the evidence, so far as it related to registration of Copyright, was subsequently sent to the Trustees of the British Museum.)

SIR, British Museum, October 19th, 1876. Referring to my letter addressed to Lord John Manners on the 12th of July last, in which I informed his Lordship that I had submitted to the Trustees of the British Museum the desire of the Copyright Commissioners that the Trustees should give them an opinion as to the expediency of transferring from Stationers' Hall to the British Museum the function of registering books for the purpose of securing the copyright therein of their authors or other proprietors, and stated that before the Trustees could properly consider this important subject, it would be necessary that they should have more information than they then possessed; and requested that any information bearing on this question which might have been communicated to the Commissioners might be placed before them, I have the honour to inform you that I have laid before the Trustees the evidence which, in reply to the request of the Trustees, has been forwarded to them, by desire of the

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Copyright Commissioners, that the Standing Committee having considered the evidence on the matter of registration deem it undesirable for the British Museum to undertake this duty.

I have, &c. J. WINTER JONES, (Signed) Principal Librarian

Secretary to the Copyright Commission.

Copyright Commissioners.

Copyright Commission, 13, Delahay Street, S.W. December 8th, 1876.

SIR, WITH reference to your letter of October 19th, in which you state that the Standing Committee of the British Museum had considered the evidence on the matter of Registration of Copyright, and the suggestion that registration should be transferred from Stationers' Hall to the British Museum, and that the Committee deemed it undesirable for the British Museum to undertake that duty, I am desired by the Copyright Commissioners to say that it is very desirable for the purpose of their inquiry and of the .

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Report to her Majesty which it will be their duty to make, that they should have some information as to the reasons why the Standing Committee deem it undesirable for the British Museum to undertake the duty of registering copyright, and I am to request that they may be favoured with evidence on the subject. I am, therefore, to request that one of the Standing Committee, or of some person authorized by them to express their views, will honour the Commission by giving the information for which the Commissioners think it is their duty to ask.

If you will be good enough to bring this letter before the Standing Committee, and to inform me of the name of the member or other person who will give evidence, I will communicate with him for the purpose of making an

appointment.

I have, &c. J. LEYBOURN GODDARD, (Signed) Secretary.

J. Winter Jones, Esq., Principal Librarian, British Museum.

SIR. British Museum, December 15th, 1876. I HAVE had the honour to lay before the trustees of the British Museum your letter of the 8th instant, stating that the Copyright Commissioners consider it to be desirable that they should have some information as to the reasons why the trustees deem it undesirable for the British Museum to undertake the duty of registering copyright.

I am directed to state in reply that the reason which has led the trustees to decline undertaking the proposed office is that the registration of copyright is an executive function which in their opinion does not come within the sphere of their duties as trustees of the British Museum.

> I have, &c. J. WINTER JONES, (Signed) Principal Librarian.

The Secretary, Copyright Commission.

Copyright Commission, 13, Delahay Street, S.W.,

SIR, January 17th, 1877.

Ar the meeting of the Commission to-day I read your letter of the 15th December relative to removal of registration of copyright from Stationers' Hall to the British Museum. The Commissioners think it very desirable that some evidence should be given before the Commission by one of the Standing Committee or trustees of the Museum as to the reasons why it is undesirable that registration should be transferred, and the Commissioners particularly request that one of the committee or trustees will favour them by giving evidence on some convenient day.

On hearing from you to that effect I will propose one of

the days on which the Commission will meet.

I am, &c. (Signed) J. LEYBOURN GODDARD. J. Winter Jones, Esq. Secretary.

SIR, British Museum, February 12th, 1877. I HAD the honour to lay before the trustees of the British Museum at their meeting on Saturday last your letter of the 17th ulto., in which, referring to my letter of the 15th December, you state that the Copyright Commissioners think it very desirable that some evidence should be given before the Commission, by one of the Standing Committee or trustees of the Museum as to the reasons why it is undesirable that registration of copyright should be transferred from Stationers' Hall to the British Museum, and request that one of the committee or trustees will favour the Commissioners by giving evidence on some convenient day.

The trustees have directed me to acquaint you, for the information of the Commissioners, that they have nothing to add to my letter of the 15th of December, and that they must therefore decline to send one of their members to be

examined before the Commission.

I have, &c. J. WINTER JONES, (Signed) Principal Librarian.

The Secretary, Copyright Commission.

#### APPENDIX XV.

CORRESPONDENCE between the COPYRIGHT COMMISSION and the UNIVERSITIES of OXFORD, CAM-BRIDGE, and DUBLIN, and the FACULTY of ADVOCATES, relative to their right to demand Copies of Books gratuitously.

(Referred to in the Report of the Commissioners, paragraph 163.)

Copyright Commission, 13. Delahar Street, Westminster, S.W., June 28, 1876.

SIR, THE Royal Commissioners on Copyright having had the subject of the present right of the University of Oxford and the Universities of Cambridge and Dublin, and the Faculty of Advocates, to receive, upon demand, a copy of every book published in this country, and the hardship said to be imposed by the present law upon authors and publishers which requires gratuitous presentation, are desirous of receiving evidence from the University of Oxford as to value of this right.

The Commissioners will also be glad to receive information as to the average number of works of which copies are received annual, and whether such copies are as a rule presented voluntarily by the author or upon demand made

by the University.

