CHAPTER 93.

An Act to amend the Copyright of Designs Acts. [13th August 1875.]

BE it 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, as follows:

Commencement of Act.

1. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, which day is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act.

Transfer to Commissioners of Patents of powers and duties of Board of Trade under Copyright of Designs Acts.

2. On and after the commencement of this Act all powers, duties, and authorities vested in, imposed on, or to be exercised by the Board of Trade under the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall be transferred to, vested in, and imposed on the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, and the said Acts shall be construed as if the said Commissioners of Patents were throughout substituted for the Board of Trade or the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for the consideration of all matters of trade and plantations.

Power for Commissioners to make general rules.

3. The said Commissioners of Patents may from time to time make, and when made revoke and alter general rules for regulating registration under the Acts mentioned in the schedule hereto, and this Act, and on and after the commencement of this Act any discretion or power vested in the registrar under the said Acts shall be subject to the control of the Commissioners of Patents and shall be exercised by him in such manner and with such limitations and restrictions (if any) as may be prescribed by the said general rules, and any provisions contained in the said Acts as to the copies, drawings, prints, descriptions, information, matters, and particulars to be furnished to the registrar prior to registration, and as to the mode in which registration is to be conducted by the registrar, and generally as to any act or thing to be done by the registrar, may be modified by such general rules in such manner as the said Commissioners of Patents may think expedient.

General rules made in pursuance of this section shall be laid before Parliament within one month after they are made if Parliament be then sitting, or if not, within one month after the commencement of the then next session; and if either House of Parliament resolve within one month after such rules have been laid before such House that any of such rules ought not to continue in force, any rule in respect of which such resolution has been passed shall, after the date of such resolution, cease to be of any force, without prejudice nevertheless to the making of any other rule in its place, or to anything done in pursuance of any such rules before the date of such resolution.

Transfer of duties of registrar to officers of Commissioners of Patents.

4. The office of registrar under the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall cease to exist as a separate paid office, and the Commissioners of Patents may from time to time make arrangements as to the mode in which and the person or persons by whom the duties of registrar and other duties under the said Acts are to be performed, and may from time to time delegate to any such person or persons all or any of the duties of the registrar, and any person or persons to whom such duties may be delegated shall, in so far as such delegation extends, be deemed to be the registrar within the meaning of the said Acts.

Any arrangement or delegation of duties to the clerk or other officer of the Commissioners of Patents made by the Board of Trade shall be as valid as it would have been if this Act had been passed at the date of such arrangement or delegation, and the same had been made by the Commissioners of Patents.

Short title of Acts.

5. Each of the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act may be cited as the Copyright of Designs Act of the year in which it was passed, and the said Acts may, together with this Act, be cited as the Copyright of Designs Acts, 1842 to 1875, and this Act may be cited as the Copyright of Designs Act, 1875.

SCHEDULE.

COPYRIGHT OF DESIGNS ACTS.

Session and Chapter.	Title.
5 & 6 Vict. c. 100.	An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Copyright of Designs for ornamenting Articles of Manufacture.
6 & 7 Vict. c. 65.	An Act to amend the laws relating to the Copyright of Designs.
13 & 14 Vict. c. 104.	An Act to extend and amend the Acts relating to the Copyright of Designs.
21 & 22 Vict. c. 70.	An Act to amend the Act of the fifth and sixth years of Her present Majesty to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Copyright of Designs for ornamenting Articles of Manufacture.
24 & 25 Vict. c. 73.	An Act to amend the law relating to the Copyright of Designs.

CHAPTER 94.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Offences against the Person.

[13th August 1875.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to offences against the person: Be it 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, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Offences against the Person Act, 1875." Short title.

2. Sections fifty and fifty-one of the Act of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred, are hereby repealed, except as to anything heretofore duly done thereunder, and except so far as may be necessary for the purpose of supporting and continuing any proceeding taken or of prosecuting or punishing any person for any offence committed before the passing of this Act. Repeal of sections 50 and 51 of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100.

3. Whosoever shall unlawfully and carnally know and abuse any girl under the age of twelve years shall be guilty of felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be kept in penal servitude for life, or for any term not less than five years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour. Abusing a girl under twelve years of age.

4. Whosoever shall unlawfully and carnally know and abuse any girl being above the age of twelve years and under the age of thirteen years, whether with or without her consent, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour. Abusing a girl above twelve years of age and under thirteen years of age.

5. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with the Act of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred, and shall be construed as if the said Act (except such parts thereof as are repealed or amended by this Act) and this Act were one Act. This Act to be read with 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100.

6. This Act shall not extend to Scotland. Extent of Act.