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An Act to reduce, under certain Circumstances, the Duties payable upon Books and Engravings.

[6th *August* 1844.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Customs*, certain Duties of Customs were granted and made payable upon Books and Prints of or from Foreign Countries: And whereas by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to amend the Law relating to International Copyright*, it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order in Council, to grant unto the Authors, Inventors, Designers, Engravers, or Makers of any Books, Prints, or other Works of Art first published in any Foreign Country specified in such Order, the Privilege of Copyright therein for certain Periods, and under certain Conditions, in the said last-mentioned Act defined and contained: And whereas it is expedient that Provision should be made in the Manner herein-after mentioned for reducing, in Cases where Her Majesty shall have issued any such Order in Council as aforesaid, the Duties of Customs now payable on the Importation of Books and Prints: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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,

5 & 6 Vict. c. 47.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 12.

That

Her Majesty, by Order in Council, may reduce the Duties on Foreign Books and Prints in Cases in which Copyright is allowed to the Country of Export under 7 & 8 Vict. c. 12;

That whenever and so often as Her Majesty shall by virtue of the said recited Power, by any Order or Orders in Council, declare that the Authors, Inventors, Designers, Engravers, or Makers of any Books, Prints, or other Works of Art first published in any Foreign Country shall have the Privilege of Copyright therein, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders in Council, to declare that in respect of Books and Prints, or either of them, published in and imported from such Foreign Country, the Duties of Customs now payable on the Importation of Books and Prints respectively shall, from and after a Time to be named in such Order or Orders, altogether cease and determine; and that in lieu thereof there shall be payable on such Books or Prints respectively, from and after such Time as aforesaid, only such Duties of Customs as are set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

and may reduce the Duties on Books and Prints in favour of Countries with which Her Majesty has Treaties of Reciprocity.

II. And be it enacted, That with regard to Books and Prints published in and imported from any Foreign Country, between which Country and Her Majesty there is now subsisting, and shall at the Time of the making of any such Order in Council as is herein-after described subsist, any Treaty or Convention binding Her Majesty to admit the Books and Prints of such Country, either conditionally or unconditionally, into the United Kingdom, on the same Terms as those of the most favoured Nation, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders in Council, to declare that in respect of Books and Prints, or either of them, published in and imported from such Foreign Country, the Duties of Customs now payable on the Importation of Books and Prints respectively shall, from and after a Time to be named therein, altogether cease and determine, and that in lieu thereof there shall be payable on the Importation of such Books or Prints respectively, from and after such Time as aforesaid, only such Duties of Customs as are set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed: Provided always, that in case the Privileges granted by any Treaty to any Foreign Country, in respect of which any such Order or Orders in Council as last aforesaid shall by virtue of this Enactment be issued, shall have been granted conditionally, such Order shall expressly declare that such Foreign Country hath duly fulfilled the Conditions required in return for such Privileges, and that it is entitled thereto.

If any Treaty be conditional, Order to state the Fulfilment of the Condition.

Power to Her Majesty in Council to revoke any Orders.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any further Order or Orders in Council, from Time to Time to revoke the whole or any Part of any Order or Orders issued by Her Majesty in Council under the Authority of this Act; and that from and after a Day to be named in such Order or Orders of Revocation such Order or Orders issued under the Authority of this Act, or such Part thereof as shall be specified in such Order or Orders of Revocation, shall cease and determine, and that the Duties of Customs now payable upon Books and Prints respectively shall be payable in like Manner as if such Order or Orders, or such Part or Parts thereof respectively, had not been made.

Orders to be published in the Gazette;

IV. And be it enacted, That every Order or Orders in Council issued under the Authority of this Act shall, within Fourteen Days after the issuing thereof, be twice published in the *London Gazette*.

V. And

V. And be it enacted, That a Copy of every Order or Orders in Council issued under the Authority of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within Six Weeks after issuing the same, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then within Six Weeks after the Commencement of the then next Session of Parliament. and to be laid before Parliament.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended this Session.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

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Books; viz.			
Works in the Language or Languages of the Country of Export, originally produced therein, or original Works of that Country in the dead Languages, or other Works in the dead Languages with original Commentaries produced in that Country - -	the Cwt.	15	0
All other Works published in the Country of Export, if printed prior to the Year 1801 - -	the Cwt.	20	0
If printed in or since the Year 1801 -	the Cwt.	50	0
Prints and Drawings, plain or coloured, single -	each	0	0½
Ditto - - bound or sewn -	the Dozen	0	1½

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