I am directed by the Commissioners to ask if the University of Oxford is desirous or willing to lay evidence before them on these subjects, as they will be happy to see you or any other officer of the University at one of their meetings for that purpose. I am further desired to request you to bring this matter before the proper authority, and to ask for the favour of a reply.

I have, &c. J. LEYBOURN GODDARD, Secretary.

(Similar letters were sent to the Universities of Cambridge and Dublin and to the Faculty of Advocates.)

Boileian Library, June 29, 1876. SIR, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication from H.M. Commissioners on the Copyright Act.

I shall take the earliest opportunity of bringing it to the notice of the Curators of the Library, and will forward you the result in a few days.

I have, &c.

H. O. COXE, Librarian.

J. Leybourn Goddard, Esq.

University Library, Cambridge, June 29, 1876.

SIR, I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date.

The long vacation has just commenced, and there will not be a meeting of the Library Syndicate until the middle of October, but I will take the earliest opportunity possible of laying your letter before the Syndicate, and I am certain that the University will be willing to supply the Commissioners with all the information which they may

> I have, &c. HENRY BRADSHAW.

The Secretary to the Royal Commission on Copyright.

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Advocate's Library, Edinburgh, June 30, 1876.

I BEG to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to inform you that it will be laid before the Curators of the Library for their consideration, and a reply forwarded at earliest convenience.

I am, &c.

J. Leybourn Goddard, Esq.

SIR,

JAMES T. CLARK, Jnt. Keeper.

I have had the honour of bringing your communication of the 20th ult. before the Curators of this library, and am directed to inform you that it was resolved—

 "That the Librarian be requested to answer in writing the questions asked by the Commissioners, and to state on behalf of the curators that the University of Oxford desires to retain its ancient privilege not merely in the interests of the University, but for the sake of the public."

That the Librarian be authorised to communicate with the Commissioners further as circumstances

may require."

Reverting, therefore, to your communication as above, I proceed to lay before you such answers as I may in reply to the queries of the Commissioners therein contained:—

"Average number of works received annually."
 Taking an average of the last three years we have received 4,775 works, comprised in 5,301 volumes.

Books very rarely come direct from the authors.
 They are delivered by the publishers, the price of them being reckoned (I believe) as a part of the expense of publication.

3. "The greater part of the firms, and notably the most important ones, send either to our London agent in Great Russell Street (Mr. Eccles), or to Stationers' Hall, without waiting for any demand. There are, however, a few firms from whom we have to demand everything, and even where our claim is disregarded.

4. "The books not sent are comparatively few, consisting chiefly of second editions without alterations, privately printed books not for sale, classes of works which are not claimable under the Copy-

right Act."

I have, &c. H. O. Coxe, Librarian.

J. Leybourn Goddard, Esq.

Your letter was sent to the Queen's University, Dublin Castle, which accounts for my not having replied sooner. It would be very difficult to state the pecuniary value of our privilege under the Copyright Act. If I were to estimate it by the selling prices of books I am sure that 1,5001, annually would not compensate for our loss. But other considerations would make me regret very much a change in our present system.

The number of books received each year is at present between 3,000 and 4,000, and this is on the increase. The authors seldom present a copy, but the publishers are bound to do so on demand, and, as a rule, they comply with this very regularly. Any further information I will

be happy to impart.

I may add that I laid your letters before the governing body of this University.

Your obedient servant,

J. A. MALET, D.D., Senior Fellow and Librarian.

Advocate's Library, Edinburgh,

SIR,

WOULD you kindly favour me with a copy of the terms of the Copyright Commission and the names of the Commissioners, or direct me where they can be found. Your doing so will much oblige

Your obedient servant,

J. Leybourn Goddard, Esq. JAMES T. CLARK.

Sir, Advocate's Library, Edinburgh, August 4, 1876.

In reply to your letter of the 29th June, I am instructed by the Faculty of Advocates to forward to you the accompanying particulars as to value, &c. of works received under the Copyright Act. The subject will be further considered by the Faculty after the Court resumes in October, and, if necessary, further communication made. I am, &c.

J. Leybourn Goddard, Esq. JAMES T. CLARK.

i. The annual money value of books, &c. received under the Copyright Act estimated at about 1,500%.

ii. The number of books, exclusive of pamphlets and music, received annually about 3.500. The number of pamphlets received in 1874 was 1,551, and of pieces of music 1,337.

iii. Nearly all the large publishing firms in London send the works for the Advocate's Library either to our London agent or to Stationers' Hall without waiting for any demand. The Scotch publishers send either direct to the library or to Stationers' Hall, in both cases, as a rule, without any demand being made. The few books that are published in the provincial towns are generally demanded, and the demand invariably complied with, either by sending the work claimed, or by a letter intimating that the work has already been forwarded to Stationers' Hall for us.

University Library, Cambridge, October 26, 1876.

WITH reference to your letter of June 28th last which I acknowledged at the time, will you kindly let me have one line referring me to the date of the appointment of the Commission, that I may find the terms in the Gazette.

I laid your letter before our authorities at the first meeting of the term, and they are now considering the matter.

Your most obedient servant,
HENRY BRADSHAW,
Librarian.

The Secretary of the Copyright Commission.

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